

Sanderstead Update

August 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

52, Limpsfield Road, on
Tuesday 14th September at
11.30am -12.30pm

GUIDANCE AROUND COVID 19

Although most legal restrictions have been lifted at Step 4 and many people have been vaccinated, it is still possible to catch and spread COVID-19, even if you are fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 will be a feature of our lives for the foreseeable future, so we need to learn to live with it and manage the risk to ourselves and others.

As COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, it is important that we all use personal judgment to manage our own risk. All of us can play our part by exercising common sense and considering the risks. No situation is risk free.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do#easy-read>

PRIORITIES

Burglary

In August, 4 **Residential** and 1 **Business & Community** Burglaries took place.

The burglaries that have taken place, have been committed during the daytime whilst people are at work or doing the school run. All residential properties have been accessed via the rear of the property. If you have a side access route to the back of your garden, make it as difficult as possible to access. During our reassurance visits, we have noticed a lack of security on properties from no burglar alarms, no security lighting, easy side access or unlocked or no side gate at all, rear garden fence too low, bins left out and can be used to jump over. Think like a burglar, what are the weak points on your home and look to update.

Burglars like to be in and out of the property as quickly as possible so they tend to target small valuable items such as Gold or Jewellery. Burglars know that Gold/Jewellery is generally kept in the bedroom, so try to keep your valuable items in another location, for example the loft.

Motor Vehicle Crime

In August, 10 **Theft from Motor Vehicles** and 3 **Theft of Motor Vehicles** took place.

This month we seen a increase in M/V crime, in particular a spate of Catalytic converters stolen from vehicles all across Croydon, Sutton including Sanderstead. 8 out of the 10 thefts were catalytic converters. Hybrid vehicles are most commonly targeted, as their metals are more valuable, but any vehicle can be at risk of catalytic converter theft.

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.

These thieves don't always work under the cover of darkness but hiding in plain sight, in daylight with many cars and pedestrians around. register your converter and mark it with a forensic marker, which will make it harder for thieves to dispose of.

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/catalytic-converter-theft/>

All the theft of M/V were Land Rovers and all were taken overnight from outside the victims property. Keyless car crime is also on the up. If you have a 'keyless entry' car then make sure your keys are kept well away from doors and windows. Look to keep your car key in a screened box/tin/bag so that the signal can't be 'copied' and used to open your car – and don't forget to do the same with any spare set.

Drug Stop

The team had been receiving reports of a vehicle congregating at the same location in Beechwood Road and suspected the driver and passenger to be using drugs. Whilst on patrol, the team stopped and searched a two males in a vehicle on Beechwood Road. A small quantity was found. Male was interviewed and will be required to attend court. Thank you to Coulsdon Town for assisting.

OTHER NEWS

E-Bicycles

We have been using the new E-Bicycle across Sanderstead and our other sisters ward. Thank you to Trek Bikes and Panagua bikes who managed to supply these. Thanks to all of the councillors and the residents association that helped fund the bikes.

Speeding Awareness

We are listening to residents feedback about the potential speeding issues within the Sanderstead area. We are conducting regularly speed checks and educating those drivers who are speeding. We will now be able to get out on the roads more often and catch drivers speeding in the area and we will now be able to issue fines or court summons for those who are caught speeding and we hope this will also act as a deterrent for drivers in the area and make our roads safer.

CONTACT DETAILS

Telephone - 0208 721 2470 (goes through to a mobile)

Email - SNMailbox.SandersteadSNT@met.police.uk

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

Twitter @MPSSanderstead

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

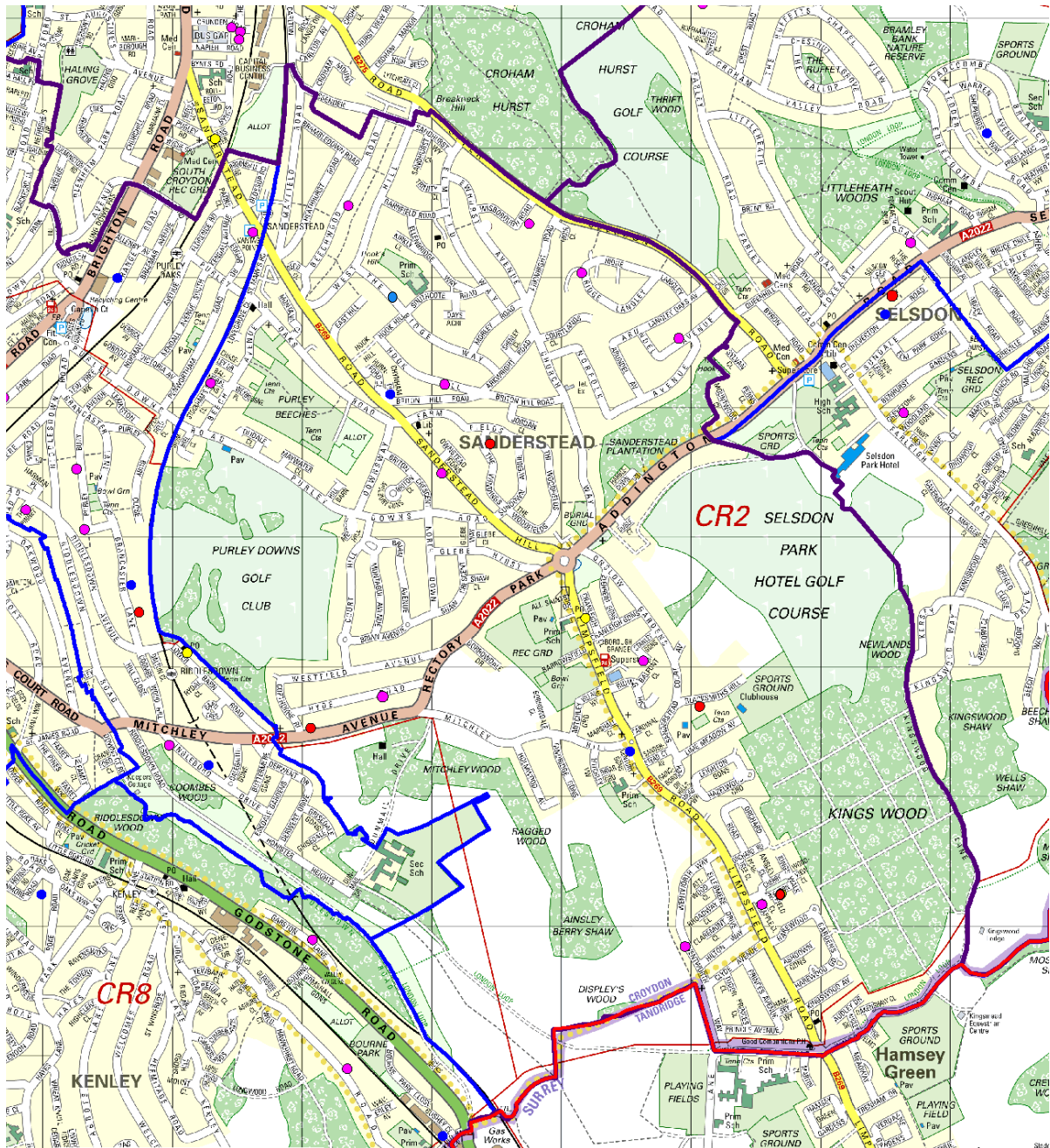
In an emergency,
always dial 999

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The new number
to call to contact
your local police

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Monthly Crime Map



		TOTAL
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	●	4
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	15/08/2021 18:30:00		WISBOROUGH ROAD,	Unknown suspect stole victim's bag from the car boot.
Theft from MV	20/08/2021 12:00:00	20/08/2021 13:00:00	CHERRY TREE GREEN,	Catalytic converter was stolen from outside the victims home
Theft from MV	20/08/2021 18:30:00	20/08/2021 21:00:00	NR,SANDERSTEAD HILL,	Vehicle parked overnight. Victim returned to discover the front number plate had been removed
Theft from MV	23/08/2021 20:54:00	23/08/2021 21:00:00	ARUNDEL AVENUE,	Catalytic converter was stolen from outside the victims home
Theft from MV	24/08/2021 21:04:00	24/08/2021 21:09:00	STANLEY GARDENS	Four male suspects have then got out of a Black Mercedes and stolen the cat converter. Victim tried and stop the suspects but one of the males was holding a metal pole trying to intimidate the victim. Suspects have then left the location and made off. The faces of all the suspects were covered
Theft from MV	24/08/2021 21:00:00	24/08/2021 21:05:00	WENTWORTH WAY,	Catalytic converter was stolen from the vehicle driveway
Theft from MV	24/08/2021 21:10:00	24/08/2021 21:14:00	HYDE ROAD,	Victim heard the sound of something being cut with what may have been an angle grinder. Upon looking out the window, they could see about 4 to 5 males in dark clothing and balaclavas
Theft from MV	01/09/2021 20:48:00		RIDGE LANGLEY,	Victim heard a drill and I went out to look, saw 3 males and another person in a car. Suspects had hoods on so were unable to be identified. Victim was a previous victim for cat converter theft, on this occasion the converter was secured and the converter could not remove it.
Theft from MV	01/09/2021 20:45:00	01/09/2021 21:15:00	BALMORAL GARDENS,	Catalytic converter was stolen from outside the victims home
Theft from MV	02/09/2021 22:00:00	03/09/2021 10:00:00	HOOK HILL, SOUTH	Catalytic converter was stolen from outside the victims home

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Theft of MV	13/08/2021 03:40:00	13/08/2021 03:40:00	THE RIDGE WAY	Land Rover taken from the driveway
Theft of MV	15/08/2021 22:00:00	16/08/2021 07:00:00	LIMPSFIELD ROAD	Land Rover taken from outside the property
Theft of MV	01/09/2021 22:30:00	02/09/2021 08:50:00	BRITON HILL ROAD	Land Rover taken from outside the property

Burglary

CrimeType	Committed on/ off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What was taken
Burglary Residential	06/08/2021 09:00:00	06/08/2021 14:50:00	THE WINDINGS,	Various Jewellery items taken Entered through the patio door Suspects only searched through the bedrooms
Burglary Residential	09/08/2021 15:07:00	09/08/2021 15:11:00	MITCHLEY AVENUE,	Victim got to the top of the stairs and noticed that there was an unknown male in their home. Once seen, the suspect has immediately fled the scene. Male suspect was described as wearing blue bomber jacket, green baseball cap and face mask. Nothing was taken and no one was harmed during the encounter
Burglary Residential (Garage burglary)	10/08/2021 21:00:00	11/08/2021 11:00:00	CHERRY TREE GREEN,	Victims garage was broken into and 3 motorcycles from inside were taken.
Burglary Residential	20/08/2021 16:20:00	20/08/2021 18:45:00	BLACKSMITHS HILL,	Hedge trimmer was taken from storage box which was stored down the side access of the property, the side gate was unlocked pushed
Burglary Business/ Commercial	25/08/2021 18:03:00	26/08/2021 08:00:00	LIMPSFIELD ROAD	Various hair and electrical products were taken from the business, which was on display at the front of the premise. Front door was smashed open.