

Croydon Police Newsletter January 2019

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Local Borough Priorities

The priorities for Croydon are all mandatory high-harm crimes: sexual violence, domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, weapon-based crime and hate crime, along with antisocial behaviour, burglary and non domestic violence with injury.

The MOPAC document can be found at

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/pcp_local_priorities_2019.19.pdf

General Crime Overview

This newsletter looks back at incidents, events and news for January.

Crime statistics for the whole of the Met Police area can be found via this link:

<https://maps.met.police.uk/stats-and-data/crime-data-dashboard/>

The data for January will not be available immediately. You can find statistics for the ward by clicking on the map around Croydon and then selecting the SNT option from the bubble help.

There were thirty nine reported crimes for the ward during January. Of that total count we had six residential burglary and two attempted burglaries. There have been two thefts from motor vehicles and two thefts of motor vehicles.

There was a requirement to hold a one hour Community Contact Session on the same day and time per week on the ward. These surgeries were held to allow residents to come along and talk to the team about local policing issues and concerns. Due to the very low numbers of attendees, no crimes being reported at these surgeries and the time required by police officers to attend when measured against limited resources and increasing tasks it has been decided that this is not an efficient use of the teams' time. Our thanks go to those at the Poppy Café and at the Old Coulsdon Congregational Church for allowing us to hold our surgeries over the last year and the team is considering how we go forward in 2019.

Team News

The team attended the ward panel meeting where local issues were discussed. The local priority for the team was set as Burglary.

We helped the Coulsdon Town team with a school visit. After a safety chat indoors the classes were allowed out to look inside a police carrier and try out riot shields and a helmet.

Several vehicles have caught the eye of officers and been stopped and checked and processed as required.

The officers have conducted many stop and searches over the month. This led to the seizure of heroin, crack cocaine and an arrest for possession. The officers also conducted many arrest enquiries, looking for those who are wanted by the police or courts.

The team have responded to many incidents as they have happened. One call led to the arrest of two shoplifters, one was then charged with a burglary. A welfare check on a property where the occupant hadn't been seen for a while, fortunately the occupant was found safe and well.

A female lost her purse and her credit cards were used in Coulsdon. The team responded quickly and arrested a female the following day. The victim was very happy with the outcome.

Crime Prevention Advice – Access Control

Access control is about preventing the criminal gaining access to the target, which might be a thing, a person or a building. Your home is only as secure as its weakest point of entry. Here are some things to consider:

- Close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you're only going out for a few minutes
- Having a 1.8 metre fence which is in good repair around the garden complete with trellis and climbing prickly shrubs and a well locked gate of equal height
- Making sure that car doors and windows are locked
- Putting up gates at the entrances to back alleys that run to the rears of houses

Here's what we recommend you do before you go out:

- Double lock your doors
- Set your burglar alarm
- Make sure the side gate is locked
- Make sure that any valuables are out of sight
- Keep handbags away from the letterbox or cat flap and hide all keys including car keys, as a thief could hook keys or valuables through even a small opening
- Never leave car documents or ID in obvious places such as kitchens or hallways
- If you're out all day, then it's advisable to use a timer device to automatically turn lights and a radio on at night
- In the evening, shut the curtains and leave lights on

Reporting a crime in London can be done via the Met Police website using a mobile phone, tablet, laptop or computer when and where it is convenient for you. Simply click "report a crime" on the Met website to begin the process (<https://www.met.police.uk/report/how-to-report-a-crime/>) and follow the online steps, receiving a reference number at the end.

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