



# Sanderstead Update October 2018



## 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 POINTS

The team will be hosting a number of contact points across the ward. These meetings are face to face sessions that members of the public can attend and discuss any concerns they may have.

Please see dates, times and locations:

### **Waitrose,**

87 Limpsfield Road, on  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 11am – 12pm

### **Priscilla's Tea Room,**

52 Limpsfield Road, on  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 11am – 12pm

### **Sanderstead Library,**

Farm Fields, CR2 0HL on  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 12pm-1pm

### **Fraud & Scams Event**

All Saints Church Hall, Onslow Gardens  
on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm – 3pm

### **'Ward Panel Public Meeting'**

Riddlesdown Collegiate, CR8 1EX on  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 6.30pm

## PROMISES

**Burglary** - Over the last 4 weeks Sanderstead had a total of 1 **Residential** and 1 **Business & Community Burglaries**. The single residential burglary was an attempted burglary. The victim noticed some damage to the front door and side window. It would appear that the suspect(s) have tried to use a tool to gain access. Fortunately the suspect(s) never gained entry and nothing was taken.

**Advice** - Burglars are often opportunistic thieves who prey on houses and flats. They seek out any opening that they can take advantage of, specifically doors, windows, and rear access which that are left open or unlocked or are easy to force. Anything of value that they might spot through a window will only spur them on. However it really doesn't take much to deter these thieves – just smart thinking.

<https://www.met.police.uk/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/leaving-your-home-checklist/>

**Motor Vehicle Crime** - Over the last 4 weeks Sanderstead had a total of 8 **'Theft from / of Motor Vehicle'**. The most common vehicle crime we had over the last 4 weeks were vehicle registration plates being removed by the suspect(s) during the night. Check your number plates, make sure they are securely placed. We have anti-theft number plate screws available to the public. Contact the team or come and meet us at one of our contact points to receive the anti-theft screws.

One of the 'Theft from M/V' offences committed, the victim left a wallet and keys within the vehicle. The wallet contained cards, money, ID etc.

Leaving valuables within your vehicles gives opportunist thieves a reason to break into your vehicle and cause significant damage. Remember to remove all valuables from your vehicle when unattended.

**Youth & Elderly Engagement** - We continue to engage with youths as often as we can, so the young community gets to know who their local police team are. We patrol routes to and from schools, including surrounding areas.

**Fraud** – The team visited a victim of fraud. Police were called to a bank by staff members after they became suspicious when an elderly man attempted to withdraw a large amount of money out for workmen who had cut down a tree for him. The male arrived at the bank with one of the workmen who attempted to overcharge the elderly male to the amount of £3,000+. By the time Police were contacted and arrived, the suspect had already fled the scene. Due to the actions and awareness by the staff members the elderly male did not lose any money. The investigation is still-ongoing.

The team will be running a **Fraud&Scams Event** on 6<sup>th</sup> December at All Saints Church from 1pm-3pm.

## OTHER NEWS

**Arrest** - The team researched into certain individuals on the ward who were wanted. We conducted a number of arrest enquiries in Sanderstead. As a result of the enquiries one male was arrested for failure to appeal at court for drug driving offences. The team are always active around offenders who are outstanding and wanted by Police.

**Fireworks Advice** - Out of courtesy give your neighbours notice of your planned display - this is particularly important if they are elderly, have children or pets. Use appropriate fireworks - for your situation - when buying fireworks, try to avoid really noisy ones. Your firework supplier should be able to tell you what they are selling. Make sure pets and other animals are safely away from fireworks. Consider the timing of your display. If you are using fireworks for a celebration. You should aim to ensure that they are finished by 11pm. It is against the law to carry fireworks in public if you are under 18. If you see someone acting irresponsibly with fireworks call 101 or 999.

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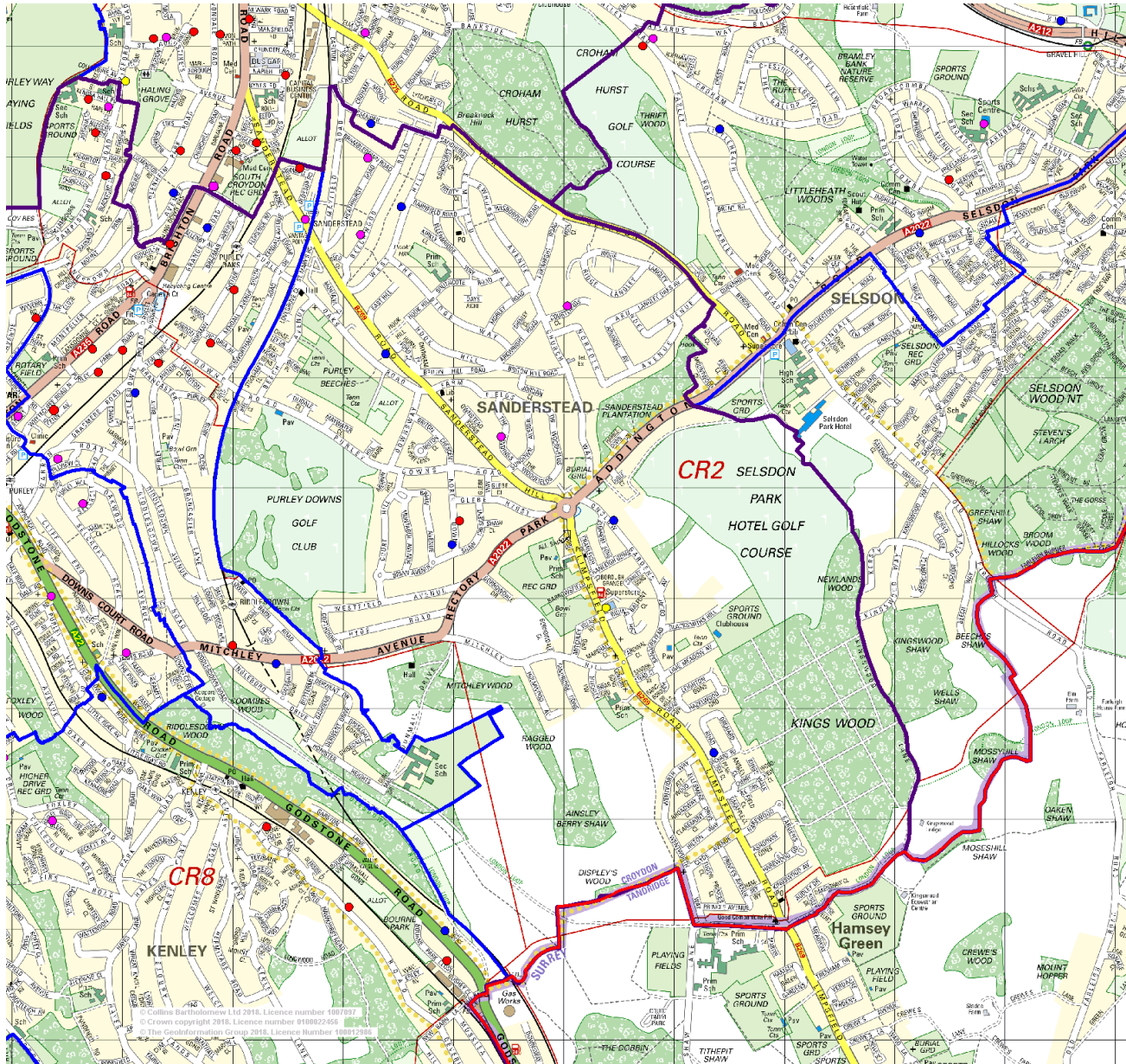
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In an emergency,  
always dial 999

**999**

The new number  
to call to contact  
your local police

**DIAL  
101**

**Monthly Crime Map**

		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL</b>	●	<b>1</b>
<b>BURGLARY - BUSINESS &amp; COMMUNITY</b>	●	<b>1</b>
<b>THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE</b>	●	<b>4</b>
<b>THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE</b>	●	<b>4</b>

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