

# Sanderstead Update

## August 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

**Waitrose,**  
87 Limpsfield Road, on  
Tuesday 10th September  
2pm-3pm

**Sanderstead Library,**  
Farm Fields, CR2 0HL on  
Tuesday 24th September  
11am-12pm

**Sanderstead Community Day**  
Sanderstead Recreation Ground  
Saturday 28th September

**Ward Panel Public Meeting,**  
Riddlesdown Collegiate, downstairs  
conference room on  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 6.30pm

### PROMISES

**Burglary—** In August **4 Residential burglaries** and **0 non Residential burglaries** took place. We have seen a slight decrease in burglaries this month. The burglaries that have taken place in August have been committed during the daytime or when victims have been away.

With the Schools returning and parents doing the school run, this becomes an opportunity for burglars to access your homes during this time. Be vigilant and secure your homes. All of these burglaries have been accessed via the rear of the property. If you have a side access route to the back of your garden, make it as difficult as possible to access. Look to add a trellis to the side access. This will increase the height and act as a deterrent. 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 of the property as quickly as possible so they tend to target small valuable items such as Gold or Jewellery. Burglars know that Gold/Jewellery is generally kept in the bedroom, so try to keep your valuable items out of sight and away of the bedroom.

Two homes had sheds broken into. Think like a thief, take a look at your shed and consider how you would break in. Burglars will usually try a shed or garage first before they burgle a house or business because they can find the tools they need to get into the building. For further advice visit

<https://www.met.police.uk/crime-prevention/non-residential-burglary/secure-shed-garage/>

**Motor Vehicle Crime—** In August **7 Theft from Motor Vehicles** and **2 Theft of Motor Vehicles** took place. Over a last few weeks there has been a spate of Catalytic converters stolen from vehicles all across Croydon including Sanderstead. Catalytic Converters are being stolen from specific cars, Hondas' and Toyota Prius and Arius' and larger vehicles where access to the converter is easier.

If you see any suspicious people crouching behind cars, go and disturb them (if it is safe). Thieves often double park next to cars and can be seen with car jacks.

Another tell-tale sign is the loud noise the equipment makes removing the catalytic converter. 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.

<https://www.garageservicesnorthlondon.co.uk/catalytic-converter-thefts-prevention-tips/>

**Arrest—**Sanderstead had a spate of motor vehicle crimes in July. A prolific individual was identified by CCTV. Police managed to track this individual down and has now been arrested. The victims of these crime have been very helpful with our investigation.

### Youth & Elderly Engagement

We continue to engage with youths as often as we can, so the youth community gets to know their local police team. It's the start of Back To School Safety week, there will be an increased Police presence to offer reassurance and crime prevention. Regular contact is made with the school by the individual officers who are the main point of contact between the schools.

### OTHER NEWS

**Be AWARE—** On two occasions, the residents of Sanderstead have sighted a blue high top van with French number plates acting suspiciously. The two MALEs in the vehicle were seen to be looking into windows of people houses. Any further sightings, please contact us or call police on 999 or 101 non-emergency number.

**Missing Person—**A vulnerable missing person who managed to escape from Bethlem Hospital was located by the team. The male has now been safely returned back to Bethlem hospital. We would like to thank the help of our sister team from Selsdon vale and Forestdale, who helped managed the situation.

### CONTACT DETAILS

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*If you would 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 list .*

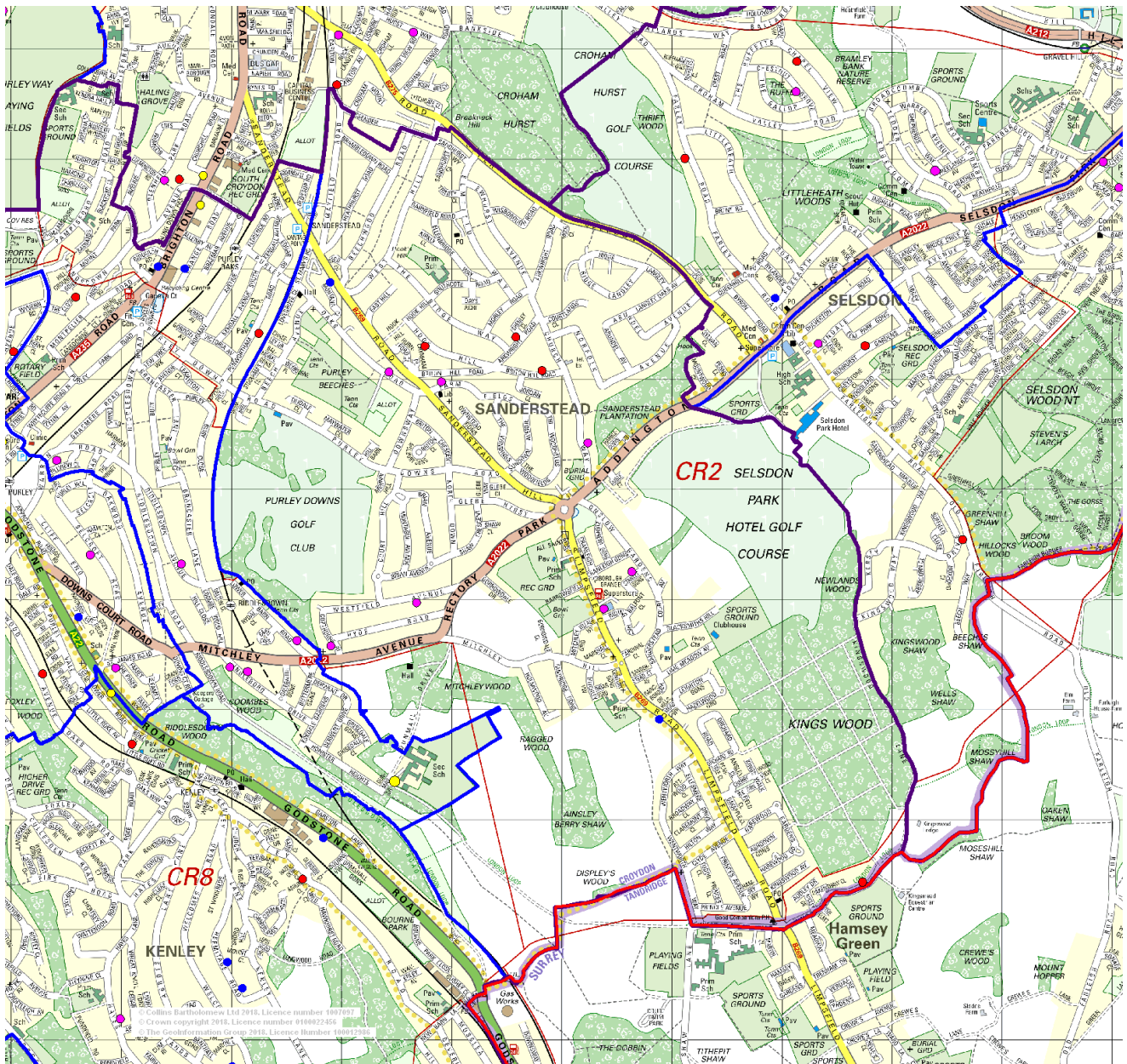
In an emergency,  
always dial 999

**999**

The new number  
to call to contact  
your local police

**DIAL  
101**

## Monthly Crime Map



		TOTAL
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	●	4
BURGLARY - BUSINESS & COMMUNITY	●	0
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	●	7
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	●	2