

Sanderstead Update

November 2021



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

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, South Croydon

Wednesday 22nd December @ 1030am

Ward Panel Meeting

Location TBC

Wednesday 5th January 2022 @ 6pm

CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES

You must wear a **face covering** in shops and on public transport. Face coverings should be worn in communal areas of universities, colleges and schools by staff, visitors and pupils or students in year 7 and above.

If you're a contact of someone who may have been infected, you must self-isolate for 10 days, regardless of your age or vaccination status.

People aged 40 to 49 can now get a booster vaccine 6 months after their second dose. [Book your vaccination appointment online](#) or [find a walk-in clinic](#).

PRIORITIES

Burglary—In November, 5 **Residential** and 1 **Business & Community** Burglaries took place.

Burglaries are starting to take place late afternoon evening time, using the cover of darkness. A number of the burglary were accessed or attempted at the front of the property. Your home is only as secure as its weakest point of entry. That's why it's so important to have doors and windows that are as secure as possible. Follow our advice and help keep potential burglars out.

Your front door will always tell a thief the levels of security surrounding your home. If it looks really secure and burglar-resistant, then they'll think twice about trying to gain entry. Sliding patio doors are vulnerable to forced entry, so do check that yours have an anti-lift device fitted so they can't be lifted out of the frame. Some uPVC doors are fitted with locks that protrude from the frame on the outside (euro profile locks for those in the know). If yours do, then consider getting a locksmith to change the lock to a shorter one that can't be snapped off.

Motor Vehicle Crime—In November, 10 **Theft from Motor Vehicles** and 3 **Theft of Motor Vehicles** took place. This month we have seen vehicles being targeted for Catalytic converters. Older Hybrid type vehicles are most commonly targeted, but any vehicle can be at risk of catalytic converter theft. These crimes are usually committed by a team of 3/4 with cloned plates. 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.

Signs a catalytic converter theft is being committed

- a vehicle being raised using a car jack in a car park or residential area
- a loud drilling or cutting sound coming from underneath the vehicle. Don't assume it is builders.

The precious metals in a typical catalytic converter, along with ease of access underneath a car has made them a popular target for thieves. Despite being worth only 100-200 pounds in resale value, replacement costs run into the thousands for motorists, in addition to the disruption caused to businesses and personal lives. With BMW 1 series, Toyota Prius, Honda Jazz, Lexus and the Toyota Auris being the most targeted vehicles. Speak to your manufacturer, we understand manufacturers are looking to change the position of catalytic converters, so they are difficult to less accessible.

Drug Stop—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 a male in Lime Meadow Avenue. As a result of the searches, the team found a small quantity of cannabis. A community resolution (warning) was issued to the male as it was his first drug offence.

OTHER NEWS

Drug Warrant — On Wednesday 24th November, the team conducted a drugs warrant at an address in Sanderstead. Over 450 cannabis plants and 7.5KG of herbal cannabis were seized. This equates to approximately £400,000 Two suspects were found in the address and were arrested for production of cannabis. Months of work was put into this job, so well done to the everyone involved.

Catalytic Converter Event — The team helped in organising our first Catalytic converter SmartWater event. The event was organised in Kwik-Fit in Brighton Road. With the help of Kwik Fit and their staff, approximately 50 vehicles were marked with SmartWater. Each marking kit contains a unique code which is registered to an individual vehicle, providing undeniable traceability and a powerful deterrent to thieves who understand the dangers of stealing SmartWater marked property. Our own officers are going to be trained in marking so we will update you on our next event, which is likely to be in the new year.

CONTACT DETAILS

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

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

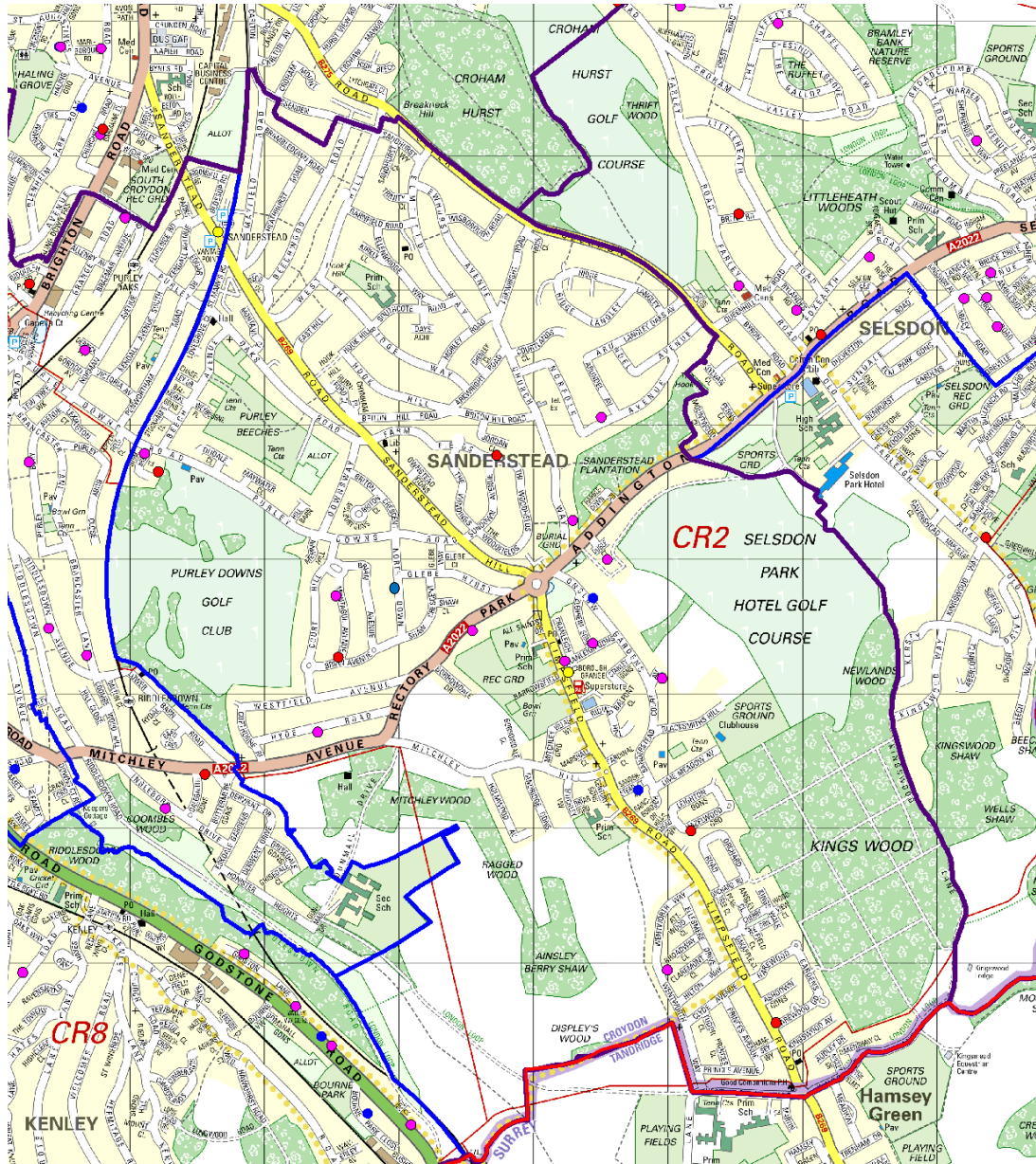
In an emergency,
always dial 999

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The new number
to call to contact
your local police

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Monthly Crime Map



		TOTAL
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	●	5
BURGLARY - BUSINESS & COMMUNITY	●	1
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	●	10
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	●	3

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

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What was taken
Theft from MV	10/11/2021 18:05:00	10/11/2021 18:25:00	PURLEY DOWNS ROAD,	Catalytic converter stolen from a Honda Jazz
Theft from MV	15/11/2021 17:59:00	15/11/2021 17:59:00	MONTAGUE AVENUE,	Catalytic converter stolen from a BMW. 3 white male suspects wearing balaclavas and dark clothing were seen stealing the converter. Victim then confronted the suspects and one of the males then walked towards the victim with a baseball bat and started shouting at the victim. Victim wasn't harmed during the
Theft from MV	15/11/2021 10:40:00		WENTWORTH WAY,	Victim was working at customer's property. van lock damaged and power tools stolen. 3 suspects made off in a black VW golf.
Theft from MV	18/11/2021 09:00:00	18/11/2021 09:15:00	HYDE ROAD,	Catalytic converter stolen from a Toyota Auris
Theft from MV	17/11/2021 00:01:00	18/11/2021 08:00:00	CHURCH WAY,	Front and rear number plates were taken
Theft from MV	23/11/2021 20:45:00	23/11/2021 20:47:00	NORFOLK AVENUE,	Catalytic converter stolen from the victims Toyota Auris.
Theft from MV	28/11/2021 15:00:00	29/11/2021 09:45:00	SANDERSTEAD COURT AVENUE,	Catalytic converter stolen from the victims Toyota Auris.
Theft from MV	28/11/2021 21:00:00	28/11/2021 21:30:00	CRANLEIGH GARDENS,	Catalytic converter stolen from the victims BMW 1 series
Theft from MV	30/11/2021 20:50:00		RECTORY PARK,	Catalytic converter stolen from the victims BMW 1 series
Theft from MV	01/12/2021 17:15:00	01/12/2021 22:30:00	LIMPSFIELD ROAD,	Catalytic converter stolen from the victims BMW

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What was taken
Theft of MV	11/11/2021 18:50:00	11/11/2021 22:00:00	NORTH DOWN,	A Kia Sportage was stolen from outside the victims home address. No sign of any damaged caused.
Theft of MV	13/11/2021 00:01:00	13/11/2021 02:00:00	SANDERSTEAD COURT AVENUE,	A Land Rover was stolen from outside there victim address. Victim still in possession of keys
Theft of MV	30/11/2021 11:15:00	30/11/2021 11:21:00	ONSLow GARDENS,	A Vauxhall crossland was stolen from the car park. Victim left keys in the ignition.

Burglary

CrimeType	Committed on/ off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What was taken
Burglary Business/ Commercial	08/11/2021 18:00:00	09/11/2021 06:47:00	LIMPSFIELD ROAD,	Front door was smashed open using a breeze block, till machine and cash were taken.
Residential Burglary	18/11/2021 07:20:00	18/11/2021 22:20:00	MONTAGUE AVENUE,	Suspect(s) accessed the property via the side gate of the property and removed a newly fitted window at the rear. several items of sentimental jewellery, medication and the keys to her Lexus had been taken.
Residential Burglary	21/11/2021 23:00:00	22/11/2021 08:00:00	LIMPSFIELD ROAD,	Suspect(s) accessed the property via the front. Victim woke up and front door was wide open. Handbag containing debit cards along with a vehicle were taken.
Attempt Residential Burglary	22/11/2021 04:45:00	22/11/2021 04:50:00	HAZELWOOD GROVE,	Suspect(s) have attempted to gain access via the front door. Nothing taken, Damaged found on the front frame
Attempt Residential Burglary	20/11/2021 12:00:00	21/11/2021 12:00:00	FARM FIELDS,	Suspect(s) have attempted to gain access via the front door. Nothing taken, Damaged found on the front frame
Residential Burglary	29/11/2021 18:05:00	29/11/2021 20:15:00	WHIMBREL CLOSE,	Suspect(s) accessed the property via the rear French doors where the suspects have smashed the glass and reached in and then opened the door and gained entry to the property and removed a