

# Newsletter August 2020

Coulsdon Town, Kenley, Old Coulsdon and Purley & Woodcote Wards

## **A few words from the Ward Sergeant:**

An interesting Month for your ward teams with a fair few abstractions that has meant our time on the wards has been limited. Although we haven't actioned any warrants ourselves we have been helping out other Wards with there's.

We still await our community engagements to officially get going and also the restart of the Ward Panels. Once we know more we will communicate this out straight away.

With regards to the Catalytic Converter thefts we have been working closely with partners to tackle this head on and have come close on occasion to catching the suspects in the act, we will get them they only have to slip up once!

My teams and myself in particular enter into a period of continued abstractions for Notting Hill Carnival, Local UME patrols and Extinction Rebellion Protests uptown, the PCSO's will however be out and about on the ward so please say hi if you see them!

I will also take this opportunity to wish PCSO Janice Tomlinson all the very best for the future as she leaves us for a brand new role within the Police. She will be sorely missed.

Yours Faithfully  
PS Durnell – Ward Supervisor.

## **Catalytic converter theft remains an issue on the Borough:**

One of your ward officers is keeping a close eye on the offending pattern and we are adjusting our patrols and start times in the hope of catching the suspects in the act. Any intelligence that can be given please call 101 quoting Op Basswood.

The precious metal in catalytic converters has led to an increase in their theft.

- To protect your converter from theft, ask your vehicle dealership if they can give you any advice on locks or guards that are approved by the vehicle manufacturer.
- Alternatively, try to make sure your vehicle is parked in a garage overnight, or if you have a commercial vehicle park it in a secure compound. If this isn't possible, park in an area that is well-lit and overlooked and try to park so that the convertor can't be easily reached by potential thieves. Vehicles that sit high above the road are particularly vulnerable.
- You should also register your converter and mark it with a forensic marker, which will make it harder for thieves to dispose of. Visit: [securedbydesign.com](http://securedbydesign.com) for more details.

## **News From Your Teams:-** **Coulsdon Town:**



We have been working closely with Croydon Council to investigate the ASB caused by a House of Multi-Occupancy (HMO). This has been an ongoing matter handled by PC Hurst. The tenants have been successfully evicted and the premises has been secured by Croydon Council with Sitex to prevent any persons entering and retaking occupancy. Croydon Council will be leading on this and the HMO will be closed until October when the situation will be reviewed and property handed back to the Landlord. This will at least offer some respite to the residents who have suffered constant ASB and Police Calls to the address due to the occupants that were housed there.

### Kenley:

We continue to monitor our Automatic Number Plate readers on the wards and within the ward and have successfully stopped and seized several vehicles for a variety of driving offences. We will continue to target drivers who use their cars without the correct documentation and also those who drive around and into the Ward to commit crime.

### Old Coulsdon:

Vehicle crime and burglary have decreased over the last few months and residents need to help the team in keeping on top of this. We can achieve this by

#### **Cars**

- **Avoiding leaving items on show** – power leads, SatNavs and mounts, stereo front panels, coins, sunglasses, tools, clothing and bags should be removed from the vehicle or placed out of sight.
- **Keys and ignition fobs should be kept safe and out of sight and reach** – the most common ways to steal a car or van is to take the keys or ignition fob, either when left in the vehicle or from your home through burglary. Try not to keep your keys in an obvious place such as the hallway or kitchen.

#### **Distraction burglary**

Distraction burglars pretend to be someone they are not in order to enter your home to steal. Residents being aware of common methods can prevent this crime...

- Pretending to be from a utility company investigating a gas or water leak
- Asking for help to leave a note for a neighbour.
- Claiming to be in a hurry or emergency and needing to get into your home quickly.
- Working in teams where one person distracts you while the other searches your home.

### Purley & Woodcote:



Your ward officers recently undertook a Smartwater initiative as a result of a slight increase in burglary offences on the ward and handed out over 40 kits to local residents. Please keep an eye out on our twitter feed for any future Smartwater events.

The team have also issued a number of Community Protection Warnings to street drinkers on the ward to prevent any future Anti-social behavior being conducted. These will be closely monitored for compliance.

### Pan Ward News:

1. On 12<sup>th</sup> August we assisted with a Borough wide Operation and were at several stops sites stopping vehicles involved in a variety of offences. This operation was at arterial routes across the borough and involved all of the Croydon SNT's. The day was very successful with numerous offences dealt with.



2. Myself and A/PS Straker each led a team on a large scale drugs operation (Operation Greenrush) across Croydon on the 19<sup>th</sup> August. A/PS Straker executed a warrant at a residential premises of a suspect concerned in drugs supply, seizing several items of note and I led a warrant execution at a CBD Premises in Thornton Heath resulting in one suspect being arrested and multiple exhibits being seized. A press release was published and can be read on the following link

<http://news.met.police.uk/news/six-men-arrested-for-drug-offences-following-cbd-shop-warrants-in-croydon-408865>

3. We have also assisted on another large scale operation called Op Zinnobar that targeted high risk offenders in Central Croydon. Five warrants were executed and arrests made for drugs and firearms offences. Tackling Violence Together.

4. Your ward officers had a bit of result on 27<sup>th</sup> August whilst assisting a sister ward team with an ANPR operation. We had cause to pursue a vehicle that failed to stop when requested. This vehicle crashed after a stinger was deployed on Bromleys ground and the driver was swiftly apprehended by us after a footchase during which I electrocuted myself twice jumping over two different farmers fences!!! The driver was arrested for failing to stop, suspicion of aggravated taking and driving away, wanted for a firearm enabled robbery, wanted possession of drugs with intent to supply and on a recall to prison to finish their sentence for a serious offence.



If you wish to see what crime has been recorded on your ward please follow these links:-

#### **Coulsdon Town**

<https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/croydon/coulsdon-town/>

#### **Old Coulsdon**

<https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/croydon/old-coulsdon/>

#### **Kenley**

<https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/croydon/kenley/>

#### **Purley and Woodcote**

<https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/croydon/purley-and-woodcote/>

#### **Contact And Follow The Teams**

In an emergency allways dial 999.

To contact the police or report an incident when it is not an emergency dial 101 or visit [met.police.uk](http://met.police.uk)

#### **Coulsdon Town**

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The teams also use the social network for your neighbourhood at [www.nextdoor.co.uk](http://www.nextdoor.co.uk).