

Purley and Woodcote SNT Monthly Newsletter

Come and join us !

Ward Panel meeting

15th July
ST Marks Church Hall,
Church Road,
CR83QQ

7pm-9pm

March Newsletter 2024

Words from the ward Sergeant...

From the team and I, thank you for supporting us all. It has been and will be a challenging few months ahead, as we head into the warmer months with local and London based events abstracting the team. We as a team are very conscious about the local issues and are listening. Please be patient. If you see us, please stop and talk with us, were here for you.

In May and June, the team have continued to patrol Purley and Woodcote, making sure to be visible in the hot spot areas such as the multi story carpark. Our month has been full of meetings with our housing officers and residents, engaging, offering ASB solutions and providing crime prevention.

We had a successful community ward councillor meeting, discussing local community issues and updates, we hope to join more of these meetings along with the councillors and have a chance to speak to the residents.

It was also lovely to attend our local nursery and spend a couple of hours engaging with the children, speaking about our equipment, what we do in a day and answering question's.

Officers from Croydon's Safer Neighbourhood strand attended a seminar with input from the Met's Chief Scientific Officer and distinguished Criminologist Professor Lawrence Sherman, exploring proven methods to reduce Knife Crime across the Capital. The seminar also included a segment from Mr. Anthony King, a well-known and popular youth-worker who established the 'MyEnds' organisation.

We look forward to seeing you all at the ward panel meeting.

Crime prevention

Catalytic converter theft

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Report a crime online
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Our Ward Priorities

- **Burglary**
- **Motor Crime**
- **Anti-Social be-
haviour**
- **Violence against
the person**

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Theft of and from vehicles

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Method</u>
07/05/2024	Upper Woodcote Village	Theft from motor vehicle	vehicle broken into, unknown entry means
27/05/2024	Walburton Road	Theft from motor vehicle	Unknown entry to the vehicle
16/05/2024	Hillcroft Avenue	Theft of motor Vehicle	The vehicle was tampered with and stolen
21/06/2024	Woodside Road	Theft from motor vehicle	Window broken into, number plates stolen
28/06/2024	Downs Court	Theft from motor vehicle	vehicle door broken into
01/06/2024	Brighton Road	Theft of motor vehicle	Vehicle stolen from drive way

Burglary of a home statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Method</u>
16/05/2024	Peaks Hill	Burglary of a home	Property Window forced open to gain entry
11/06/2024	Church Hill	Burglary of a home	Suspects used unknown means
11/06/2024	Woodcrest Road	Burglary of a home	Window of a door was broken to gain entry

DON'T MAKE YOUR VEHICLE AN EASY TARGET FOR THIEVES.



THOUSANDS OF VEHICLES HAVE ITEMS STOLEN FROM THEM BY THIEVES EVERY YEAR IN LONDON. YOU CAN DO SOMETHING TODAY TO PREVENT THIS.



BE SAFE

Reduce the risk of your vehicle being targeted by thieves by following our advice:

- Check your vehicle is locked and secure every time you leave it. Thieves often look for easy opportunities to steal from vehicles. They will usually try the handles until they get lucky and find one that has been left unlocked.
- Remove all items from view by taking them with you or putting them in the boot out of sight. Thieves will look for any items on display. Things like clothes, documents, or an old bag might not seem like 'valuables' but they could tempt a thief.
- If you have a garage at home use it. If you don't, try to park in a well-lit, open space.
- Try to use public car parks that are part of the police approved 'Park Mark' safer parking scheme.

For more information on how to keep your car secure and other crime prevention tips, visit www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention.

Report online at www.met.police.uk or call 101. In emergencies call 999.

Recommendations to make your home more secure



1 Low front boundary

2 Secure side gate

3 High side and rear boundaries with trellis and spiky defensive planting

4 Gravel driveway and path

5 Security light

6 Intruder alarm system

7 Secure shed door and window

8 Never leave tools lying around

Stay secure in summer

Leaving ground floor windows, doors and patio doors open in the summer can give burglars the perfect opportunity. If you're upstairs or out of the room, even just for a few minutes, close them and help shut burglars out.

Keep them out

- 1 Keep hedges and walls at the front of your house low (under 1 metre) so burglars have nowhere to hide.
- 2 Keep side gates locked at all times. Open gates mean burglars can easily access your home without being seen by passers-by or neighbours.
- 3 Keep hedges, walls and fences around your back garden high (over 1.8 metres). Add lightweight trellis to gates and fences and plant some prickly plants such as those on page 4 to make it harder for burglars to climb over.
- 4 Gravel driveways and paths make it harder for burglars to go undetected.
- 5 Install an outside security light so that intruders can't approach without being seen.
- 6 Install a burglar alarm system.
- 7 Always keep your shed locked and secured. Often sheds contain valuables such as power tools and bicycles.
- 8 Never leave tools lying around as they can be used as a way of breaking into your home.

Extra steps you can take

- Consider buying a shed alarm. These are usually quite cheap but still effective.
- Add an extra layer of protection to shed windows with laminate sheets of film or internal metal grills.