

## 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:

### **Sanderstead Library,**

*Farm Fields, CR2 0HL on*

*Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 11am-12pm*

### **Ward Panel Public Meeting,**

*Riddlesdown Collegiate, CR8 1EX on*

*Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 6.30pm*

### **Waitrose,**

*87 Limpsfield Road, on*

*Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm – 2pm*

## PROMISES

**Burglary** - In December, Sanderstead had a total of **5 Residential and 1 Business & Community** Burglaries. Even though 5 residential burglaries were committed, only one property had items taken. Other properties were either empty or the security measures on the property scared the thieves away. If you know of a property that is currently empty, please be on the lookout.

All of the residential properties were accessed via the rear of the property. Burglars don't want to be seen or heard and if they think they'll be noticed by a neighbour or passer-by, then they're likely to feel exposed and identifiable, which will probably make them move on.

**Keep it visible** - You'd think that it would be best to make a property less visible from the street, and to keep it hidden from prying eyes behind overgrown bushes, trees, high fences or walls. In reality, all that this serves to do is make it easier for a burglar to get close to a home unnoticed, and provide somewhere to hide while carrying out a burglary or theft from the property.

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/burglars-nowhere-hide/>

**Motor Vehicle Crime** - In December, Sanderstead had a total of **2 'Theft from / of Motor Vehicle'**. There was only 1 'theft from motor vehicle' in Sanderstead. A transit van was broken into and had hundreds of pounds worth of power tools taken. Please remove your tools and secure your vehicle when left unattended.

The other motor vehicle offence was a vehicle stolen from a driveway during the early hours of the morning. The vehicle was later reported to be in a road traffic collision. The suspects was arrested and referred to YOTs where he was charged for aggravated vehicle taking (TDA) & possession of cannabis. The vehicle has now been returned to the owners.

**Youth & Elderly Engagement** – In December, the team prepared and run a successful fraud and scams event with Trading Standards at All Saints Church. A stall was set up with various crime prevention information. We spoke to the numerous members of the public about what to look out for and how to avoid from becoming a victim of fraud.

What do you do if you've been a victim of bogus tradesmen fraud?

- Report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)
- You can report the salesperson to Croydon Trading Standards on their reporting line – 03454 040506

## OTHER NEWS

**Drug Stops** - The team continues to work hard to reduce all forms of Anti-Social Behaviour on the ward. The team regularly patrols areas that have had ASB/drug related issues in the past. During our routine ASB patrols, the team stopped and searched three youths in Wettern Tree Gardens. As a result of the searches the team found a quantity of cannabis in the youth's possession. The youths have now been interviewed and cautioned and their details recorded onto our database. Parents/guardians of the youths were notified at the same time of the offence.

**Arrest** - Undercover officers were patrolling Sanderstead during the early hours of the morning. During their patrols, they came across a suspicious male. The male was stopped and searched due to his behaviour. He provided his details to the officers, but gave a false address. Upon discovering this, the male attempted to escape from Police detention. It was later decided that a search of the male's address would be carried out. Within the address a large quantity of class A drugs were found and the male was arrested. This was a great find by the officers and removed a large amount of drugs from the streets of Sanderstead.

## CONTACT DETAILS

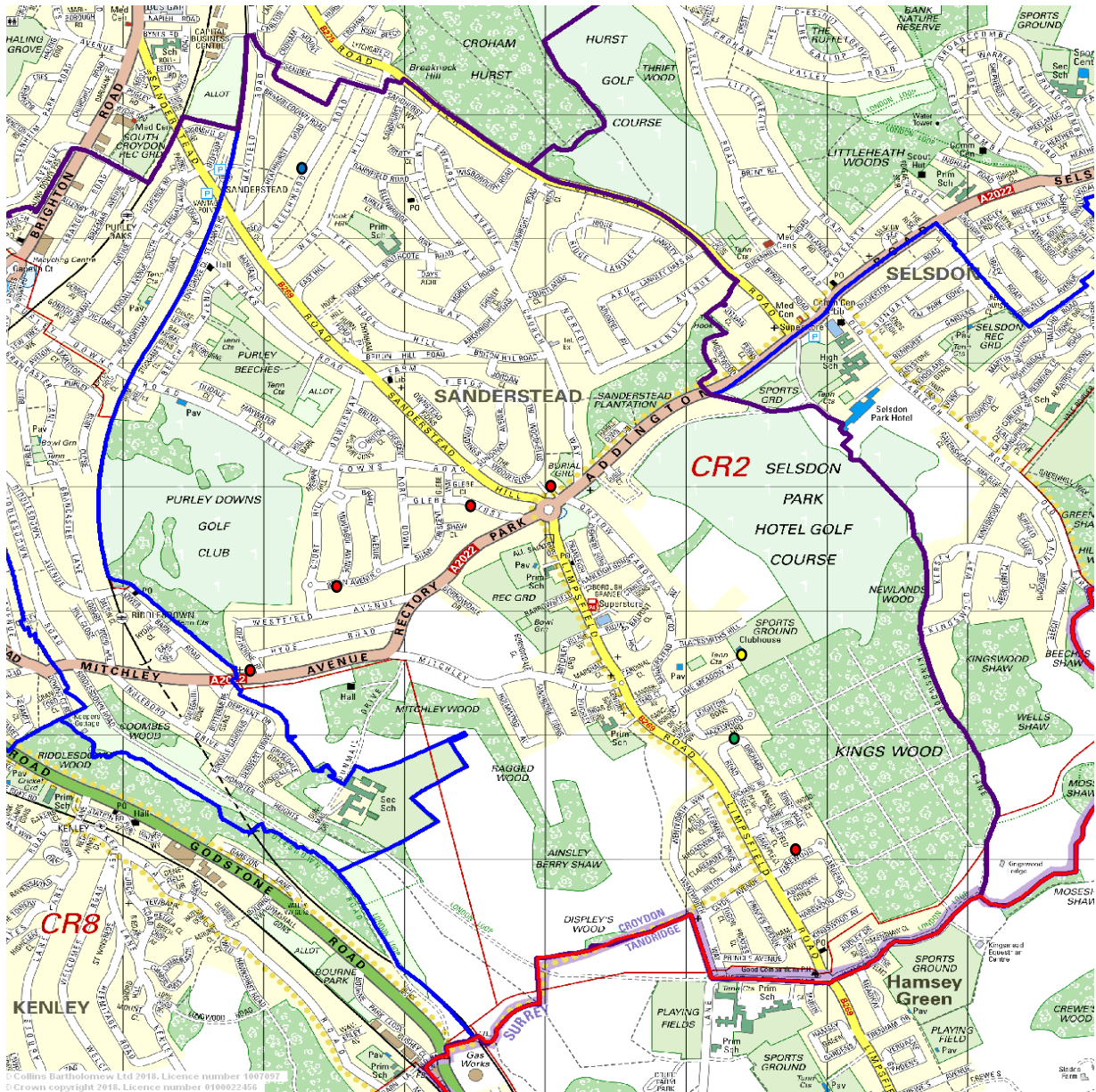
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## Monthly Crime Map



		TOTAL
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	●	4
BURGLARY - BUSINESS & COMMUNITY	●	1
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	●	1
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	●	1