

Sanderstead Update

March 2022

Dear Ward Member

Welcome to the latest edition of the Sanderstead update.

We would like to give you an update about crime and policing information in the Sanderstead area, which also includes parts of Selsdon and Hamsey Green.

Local police officers together with the ward panel members for Sanderstead have set three 'ward promises'. These promises are what your local policing team will focus their efforts on in order to reduce crime in the area.



CONTACT POINT

Contact points are face to face sessions that members of the public can attend and discuss any concerns you may have. We will be looking following the guidelines that have been set out by the government. Please see dates, times and locations.

Priscilla's Tea Room
Limpsfield Road

Friday 8th March at 10.30am

Ward Panel Meeting
Has been ~~Cancelled~~
Date/Time TBC

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Burglary

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/>

Motor Vehicle Crime

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/vehicle-safe-and-sound/>

Report a crime online

<https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

PRIORITIES

Burglary

In March, **3 Residential and 2 Business & Community** Burglaries took place.

We have seen two shops targeted on the same night in Mitchley Avenue Road taking a till containing £1000 cash. Both venues had their front door smashed in.

We are asking businesses to review their security. External shutters, although effective, may require planning approval. Use attack-resistant laminated glass in sturdy frames where possible. Alternatively, film can be applied to glass to make it more resilient.

Do not keep cash on the premises and always use a bolted-down safes and tills with a time lock and anti-tamper sensors that trigger an alarm. Identify areas that may be vulnerable to forced entry and have them made more secure. Move high-value goods away from display windows overnight.

Motor Vehicle Crime

In March, **7 Theft from Motor Vehicles and 1 Theft of Motor Vehicles** took place.

We continue to see catalytic being targeted. Older Hybrid type vehicles are most commonly targeted, but any vehicle can be at risk of catalytic converter theft. As can see from the below crimes, These criminals are in teams of 3/4 with cloned plates usually with a 'weapon' to intimidate victims. The plates are frequently swapped after offences with some cars having multiple cloned plates. Do not attempt to approach these criminal call 999 at the earliest opportunities.

If you have a 'keyless entry' car then make sure your keys are kept well away from doors and windows at the front of the your home. Look to keep your car key in a screened box tin/bag so that the signal can't be 'copied' and used to open your car – and don't forget to do the same with any spare set.

Begging

The team continues to monitor the group of shops by Sanderstead Station and working with our sister team, Purley Oaks and Riddlesdown, who cover the group of shops. There are two males who regularly attend the location and sometime sit on floor and appear to be homeless, but these males in fact have a home. We are working with the manager of the home with any issues raised to us. If you have any concerns, please contact the team.

OTHER NEWS

Burglary Arrest

The team were on patrol. Burglaries had been occurring in the area that we were patrolling through. We responded to a call about suspects attempting trying and force open the side gate to a property in the South Croydon area. Officers were chasing one of three suspects. The other two suspects fled the scene in a high powered car. The third male fled on foot who was chased by an officer. The suspects on foot eventually ran into some woodlands where officers lost sight. A search was carried out and officers managed to detain a possible suspect that had matched the description given. Officers found the vehicle used by the suspects who had decamped and fled the scene. Upon searching the vehicle, jewellery, drugs and a knife was found in the vehicle. The area had a series of burglaries where suspects have been targeting gold from Asian households. Investigation is still on-going.

Drug Stop

Officers were conducting mobile patrols in an unmarked Police vehicle, officers spotted a vehicle parked up on Harewood Gardens and after running checks on the VRM they discovered the vehicle was not registered to the local area, therefore the occupants of the vehicle did not live on the road the vehicle was parked. Officers approached the vehicle and spoke to the driver, who after questioning admitted that there was cannabis in the vehicle. Officers have then recovered a carrier bag containing 4 large snap bags of herbal cannabis.

CONTACT DETAILS

Telephone - 0208 721 2470 (goes through to a mobile)

Email - SNMailbox.SandersteadSNT@met.police.uk

You can now follow us on [NextDoor.co.uk](https://www.nextdoor.co.uk)

Twitter @MPSSanderstead

If you would like to receive the monthly update and get the latest statistics and information in Sanderstead, please email the team and ask to be on our mailing

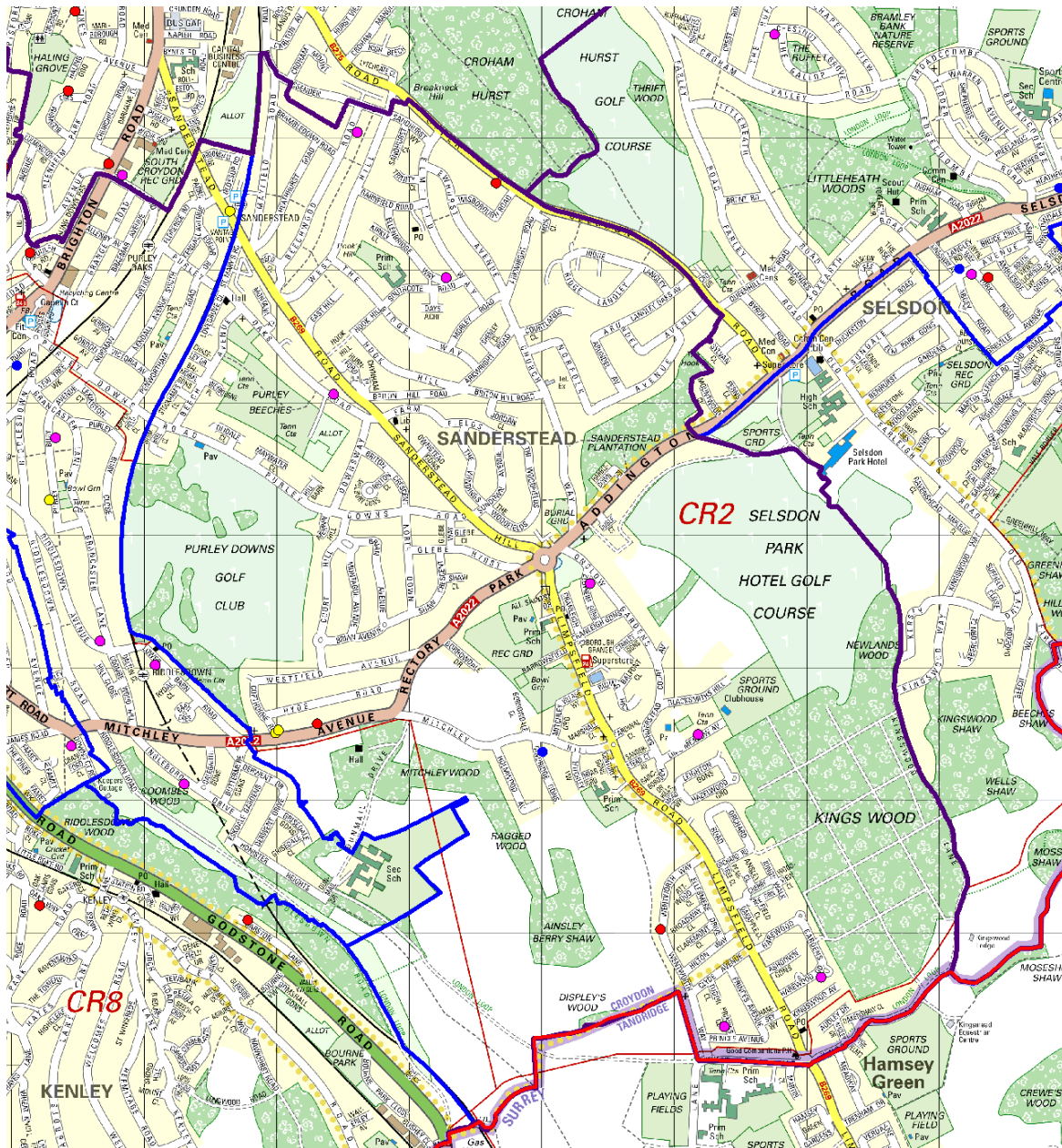
In an emergency,
always dial 999

999

The new number
to call to contact
your local police

**DIAL
101**

Monthly Crime Map



		TOTAL
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	●	3
BURGLARY - BUSINESS & COMMUNITY	●	2
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	●	7
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	●	1

You can find more statistics online via the links below:

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/metropolitan-police-service/sanderstead/?tab=Statistics>

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/data-and-statistics/crime-dashboard>

Motor Vehicle Crimes

Theft from motor vehicle

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What was taken
Theft from MV	16/03/2022 11:00:00	16/03/2022 11:00:00	PURLEY OAKS ROAD	Catalytic converter stolen from a Lexus outside the victims address.
Theft from MV	15/03/2022 18:45:00	16/03/2022 09:15:00	BEECHWOOD ROAD	Catalytic converter stolen from a Mercedes outside the victims address.
Theft from MV	17/03/2022 11:00:00	17/03/2022 11:05:00	ELLENBRIDGE WAY	tools stolen from a van - suspects believed to be 2 males in a grey Toyota seen dumping the tool boxes in Southcote Road. £3,500 worth of tools taken
Theft from MV	23/03/2022 19:45:00	23/03/2022 20:10:00	LIME MEADOW AVENUE	Three suspects used a black BMW. They got out of the car and removed the catalytic converter and drove of towards Sanderstead Court Avenue
Theft from MV	31/03/2022 20:20:00	31/03/2022 20:26:00	PRINCES CLOSE	Catalytic converter stolen from a BMW series 1 outside the victims address.
Theft from MV	01/04/2022 20:10:00	01/04/2022 20:15:00	HAREWOOD GARDENS	Catalytic converter stolen from a BMW from a property which the victim was visiting.
Theft from MV	04/04/2022 06:50:00	04/04/2022 17:30:00	BLenheim GARDENS	Both number plates stolen. Victim was working nearby when the incident took place

Theft of motor vehicle

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What was taken
Theft of MV	17/03/2022 19:30:00	18/03/2022 10:00:00	TANDRIDGE GARDENS	Suspects have stolen a Mercedes GLC from outside the victims home address. Believed to be a keyless theft.

Burglary

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What happened
Residential Burglary	15/03/2022 18:30:00	15/03/2022 19:50:00	UPPER SELSDON ROAD	Victim are currently in the process of moving house. Suspects entered via rear sliding door of a house, boxes of unknown items taken.
Residential Burglary	16/03/2022 13:30:00	16/03/2022 21:00:00	MITCHLEY AVENUE	Suspects have entered the property by the smashing he the rear patio door Asian gold/jewellery was taken valuing at £5,000.
Residential Burglary	19/03/2022 03:00:00	19/03/2022 03:10:00	WENTWORTH WAY,	Suspect have entered the property through the front door. Suspect have used a device to fish out the front door keys through the letter box. The victim have a dogs which managed to scare off the suspect and fortunately nothing was take
Business/ Commercial Burglary	25/03/2022 21:30:00	26/03/2022 08:00:00	MITCHLEY AVENUE,	Suspects have smashed the front door and taken £50 in cash.
Business/ Commercial Burglary	25/03/2022 19:00:00	26/03/2022 08:50:00	MITCHLEY AVENUE,	Suspects have used a van to ram the front of shop to gain access and take the till, which contained £1000 in cash. 3 suspects were seen on CCTV, but unable to see the suspects faces.