

Sanderstead Update

December 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

Priscilla's Tea Room

52 Limpsfield Road, on
Tuesday 7th January at
11am-12pm

Ward Panel Public Meeting,

Riddlesdown Collegiate, CR8 1EX on
Thursday 16th January 2020 at 6.30pm

Waitrose,

87 Limpsfield Road, on
Friday 24th January at
11am-12pm

Sanderstead Library,
Farm Fields, CR2 0HL on
Tuesday 28th January at
1pm-2pm

PROMISES

Burglary — In December **5 Residential burglaries** and **0 non Residential burglaries** took place. Glad to report we have seen a decrease in burglaries this month. Even though 5 residential burglaries were committed, only on 2 property had items taken. The other properties were either attempted or damage was caused to the exterior of the property. All the burglaries were committed during the day between 12pm—7.30pm.

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. All of the residential 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.

Burglars know that Gold/Jewellery is generally kept in the bedroom, so try to keep your valuable items somewhere else. We are regularly patrolling the area on foot and in both marked and un-marked vehicles.

Smart-Water—The team have been working along side the Smart Water team to offer anti-burglar kits to residents. During our visits to victims of burglary, we give each victim a kit. If would like to receive one of these kits, please come along to one of the contact point sessions or get in touch with the team.

Motor Vehicle Crime — In December **7 Theft from Motor Vehicles** and **2 Theft of Motor Vehicles** We have seen a slight decrease in vehicle crime this month. Majority of the crime took place at the beginning of the December. Out of the seven 'theft from M/V' that took place. Four had number plates stolen from the vehicles.

Number plate theft has been on the rise. Due to increasingly advanced technologies in ANPR in use by the police, criminals can no longer get away with creating fake number plates. So instead they are stealing and cloning them. It can cost a lot if you have been a victim of number plate theft/ cloning.

Typically, an individual will steal a number plate in order to divert the blame of their criminal activity towards someone else. They will attach the stolen plate to their own vehicle so that they can commit any of their crimes (speed, dangerously drive, fill up petrol and drive away without paying, etc.)

Thief-proof your plates - anti-theft number plate screws (cannot be unscrewed) to indefinitely hold your plates in place, or anti-theft number plates.

The two 'theft of M/V' crimes were a Transit van containing a number of high valued tools. The second was a Ranger Rover which is believed to be a keyless theft. Both crimes took place during the middle of the night.

Vans are often targeted by thieves for the tools stored inside. If you have to leave tools in a van overnight, it's a good idea to mark them clearly with your name / company name and address using paint pens and seal with a clear lacquer spray. Alternatively, you can use a variety of other property marking systems. Items that are clearly marked are less desirable and more difficult to sell on.

Speed Awareness -The Community Roadwatch team conducts roadwatch operation throughout the borough. Residents can suggest a residential area or road where the community have concerns around speeding, contact CommunityRoadwatch@met.police.uk

We will be looking to proactively patrol areas/road identified and pull vehicle who we believe are speeding.
<https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/safety-and-security/road-safety/community-roadwatch>

OTHER NEWS

Drug Stops - The team continues to work hard to reduce all forms of Anti-Social Behaviour on the ward. The team regularly patrols areas that have had ASB/drug related issues in the past. During our routine ASB patrols, the team stopped and searched a male youths in Beech Avenue. As a result of the search the team found a quantity of cannabis in the males possession. As it was his first offence the male has been given 'community resolution'. A community resolution is affecting a warning.

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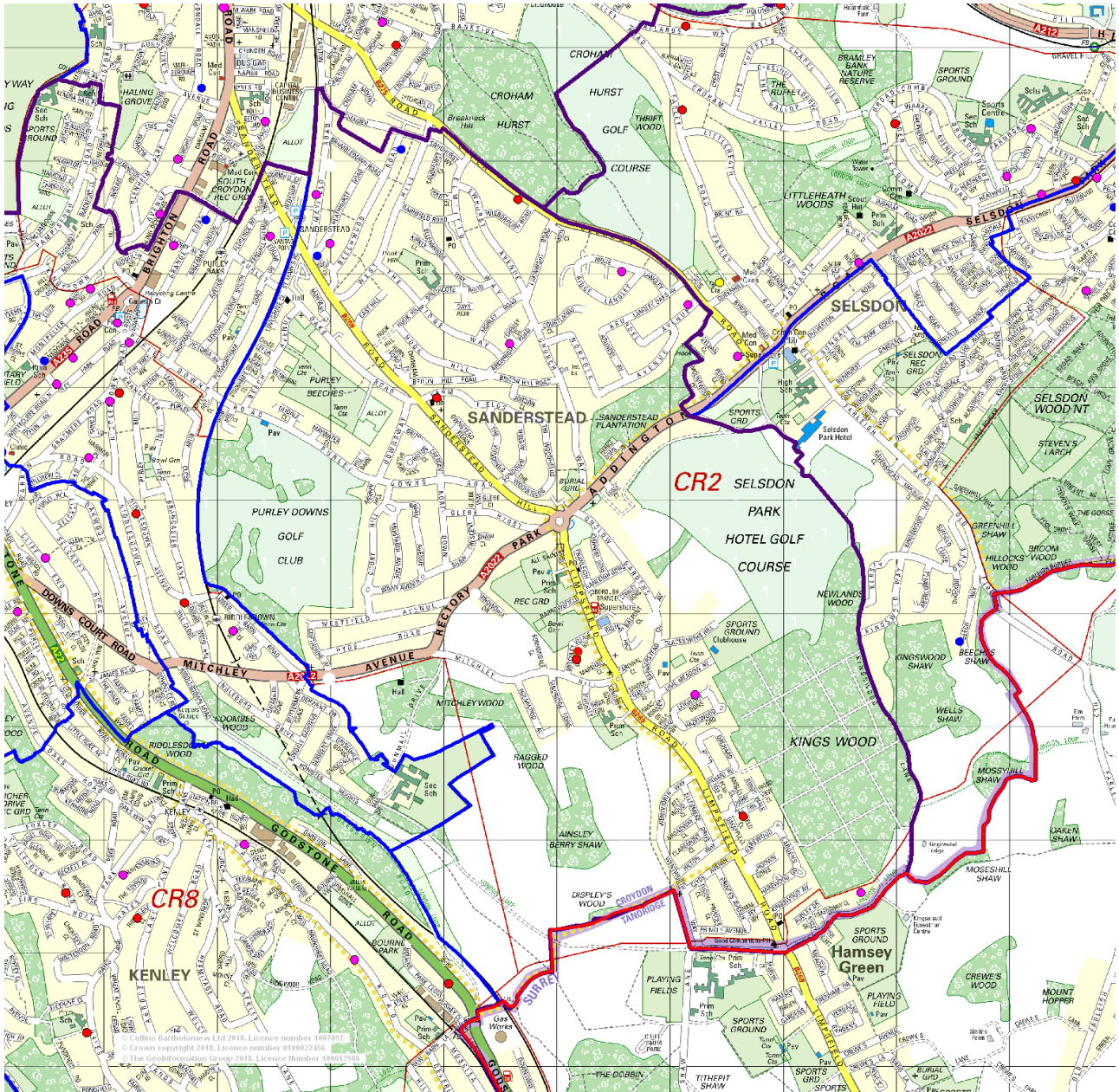
In an emergency,
always dial 999

999

The new number
to call to contact
your local police

**DIAL
101**

Monthly Crime Map



		TOTAL
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	●	5
BURGLARY - BUSINESS & COMMUNITY	●	0
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	●	7
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	●	2