

Sanderstead Update

March 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.



GUIDANCE AROUND CORONAVIRUS

Some of the rules on what you can and cannot do, changed on 29 March. However, many restrictions remain in place. You must not socialise indoors with anyone you do not live with, unless they are part of your support bubble.

You can read the '[COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021 \(roadmap\)](#)' for more information on the roadmap out of lockdown in England. It is [underpinned by law](#).

From 29 March:

- you can meet outdoors either in a group of 6 (from any number of households), or in a group of any size from up to 2 households (a household can include an existing support bubble, if eligible)
- you can take part in formally organised outdoor sports with any number of people (outdoor sports venues and facilities will be able to reopen)
- childcare and supervised activities are allowed outdoors for all children
formally organised parent and child groups can take place outdoors for up to 15 attendees. Children under 5 will not be counted in this number

For more information <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

PROMISES

Motor Vehicle Crime

In March, 2 **Theft from Motor Vehicles** and 3 **Theft of Motor Vehicles** took place. We continue to see low levels of vehicle. Again we haven't had single Catalytic Converter theft this month.

The Operation Basswood team led a pan-London and South East region crime operation targeting an organised crime group heavily involved in the theft of catalytic converters. With nearly 300 officers, including officers from our own team were involved. 20 search warrants were executed at locations primarily in Hackney, both residential and businesses, and locations in Essex including a caravan storage site and London Gateway docks.

Four arrests were made, 33 catalytic converters were recovered. 15 were found at a scrap metal dealer, along with stolen BT cable leading to the manager being arrested. Stolen vehicles were recovered and numerous were seized along with £60k in cash. We are confident that the action taken by the team will disrupt and impede this organised crime for some time.

A vehicle was left unlocked in Purley Downs Road near to Brighton Road and a device was stolen from inside the vehicle. Victim had CCTV which managed to catch the suspect taking the device. Images of the suspect were seen on Nextdoor and the suspect was identified by a local resident. The team reacted to this and suspect, who resides in Sanderstead was arrested for Interference of a motor vehicle x2 and theft from motor vehicle and was charge.

Burglary

In March, 2 **Residential** and 0 **Business & Community** Burglaries took place.

During our reassurance visits, we noticed a lack of security on the properties from no burglar alarms, security lighting, easy side access or no side gate at all, rear garden fence are too low, bins left out and can be used to jump over. Look to update your security. Burglars are opportunistic thieves and target properties which are easy to access.

Look to set up a neighbourhood watch system, which is a resident-run surveillance arrangement that's intended to thwart crime in your neighbourhood. This system is a great way to keep your community united and on the same page regarding security issue. Find on more on <https://www.cbnwa.com/>

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 also regularly stops vehicles when we are patrolling the wards. During our stops we have come across individuals who in possession of drugs, breaking Covid restrictions, without insurance or breaking immigration offences.

OTHER NEWS

Team change - The team would like introduce our new Sergeant for the ward. Sergeant David Dickinson had this to say:

My name is David Dickinson and I recently took over as your new Safer Neighbour Hood (SNT) Sergeant. Hopefully I'll be able to introduce myself to you all at our next ward panel meeting, but in the meantime I thought I would take this opportunity.

So, a bit about myself - I'm Originally from the Newcastle Upon Tyne and joined the Metropolitan Police in 2001 and found myself posted to Brixton on a response team answering 999 calls. After ten years I moved to Aviation Security as a firearms officer and two years later moved onto their Armed Response Vehicles (ARV's), a role I performed for the past eight years.

Last year I was fortunate enough to successfully pass the Sergeants promotion process and I asked to be posted to Croydon. Whilst I have never done any SNT policing before, I'm looking forward to the opportunity to 'get stuck in' and perform the role to the best of my ability.

So far I've been very impressed with the officers on your ward, who are clearly very dedicated and I look forward to working with them for the foreseeable.

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

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

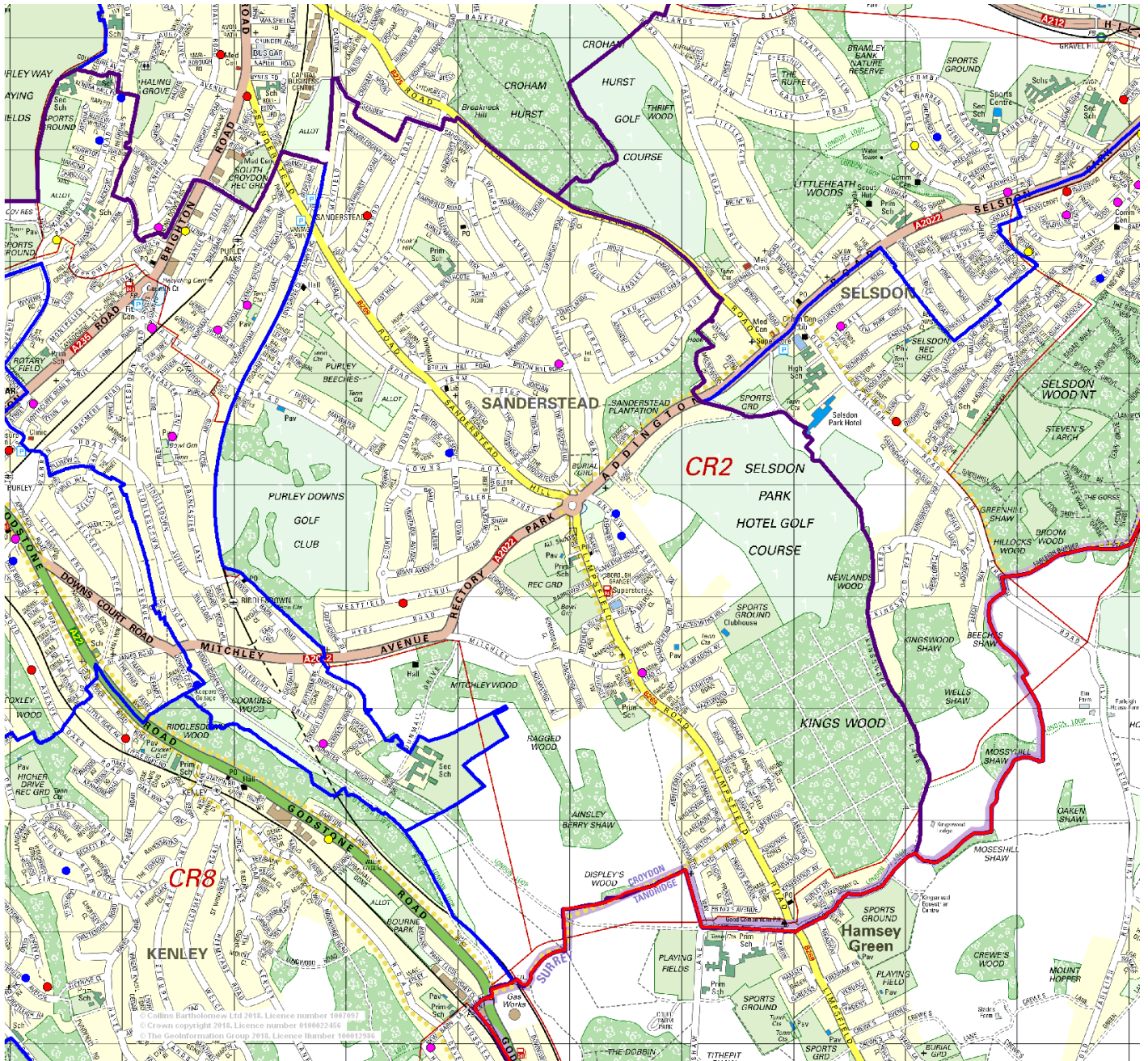
In an emergency,
always dial 999

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The new number
to call to contact
your local police

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Monthly Crime Map



		TOTAL
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	●	2
BURGLARY - BUSINESS & COMMUNITY	●	0
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	●	2
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	●	3

Burglary Crimes

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What was taken
Residential Burglary	14/03/2021 19:20:00		WESTFIELD AVENUE	Suspect has gone round to the back of the house via the open side gate and smashed the bottom corner of the patio doors. Jewellery and cash stolen is believed to be in the region of £5000
Residential Burglary	21/03/2021 20:00:00	21/03/2021 20:20:00	BEECHWOOD ROAD	Nothing was taken. Suspects has entered through he back door which was unlocked. In realising the victim was at home the suspect has made off. Suspect was described as scruffy white male in his 60's with shorty light brown/greyish hair. He was wearing blue coat and trousers and trainers.

Motor Vehicle Crimes

Theft from a Motor Vehicle

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What was taken
Theft from MV	08/03/2021 10:35:00		BRITON HILL ROAD,	Whilst working inside on a property, power tools were stolen from the victims vehicle. Items worth over £800. Dark Renault vehicle was used by the suspect. White male, mid 30's forced the window of the van
Theft from MV	08/03/2021 13:00:00		LIMPSFIELD ROAD,	Number plate was stolen from outside the victims property

Theft of Motor Vehicle

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What vehicle was taken
Theft of MV	18/03/2021 11:30:00	18/03/2021 11:35:00	ONSLOW GARDENS	Ford focus got stolen from outside the drive. Car keys were left inside the vehicle.
Theft of MV	24/03/2021 22:00:00	25/03/2021 09:00:00	BRITON CRESCENT	Land Rover Evoque stolen from location
Theft of MV	26/03/2021 11:45:00	26/03/2021 12:00:00	ONSLOW GARDENS	VW Golf stolen opposite the car park of All Saints church. Victim doesn't live in the road or immediate area