

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.



PROMISES

Motor Vehicle Crime

In January, 7 **Theft from Motor Vehicles** and 0 **Theft of Motor Vehicles** took place.

We continue to see catalytic converters being stolen. Specific vehicles are being targeted, Hondas', and Toyota Prius & Arius', older generation hybrid type vehicles. This is because they run on electricity and fuel, meaning that the catalytic converters are less corroded from heat and have a higher quantity of precious metals.

The most recent incident a resident witnessed 4 suspects using a black A4 estate, wearing facemask. They were used angle grinder to remove the catalytic converter. We are relying on your eyes and ears to help catch these criminals. By calling the police straight away, gives us a chance to catch them. Don't assume it is builders. These thieves don't always work under the cover of darkness but hiding in plain sight, in daylight with many cars and pedestrians around. Suspects sometimes leave items behind such as gloves, facemasks and tools. Please do not touch these.

Keyless car crime is also on the up. If you have a 'keyless entry' car then make sure your keys are kept well away from doors and windows. Look to keep your car key in a screened box/tin/bag so that the signal can't be 'copied' and used to open your car – and don't forget to do the same with any spare set. Store the car keys

Burglary

In January, 5 **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. The two residential burglaries that were in the process of being redecorated. The home owners were staying at a different location at the time of the offence, so the home were empty.

With lockdown still in place it is a good time to do a walk-around of your house, think like a burglar. Focus on entry points such as doors and windows, and think about ways to make them more secure. Look for areas where a burglar might be able to hide, such as behind large shrubs or trees near the home. Trim landscaping You can get plug-in timers for your lamps - and timers for your ceiling lights. Don't just light up the hall. Fool a burglar by lighting up the landing, bathroom, bedroom and living room too and vary the times for each light.

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 will now be able to get out on the roads more often and catch drivers speeding in the area and we will now be able to issue fines or court summons for those who are caught speeding and we hope this will also act as a deterrent for drivers in the area and make our roads safer.

OTHER NEWS

Fraud/Scams— Unfortunately we have been made aware that people are using the coronavirus, as a way of trying to scam people. Please read our latest advice. The easiest way of remembering how best to protect yourself and your loved ones if someone comes to your door offering help. Remember **SCAM**:

Stop – never do anything you don't want to or make any decisions on the spot.

Check - Check for ID but remember most of these are community volunteers so wouldn't necessarily have ID. There is no way of knowing whether they are legitimate

Ask – Ask someone you trust for a second opinion, or ask them if they can provide the support you need.

Mine – If they ask for your card or your pin, remember this is very personal information which should not be shared

Share – If you come across a scam, share your experience with others if possible to prevent them from being scammed.

GUIDANCE AROUND CORONAVIRUS

National Lockdown: Stay at Home

- Coronavirus (COVID19) is spreading fast.
- Do not leave your home unless necessary.
- 1 in 3 people who have the virus have no symptoms, so you could be spreading it without knowing it.

You must stay at home. The single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives.

You should follow this guidance immediately. This is [the law](#).

You may leave the home to:

- shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person
 - go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
 - exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- meet your [support bubble](#) or [childcare bubble](#) where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse) attend education or childcare - for those eligible

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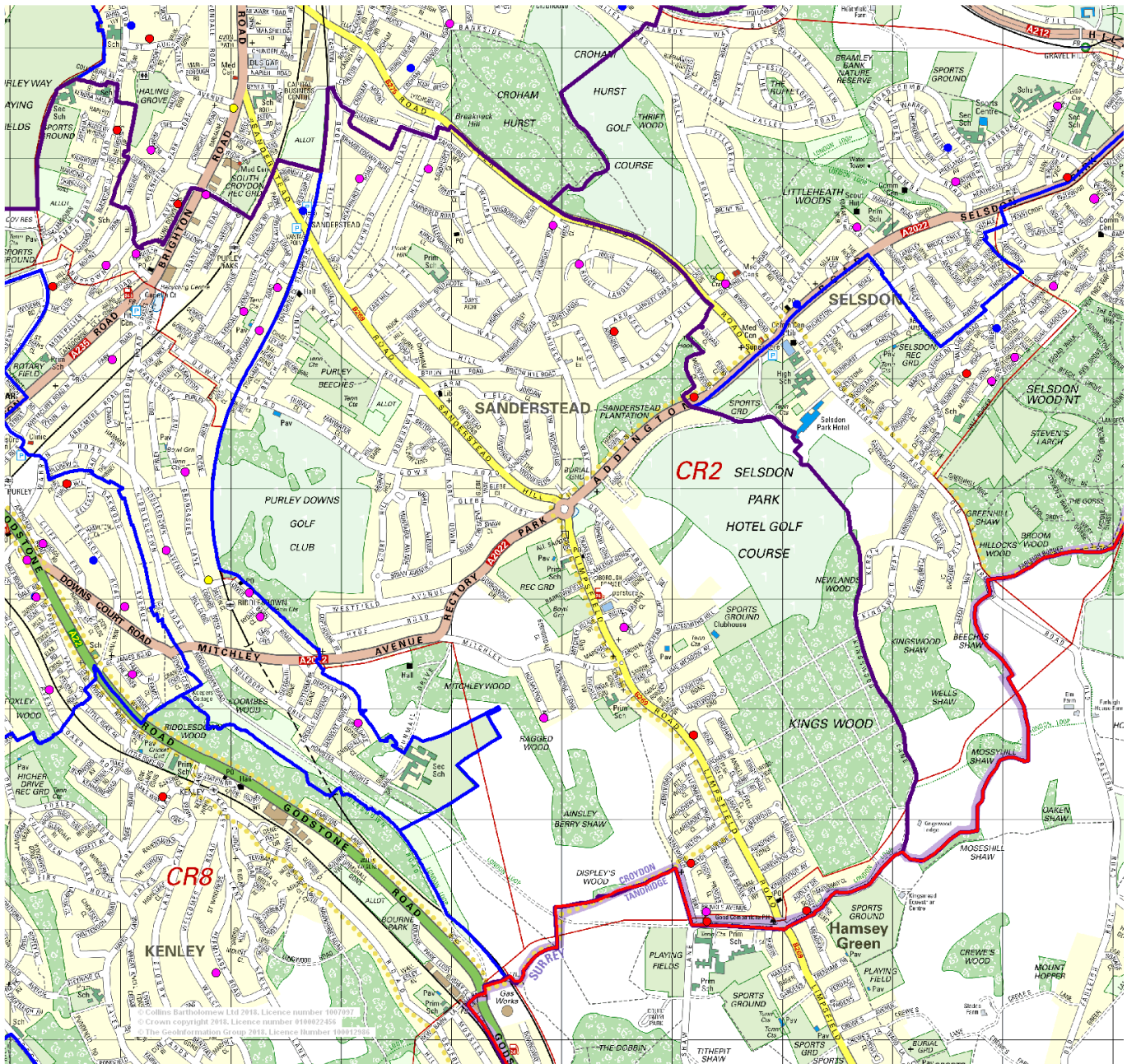
In an emergency,
always dial 999

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The new number
to call to contact
your local police

**DIAL
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Monthly Crime Map



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

Burglary Crimes

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What was taken
Residential Burglary	06/01/2021 15:00:00	09/01/2021 11:30:00	TITHEPIT SHAW LANE	Suspect(s) have broken in through the back door. Nothing was taken. House was unoccupied.
Residential Burglary	12/01/2021 02:46:00	12/01/2021 02:47:00	LIMPSFIELD ROAD	Suspect(s) have taken the victims car keys from the house, then stolen the vehicle which was later involved in a road traffic collision.
Residential Burglary	14/01/2021 14:00:00	14/01/2021 21:00:00	CLYDE AVENUE	Suspect(s) have broken in through the rear. Jewellery and cash stolen were stolen from the address, valuing £2000.
Residential Burglary	18/01/2021 23:30:00	19/01/2021 00:01:00	ADDINGTON ROAD	Suspect(s) have taken power tools from the front of the house. Property is currently being renovated.
Residential Burglary	27/01/2021 20:00:00	27/01/2021 21:57:00	KINGSWOOD LANE	Suspect(s) have broken in through the rear. A variety of tech goods were stolen from the property including a PlayStation 5, TV and Camera equipment valuing at £2,500

Motor Vehicle Crimes

Theft from a Motor Vehicle

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What was taken
Theft from MV	05/01/2021 10:00:00	06/01/2021 08:00:00	RIDING HILL	Catalytic converter from a VW Golf
Theft from MV	06/01/2021 17:50:00	06/01/2021 17:55:00	PRINCES AVENUE	Catalytic converter from a Honda Civic
Theft from MV	13/01/2021 17:50:00	13/01/2021 17:57:00	HOLMWOOD AVENUE	Catalytic converter from a Honda Jazz. Suspects used a black A4 estate
Theft from MV	18/01/2021 12:00:00	18/01/2021 14:00:00	HEATHHURST ROAD	Suspect has accessed the vehicle, believed with another key, and taken wallet and a set of car keys from glove compartment.
Theft from MV	25/01/2021 02:55:00	25/01/2021 03:00:00	ARKWRIGHT ROAD	Vehicle parked on driveway, vehicle lights alerted victim, male seen entering the vehicle, loose change was taken.
Theft from MV	26/01/2021 11:00:00	26/01/2021 11:15:00	WEST HILL SOUTH	Suspect(s) have gained entry to his vehicle by unknown means and stolen various power tools.
Theft from MV	01/02/2021 19:15:00	01/02/2021 19:15:00	RIDGE LANGLEY	Catalytic converter from a BMW