

### 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

These meetings are face to face outdoor sessions that members of the public can attend and discuss any concerns you may have. We will be looking following the guidelines that have been set out by the government. Please see dates, times and locations.

**Entrance to Ridge Langley**  
South Croydon on  
Friday 25th September at 11am

### GUIDANCE AROUND CORONAVIRUS

From 1 September, schools, nurseries and colleges will open for all children and young people on a full-time basis. Universities are working to reopen as fully as possible.

#### Help control the virus

To protect yourself and others, when you leave home you must:

- **wash hands** - keep washing your hands regularly
- **cover face** - wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces
- **make space** - stay at least a metre away from people not in your household

See link. <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### PROMISES

**Burglary** - In August, 4 Residential and 0 Business & Community Burglaries took place.

A warning to residents to be vigilant if they get unexpected callers to their home, during covid you may have noticed that all companies in relation to deliveries are maintaining social distance where possible and most companies that once relied on door to door enquires have ceased this so if you are not expecting a visitor or a large item to be delivered then query this person's motives and remember if you are not happy to open your door then don't and speak to them through the door if they provide resistance in leaving and you are feeling that you require the assistance of the police there is the 101 number for non emergencies and 999 if you require our immediate assistance.

In relation to unexpected callers at the address this is known as a distraction burglary is where someone calls at your home posing to be someone they're not. They then make up a story to get into your home.

In most cases legitimate callers will carry ID and relevant paperwork. Most will wait patiently and be willing to answer any questions about their visit. It is also good practice among many organisations to ring and make an appointment beforehand rather than turn up at your doorstep unannounced. Sanderstead had such a case where someone said they were there to check on the boiler.

**DO NOT** leave your bins or other objects else out of the at the front of properties that burglars can use to step onto and jump over into your garden. This gives burglars an easy way to get into the rear of your property. Most burglaries are committed by accessing a rear window or door and smashing the glass using a tool or in some cases equipment left in the victim's garden.

**Motor Vehicle Crime** - In August, 11 Theft from Motor Vehicles and 1 Theft of Motor Vehicles took place.

This month we seen an increase in motor vehicle crime, in particular 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 & Arius'. 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. They are often 3 up in a vehicle.

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. We are working with partnership agencies and teams to help combat this. Operations have also been set up to address these specific crime.

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.

**Speed Awareness** - Exciting news two members of the team PC Rebecca Grabauskas and our newest member PC David Waters will be soon undertaking a training course in the use of the speed gun, we hope that this will then allow us to carry out future operations in relation to residents' concern for speeding vehicles until then we have been requested the assistance of Safer Transport and the community road watch to assist with tackling speed issue on the ward. The Community Roadwatch team have been conducting speed checks along roads to assist with this matter and educate drivers. Residents can suggest a residential area or road where the community have concerns around speeding. [CommunityRoadwatch@met.police.uk](mailto:CommunityRoadwatch@met.police.uk)

### OTHER NEWS

**Shoplifting**—Whilst conducting our routine patrols. PC Grabauskas and PC Waters and came across two males stealing from one of the local shops. The value of the goods were low but the team took positive action and dealt with the suspects. This resulted in a community resolution, which is an out of court disposal option where the suspect and the victim agree a mutually acceptable outcome.

**Drugs warrant**—The team assisted our sister team South Croydon SNT in executing a drugs warrant on a local shop. A significant amount of cannabis was found at the shop. PC Waters made an arrest for drugs offences. This is currently still under investigation. Great result by all involved.

### CONTACT DETAILS

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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 list.*

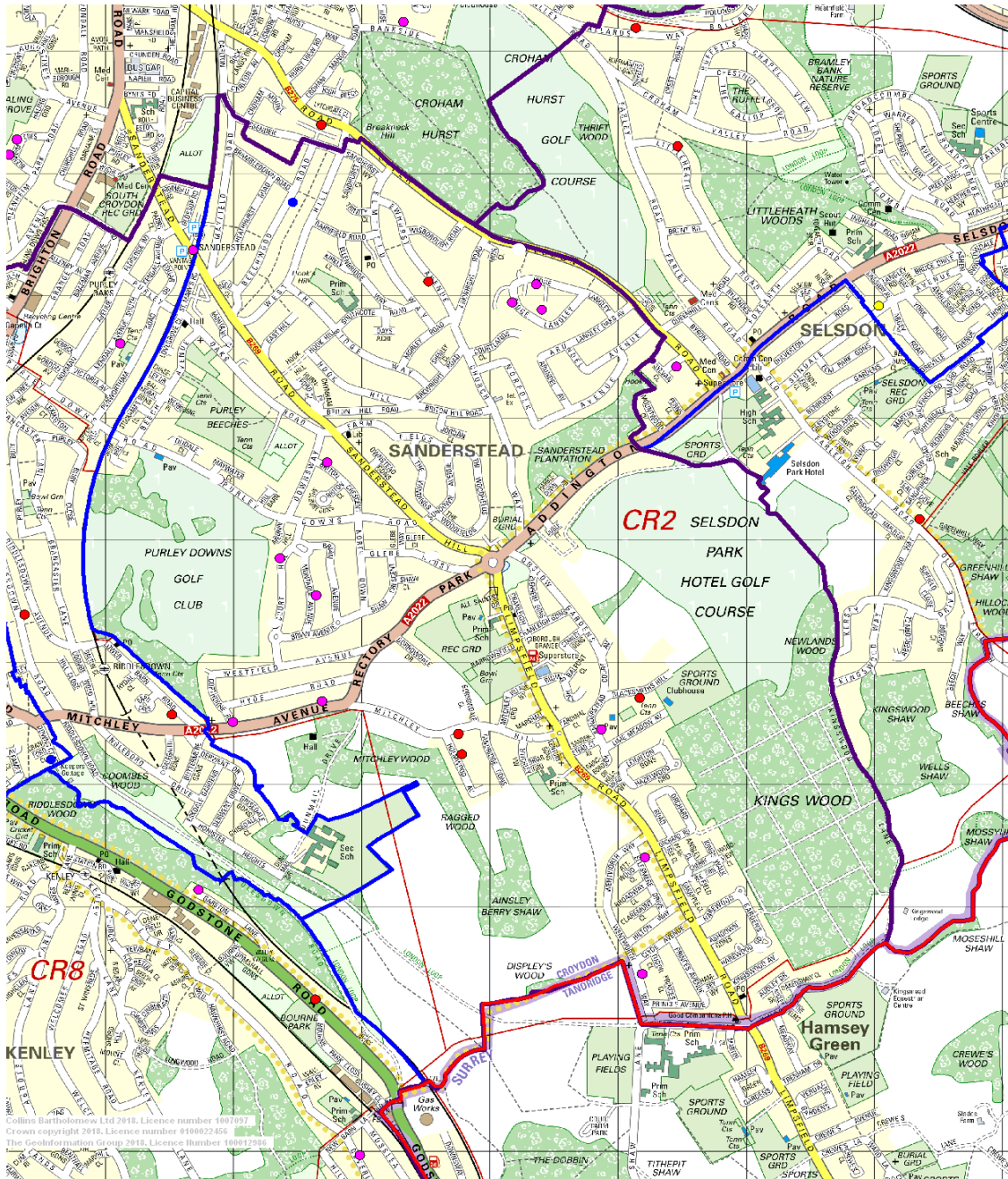
In an emergency,  
always dial 999

**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	●	11
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	●	1

### **Burglary Crimes**

<b>CrimeType</b>	<b>Committed on/off DateTime</b>	<b>Committed to DateTime</b>	<b>Road Name</b>	<b>What was taken</b>
Burglary Resident	14/08/2020 21:30:00	15/08/2020 06:30:00	EWHURST AVENUE	Nothing is believed to of been taken at this stage.
Burglary Resident	21/08/2020 10:19:00	21/08/2020 11:00:00	BLACKSMITHS HILL	Nothing is believed to of been taken at this stage.
Burglary Resident	23/08/2020	25/08/2020	HOLMWOOD AVENUE	Victims were away on holiday. Jewellery was taken
Burglary Resident	20/08/2020 10:30:00	27/08/2020 20:40:00	MITCHLEY HILL	Victim were away on holiday. Jewellery and cash was taken.

## Motor Vehicle Crimes

### Theft from a Motor Vehicle

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	Items taken
Theft from MV	13/08/2020 18:55:00	13/08/2020 20:10:00	SANDERSTEAD COURT AVENUE	Catalytic convertor from a Toyota Prius
Theft from MV	17/08/2020 21:00:00	17/08/2020 21:10:00	WENTWORTH WAY	Nothing stolen, but 4 suspects were attempting to steal the Catalytic convertor. All wearing masks and using grey Mercedes.
Theft from MV	17/08/2020 21:30:00	17/08/2020 22:45:00	MITCHLEY AVENUE	Catalytic convertor from a Honda S2000
Theft from MV	17/08/2020 10:00:00	17/08/2020 17:00:00	RIDGE LANGLEY	Catalytic convertor from a Toyota Auris
Theft from MV	21/08/2020 22:45:00	21/08/2020 22:55:00	ELLESMERE DRIVE,	Catalytic convertor from a Honda Jazz
Theft from MV	22/08/2020 00:01:00	22/08/2020 15:00:00	RIDGE LANGLEY	Catalytic convertor from a Toyota Auris
Theft from MV	25/08/2020 17:15:00	26/08/2020 19:30:00	BRITON CRESCENT	Both number plates stolen
Theft from MV	27/08/2020 18:30:00	27/08/2020 19:40:00	MITCHLEY AVENUE	Catalytic convertor from a Honda CR-V
Theft from MV	27/08/2020 18:10:00	27/08/2020 19:10:00	COURT HILL	Catalytic convertor from a Toyota Auris
Theft from MV	29/08/2020 00:01:00	29/08/2020 06:00:00	MONTAGUE AVENUE	Catalytic convertor from a Honda CR-V

### Theft of a Motor Vehicle

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	Type of vehicle
Theft of MV	26/08/2020 23:00:00	27/08/2020 10:00:00	BEECHWOOD ROAD	Mercedes Estate