

Sanderstead Update

March 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

Sanderstead Library,
Farm Fields, CR2 OHL on
Saturday 6th April at 4pm-5pm

Waitrose,
87 Limpsfield Road, on
Thursday 11th April at 3pm-4pm

Priscilla's Tea Room,
52 Limpsfield Road, on
Wednesday 17th April at 11am-12pm

Ward Panel Public Meeting,
Riddlesdown Collegiate, CR8 1EX on
Monday 29th April 2019 at 6.30pm

PROMISES

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

A suspect was seen breaking into two properties by local residents on Beechwood Road. Suspect has been seen to look through the windows of the address before picking up an item from the front garden. The suspect has used this item to smash the front window and has then entered the address through the smashed window. Police attended the location and a Police dog was placed in the address. A single house brick could be seen within the hallway of this address, this was the item used to break the window. Suspect was subsequently detained and arrested.

- Never leave tools lying around; Keeps ladders and tools stored away. Remove any loose objects from the garden. Such items can be used to smash a window.
- Don't leave the keys for the windows, front doors, patio doors on show, in the locks or by the windows/doors. This gives burglars easy access to property by simply smashing the window and using the keys to gain entry

All of the residential burglaries properties were accessed via the rear of the property. Burglars don't want to be seen or heard and if they think they'll be noticed by a neighbour or passer-by, then they're likely to feel exposed and identifiable, which will probably make them move on.

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

Motor Vehicle Crime - In March, Sanderstead had a total of **10 'Theft from / of Motor Vehicle'**.

This month we have seen the same type of vehicle crime continue. Nearly all of the 'theft from motor vehicle' offences had power tools stolen. We are seeing a trend whereby suspects are bold enough to break into vehicle during the day and take tools whilst tradesmen are working on a property. **LOCK YOUR VEHICLES** even if you are working nearby. Always manually check if the vehicle is locked.

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

Cold callers—Residents have informed us about individual knocking on their doors and trying to sell them items. If someone does come to the door, it's important to remember the following:

- Only let someone in if you're expecting them or they're a trusted friend, family member or professional. Don't feel embarrassed about turning someone away.
- Don't feel pressured. Don't agree to sign a contract or hand over money at the door. Think about it and talk to someone you trust.
- Check their credentials. You should always check someone's credentials - a genuine person won't mind. You can phone the company they represent or check online, but never use contact details they give you.
- Don't share your PIN. Never disclose your PIN number or let anyone persuade you to hand over your bank card or withdraw cash.
- Call the police. Call the police non-emergency number 101 if you're not in immediate danger but want to report an incident. But call 999 if you feel threatened or in danger.

What do you do if you've been a victim of bogus tradesmen fraud?

Report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk

You can report the salesperson to Croydon Trading Standards on their reporting line – 03454 040506

OTHER NEWS

Team change – We say goodbye to PC Dan Revell. He joined the team in September 2017 from Croydon's response team. He has been an integral part of the team. We wish him all the best for the future.

Dan Said "After a year and a half my time as a ward officer in Sanderstead has come to an end. I am leaving a great team behind to undertake a new role in one of the METs firearm commands. I know both Robert and Sam will continue to look after the ward and serve the residents of Sanderstead to the best of their ability".

CONTACT DETAILS

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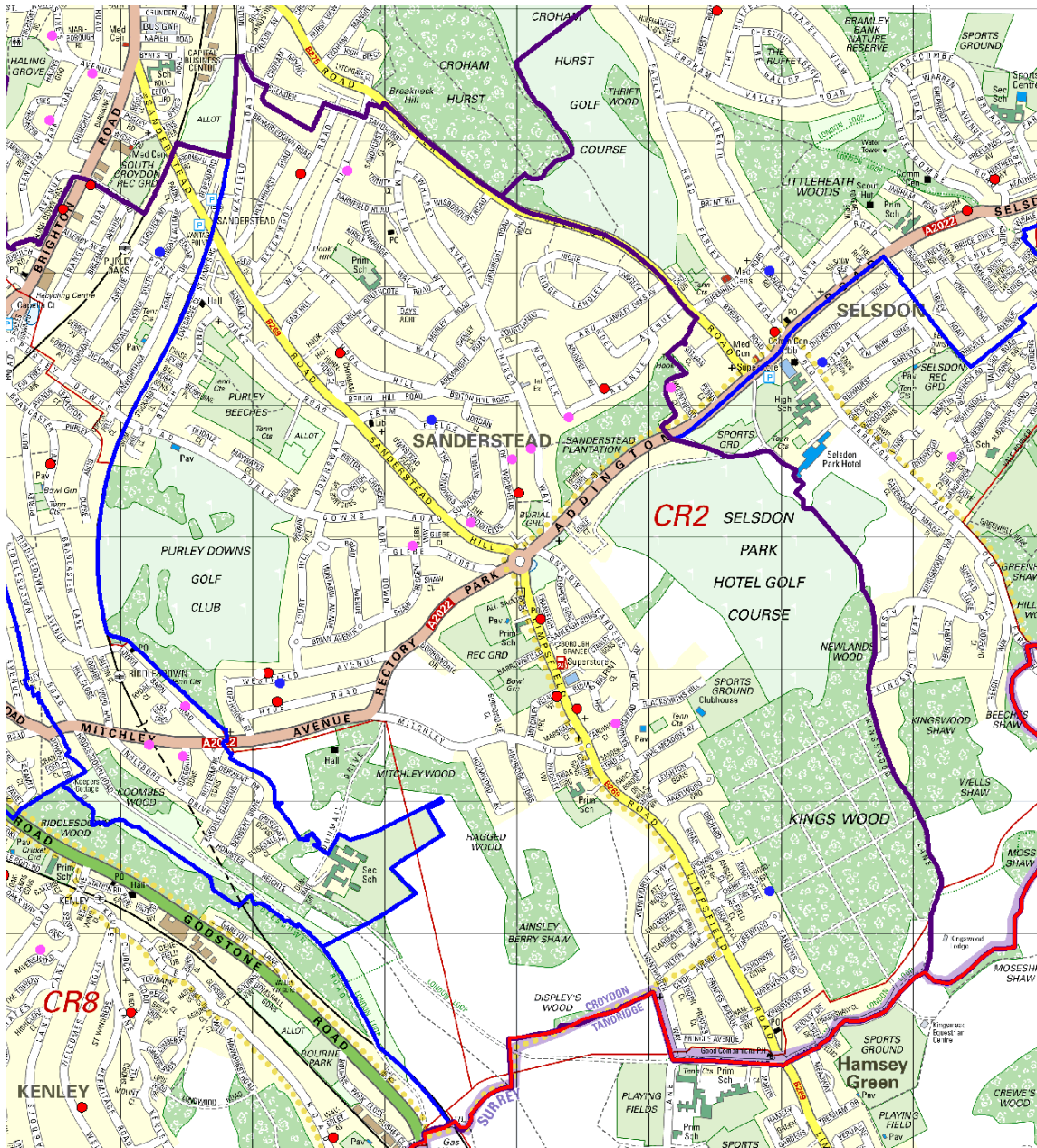
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Monthly Crime Map



		TOTAL
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	●	9
BURGLARY - BUSINESS & COMMUNITY	●	0
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	●	7
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	●	3