



Sanderstead Update April 2018



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 Riddlesdown 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 Residents Association AGM at All Saints Church on Thursday 10th May at 8.00pm

We are holding a **'Dog Awareness Day'** at Riddlesdown Common Car Park on Friday 11th May at 9.00am

Waitrose, 87 Limpsfield Road, on Wednesday 16th May at 5.00pm

Priscilla's Tea Room, 52 Limpsfield Road, on Tuesday 22nd May at 11.00am

Sanderstead Library, Farm Fields, CR2 0HL on Saturday 26th May at 11.30am

The next **'Ward Panel Public Meeting'** will be held at Riddlesdown Collegiate, Honister Heights, Purley CR8 1EX on Tuesday 17th July at 6.30pm

PROMISES

Burglary - Over the last 4 weeks Sanderstead had a total of 3 **Residential** and 0 **Business & Community** Burglaries.

This month we have seen a reduction in burglaries. Out of the 3 residential burglaries committed, 2 were attempted burglaries. Nothing was taken, but a small amount of damage was caused. Burglars are often opportunistic thieves who prey on houses and flats. They seek out any opening that they can take advantage of, specifically doors, windows, easy rear access that are left open or unlocked or are easy to force. Anything of value that they might spot through a window will only spur them on. But it really doesn't take much to deter these thieves – just smart thinking. It's a fact that burglars return to homes that they've previously burgled because the homeowner failed to upgrade security following the first burglary. They sometimes return to an area to try to burgle a nearby home that they spotted while committing a previous break in. Even more reason for you to ensure you keep your home as safe as houses.

Motor Vehicle Crime - Over the last 4 weeks Sanderstead had a total of 1 **'Theft from / of Motor Vehicle'**.

I am glad to report that Sanderstead had zero 'Theft from M/V' throughout the month of April. The single 'Theft of M/V' offence happened during the middle of the night from Princes Close. It's always advisable to avoid parking in dark and secluded areas. It's worth an extra five or 10-minute walk if it means your vehicle is left in a well-lit and busier street. And if possible, always try to park in illuminated and staffed car parks or those with a Park Mark safer parking award. To find one, simply check out [Park Mark](#).

Youth Engagement - We continue to engage with youths as often as we can, so the youth community gets to know their local police team. We patrol routes to and from schools, including surrounding areas. School patrols are conducted around the school area and places where students congregate to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour and help keep students safe on their way home from school. Regular contact is made with the school by the individual officers who are the main point of contact between the schools.

OTHER NEWS

Armed Robbery - Police were called to reports of armed robbers targeting Santander, on Monday 26th March in Selsdon High Street. About a week later, the team came across to suspicious vehicle that had been parked for a week. The team arrived on scene, checks were conducted and the vehicle was on false plates and had been reported stolen. It was later discovered the same vehicle was involved in the Santander robbery. The investigating is still on-going.

Arrest - Police responded to a called regarding two males causing damage to a vehicle. Suspects made off towards Hamsey Green. Police pursued and managed to detain the males. When stopped and searched both were found in possession of knives. Both males were arrested at scene. Read about the work Police have been doing to combat Knife crime. <https://www.met.police.uk/crime-prevention/stop-knife-crime/>

Drug Stops - The team continues to work hard to reduce all forms of Anti-Social Behaviour on the ward. During our routine ASB patrols, the team stopped and searched a number of youths in Sanderstead Recreation Ground. As a result of the searches the team found a quantity of cannabis in their possession. Consequently the youths were either given a cannabis warning and their details recorded onto our database.

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New Ward Boundary



In line with current proportional representation across the borough of Croydon, there has been considerable change for the wards and their boundaries. This includes the introduction of two new wards. The Sanderstead Ward boundary has shifted inline with this change. As a team we have lost a vast area around Honister Heights and Riddlesdown Common and surrounding roads. On the flip side of this we have gained a large residential area extending our boundary to Mayfield Road and following up the majority of Upper Selsdon Road. This encompasses the residential area right up to Arundel Avenue and its surround.

With these changes we are unable to give out crime statistics this month, indicating where and how many crimes have happened on the ward. Once our systems have properly integrated to the new maps, we will update you.

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