

# Newsletter October 2020

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

## A few words from the Ward Sergeant:

I will start off my apologies for not sending out last month's newsletter, this was due to myself being away from work for an extended period. There has again been a change in personnel on the wards, we say goodbye to PC Chris Allen (Old Coulsdon) who moves to a Line Manager Role. We will however welcome four new officers; PC Whalley will be on Old Coulsdon, PC Elliot on Kenley, PC Phillips will be on Coulsdon Town and PCSO Aamir will be on Kenley Ward. We have also started to undertake Ward Panels on MS Teams and held all of my respective panels this month, all three were successfully held and attended by representatives from the wards. We look forward to seeing the panels again in January 2021 and they will more than likely be in the virtual format. I also extend my thanks to those who took part in the virtual ward panel survey, results of which I am going through to inform our future patrol options. We do however, still await guidance to be issued regarding community visits and engagements but please understand we have to be mindful of the government advice. I am aware that speeding is an issue on all four wards and we are doing our utmost to visit the affected areas in an attempt to enforce speed restrictions, just because you haven't seen us, doesn't mean that we are not there. Myself and my PC's will be undertaking Autumn Nights patrols across Croydon due to the anticipated rise in anti-social behavior as the nights draw in, so we won't necessarily be on the wards as much as would like.

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](https://www.securedbydesign.com) for more details.

## News From Your Teams:-

### Purley & Woodcote:

Ward Priorities: Theft from motor vehicles, Burglary and Anti-social behavior

Your Team: PC Lambert-Singer, PC Barnes, PCSO Cruse

Again my thanks to the residents and interested parties who took part in the Ward Panel. The current priorities are contained above, we look forward to seeing you all again on MS Teams in January 2021. We had been working towards executing a drugs warrant at an address on the ward, but unfortunately before we got a chance to action it (the warrant had been authorised) the address was subject of a burglary and a number of suspects were arrested by the attending Response Team. Numerous juvenile cannabis plants were uncovered and subsequently destroyed, the investigation is currently ongoing. We are working towards another warrant so watch this space for the outcome.

### **Coulsdon Town:**

Ward Priorities: Burglary, Speeding, Violence Against the Person (Assaults)

Your Team: PC Hurst, PC Phillips, PCSO De Sousa

### **Kenley:**

Ward Priorities: Burglary, Speeding, Anti-social behavior

Your Team: PC Morgan, PC Elliot, PCSO Aamir

PC Morgan had cause to rescue two abandoned kittens from an address on the ward. Although the home owner had left them in good faith, the RSPCA and ourselves deemed it necessary to temporarily remove them from the address. We are liaising between the owner and the RSPCA to determine what will happen next.

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 always dial 999.

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

##### **Coulsdon Town**

Email : [CoulsdonTown.SNT@met.police.uk](mailto:CoulsdonTown.SNT@met.police.uk)

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##### **Old Coulsdon**

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Twitter : @MPSPurley\_Wood

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