



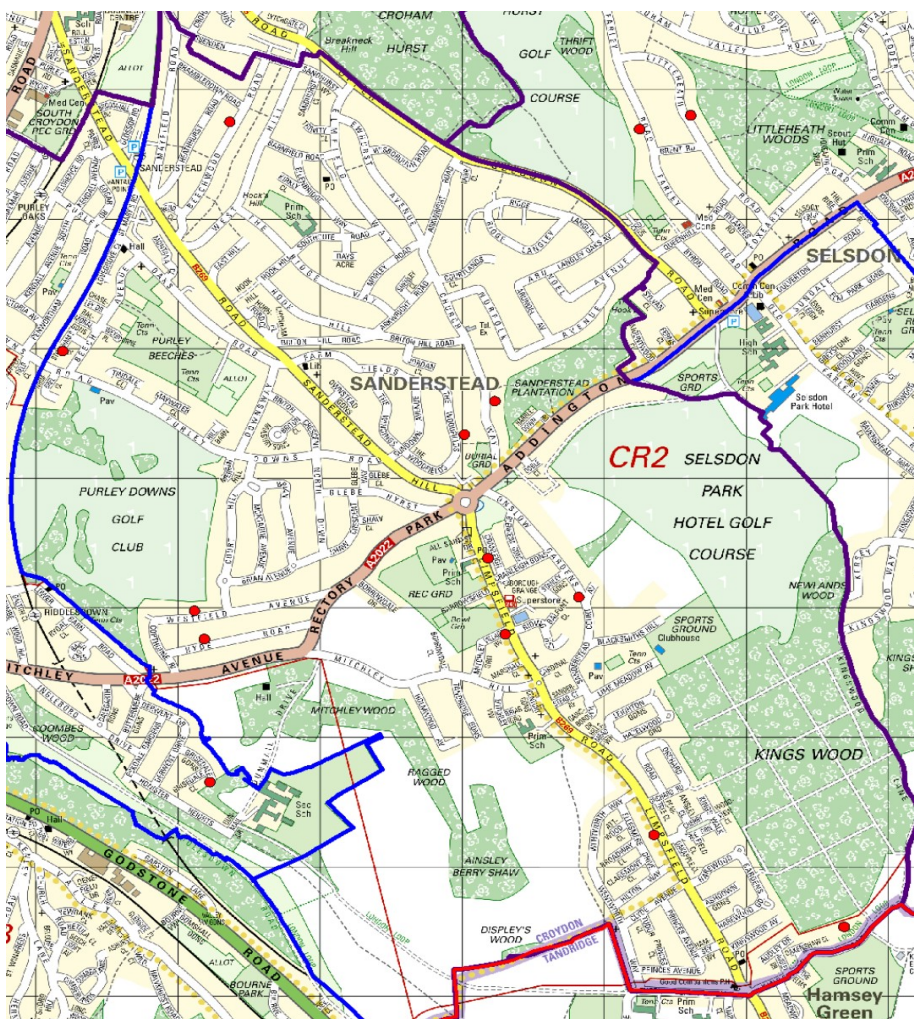
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R.e Burglaries in Sanderstead

The team are aware of the recent increase in burglaries in Sanderstead over the last 2 weeks. We want to make residents aware of the increase and for you to pass on this information to your neighbours.



These burglaries were committed during the daytime to early evening, when residents are either at work or on the School run.

This becomes an opportunity for burglars to access your homes during this time. Be vigilant and secure your homes

Entry has mostly been gained via the rear of the property. Items of high value has been the target such as jewellery and gold.

Read the advice on the back

Be aware

A black VW golf has been seen on two occasions with four suspects all wearing balaclavas.

Good news

A suspect was seen breaking into an address on Beechwood Road. Police arrived within minutes and arrested the male.

We regularly patrol the area on foot and in both marked and un-marked vehicles and stop vehicles and persons where grounds exist. If you have any further details that may help with the investigations please contact the team or 101 for non-emergencies. In an emergency always call 999.

If you would like to receive our email alerts, then contact the team on ZD-SNTSanderstead@met.police.uk Please Include your name and address.

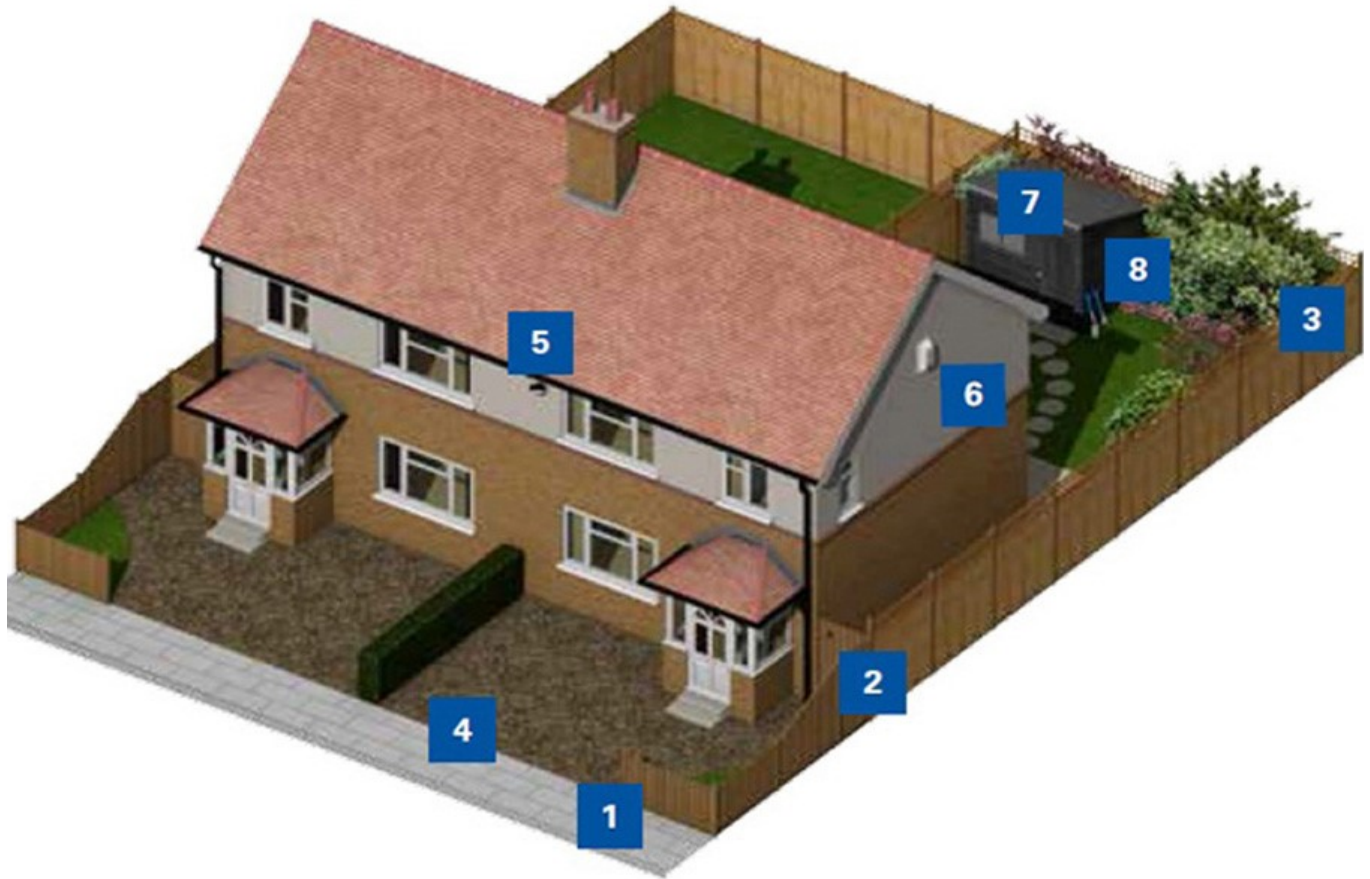
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1. Low front boundary; keep hedges and walls at the front of your house low (under one metre) so burglars have nowhere to hide.
2. Secure side gate; keep side gates locked at all times. Open gates mean burglars can easily access your home without being seen by passers-by or neighbours.
Ensure access to the side and rear of the property is restricted (lockable gates). Move items that can be used to climb on, such as wheelie bins.
3. High side and rear boundaries with trellis and spiky defensive planting; keep hedges, walls and fences around your back garden high (over 1.8 metres). Add lightweight trellis to gates and fences and plant some prickly plants to make it harder for burglars to climb over.
4. Gravel driveway and path; gravel driveways and paths make it harder for burglars to go undetected.
5. Security light or/and CCTV; installing these devices assisting in stopping intruders without being seen.
6. Intruder alarm system; install a burglar alarm system.
7. Secure shed door and window; always keep your shed locked and secured. Often sheds contain valuables such as power tools and bicycles.
8. Never leave tools lying around; Keeps ladders and tools stored away. Remove any loose objects from the garden, such as bricks. These could be used to break into your home.

