

# Sanderstead Update February 2019



#### **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

#### Priscilla's Tea Room,

52 Limpsfield Road, on Saturday 9th March at 2pm-3pm

#### Waitrose.

87 Limpsfield Road, on Thuirsday 14th March at 11am-12pm

### Sanderstead Library,

Farm Fields, CR2 OHL on Tuesday 19th March at 1pm-2pm

#### Street Briefing

Elmfield Way parade of shops Saturday 29th March at 11am

#### Ward Panel Public Meeting,

Riddlesdown Collegiate, CR8 1EX on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 6.30pm

## **PROMISES**

Burglary - In February, Sanderstead had a total of 8 Residential and 0 Business & Community Burglaries.

On 1<sup>st</sup> March at approximately 7pm, The victim has returned home to see that people are inside his home. Four suspects were seen to run from the property and get into a black VW golf vehicle. Rear patio door had been smashed to gain entry and using a key which was left in the lock. All four suspects were wearing balaclavas and black clothing.

On the same evening another burglary call came out in Sanderstead. Four suspects all wearing balaclavas could been seen on the victim's CCTV.

We were later informed that a third property in Warlingham was also burgled involving a black VW golf. It would appear that the suspects have travelled from Sanderstead to Warlingham and committed all three burglaries. All of the properties had high valued Asian jewellery taken and were accessed via the rear. We are working with Surrey police in a joint investigation into the burglaries. Contact the team if you have information that could help with the investigation.

Click on the link for further advice. https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/

**Distraction burglary**—It would appear a distraction burglary took place, whereby one suspect has kept the victim chatting at the front door and the other has gone around the rear and taken items from the shed. The victim didn't realise until the next morning and noticed that their side gate was open and the shed had been accessed. **If in doubt, keep them out!** Always check the identity of any caller - use your door viewer to see who is there and keep the door chain on. Ask for ID and check it with the company before letting somebody in.

Motor Vehicle Crime - In February, Sanderstead had a total of 9 'Theft from / of Motor Vehicle'.

All the 'theft from motor vehicle' offences had either number plates or power tools stolen. 6 out of the 8 theft from M/V offences were power tools stolen from trade vans. Three of victims are residents of Sanderstead and the offences took place overnight. The other three were day time offences and the victims are tradesmen (who don't live in Sanderstead), working on a property. If you know anyone working on a property, please inform them.

Removing your tools maybe a chore, but the cost of replacing tools can run into the thousands and lots of insurance companies will not cover amounts running into this value.

Click on the link for further advice. <a href="https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-from-a-vehicle/">https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-from-a-vehicle/</a>

**Youth & Elderly Engagement** – We were invited to attended Sherwood Park School, which is a special needs school. The school has a close association with the team. The School held a thematic day to give pupils an insight to adult life. One class was a 'Police station' and pupils were encouraged to wear a uniform and solve clues. From the Deputy head:

"As part of enriching our curriculum. We had a thematic day today where our pupils were given opportunities to explore and learn about different workplaces and jobs. Having the police and the van provided a wonderful real life experience for them, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. Many of our pupils, who have severe and profound learning difficulties were very excited and loved dressing up and sitting in the police van."

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Drug Stops** - The team regularly patrols areas that have had ASB/drug related issues. During our patrols, the team stopped and searched a male sitting on a bench in Wettern Tree Gardens. As a result of the searches the team found a small quantity of cannabis in his possession. As this was a first time offence, the male were given a community resolution and removed from the area. His details have been now gone onto our system.

**Bridleway-** We have received a number of complaints about vehicles using the bridleway on Kingswood Lane. It is an offence for mechanically propelled vehicles to use a bridleway. We have initially been giving out warnings to drivers, but for any repeat offenders we will be looking to take further action.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

Telephone - 0208 721 2470

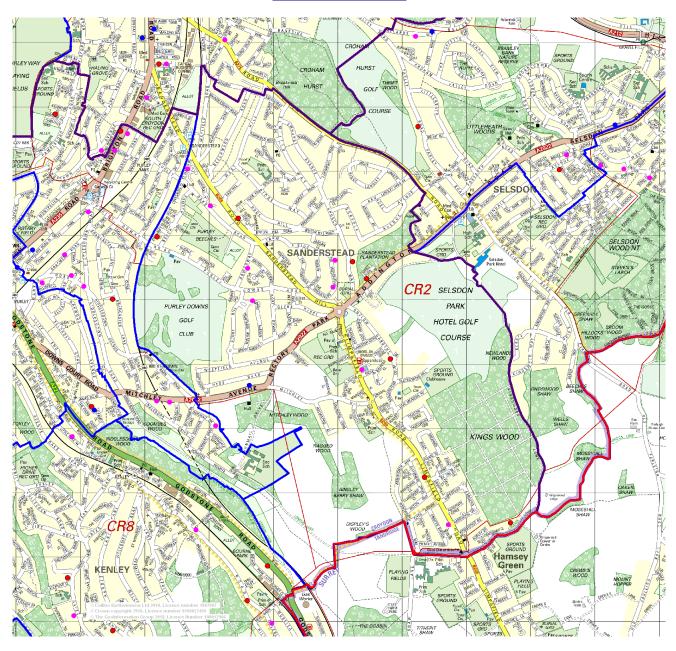
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# **Monthly Crime Map**



		TOTAL
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	•	7
BURGLARY - BUSINESS & COMMUNITY	0	0
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	•	8
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	•	1