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Sanderstead Update August 2016



Dear Sir or Madam

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.

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.

PROMISES

Burglary - Over the last 4 weeks Sanderstead had a total of **6** residential and non-residential burglaries as marked on the map above ●.

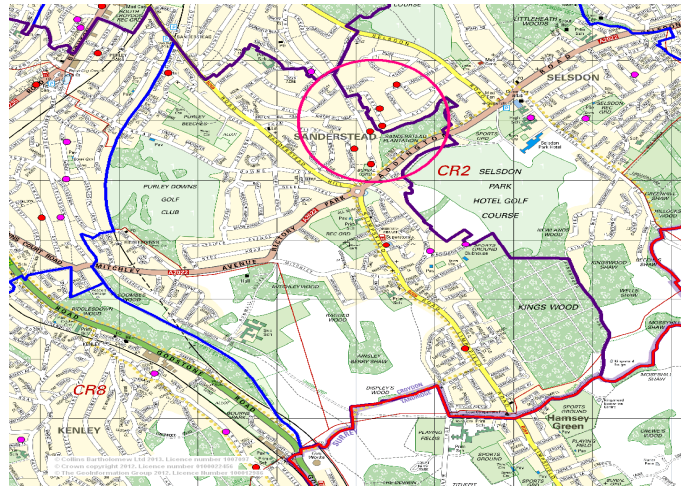
I have circled in red where majority of the offences have taken place in Sanderstead and Selsdon. These burglaries have all been accessed through the rear of the property. If you have a side access route to your back garden, make it as difficult as possible to access. Burglars like to gain access through the back door/window of the property as they are unlikely to be seen. Burglars like to be in and out as quickly as possible so they tend to target small valuable items such as Gold or Jewelry. Burglars know that Gold/Jewelry is generally kept in the bedroom, so try to keep your valuable items somewhere else.

We aim to visit all burglary victims to ensure we record and use information for intelligence purposes to prevent future offences. We will continue to liaise with Surrey police and surrounding SNT's such as our sister team Selsdon and Ballards SNT to combat the cross-ward and cross-borough burglary issues.

Motor vehicle crime - Over the last 4 weeks Sanderstead had a total of **2** 'Thefts from motor vehicles' as marked on the map above ●.

The motor vehicle offences committed was tools taken from a trader van. Over the past year we've had spells of trader vans getting broken into and equipment/tools being taken. On this occasion the suspect(s) have committed the offences during the day when tradesmen's are working inside on a property. We ask that you be vigilant and don't leave your vehicle unlocked, even if you are working meter away from your vehicle. We are deploying officers to affected areas of the ward to carry out extra patrols.

ASB in parks and open spaces - The team continues to work hard to reduce other forms of Anti-Social Behaviour on the ward. Recently a male was stopped and searched in Sanderstead Recreation Ground. The male was found in possession of a small bag of cannabis within his vehicle. Male was given consequently given a cannabis warning form.



OTHER NEWS

Team Change - After nearly 3 years of working on Sanderstead SNT, PC Tolladay has left the team to join the Mets local intelligence team. PC Tolladay was quoted saying "I have enjoyed working in Sanderstead and meeting as many of you as possible. I wish my successor the best of luck in their new role as being your local ward officer".

Lebanese Loop strikes again - We have had two reports of ATM machines in Sanderstead being targeted by individuals using a device called 'lebanese loop'. It is a strip or sleeve of metal or plastic which blocks the ATM's card slot. This causes the card to be retained and appear that the ATM has swallowed your card. They would also have a very small camera which they place on the machine to see your PIN number. Please be aware of this. Check the ATM before using it.

Mini Cab Offences - The borough is facing a steep uptum in robberies, often knife enabled and using mopeds. There are a number of criminals on mopeds targeting mini cabs. The level of violence has also been high. We are warning all cab driver to be vigilant, consider where they park up for rests. Now this is inform cab driver's not alarm them. There are number of operations current underway both overt and covert to combat this type of crime and arrest those committing these offenders. Majority of these offences are happening central and north of Croydon. Please alert anyone you know who drives a cab.

MEETINGS

The next '**Street briefing**' will be held at Waitrose, Limpsfield Road
Wednesday 13th September 2016 at 11.00am.
This will be a joint event with Trading Standards.

The next '**Ward Panel Public meeting**' will be held at
Riddlesdown Collegiate, Honister Heights
Thursday 29th Sept 2016 at 6.30pm

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