

# Upper Norwood Digest

## March 2015



Upper Norwood Recreation Ground showing the former site of St Margaret's Church. Image used with the express and kind permission of the artist Nishad Karim - [www.nishadkarim.com](http://www.nishadkarim.com)

### Burglary

The amount of burglaries across Upper Norwood has remained steady throughout February. In studying the reported burglaries there are some areas of commonality between them, these include:

- The occupiers being away on holiday
- Post being left to accumulate, being visible from the street
- Glass doors and windows being smashed

I encourage you to take a good look at your own property and take steps to mitigate these and other risks. Of course you may ask, how do I mitigate against burglars smashing glass? **Short of bricking up your windows and doors, very impractical, I recommend that you consider protecting your glazing with the addition of accredited adhesive window film. Search online for further details.**

### Vehicle Crime

If anything, motor vehicle crime seems to have seen a reduction throughout February in Upper Norwood. There was a spate of vehicles having their tyres slashed around the Green Lane area in the middle of the month, though we've seen nothing since then. **Anecdotally Croydon as a borough has seen increase in Ford Transit vans being targeted, either being stolen or having things stolen from them. I recommend that all Ford Transit owners take extra steps to protect their vehicle. Lastly.... Please please please remove ALL items of value from your vehicle... We're still seeing all manner of items left within vehicles and subsequently being stolen!**



### Stop & Search

**If you have a grievance or feedback related to a stop and search in the Croydon Borough, please email [croydonsands@gmail.com](mailto:croydonsands@gmail.com)**

### Neighbourhood Watch Success

Waddington Way has recently joined the Neighbourhood Watch scheme for Croydon. We as a team are really excited by the news, PCSO Martin Allen said **"Neighbourhood Watch is by far the best way for members of the public to make their street safer, to get to know their neighbours and to engage with their local policing team. We look forward to working in partnership with the Waddington Way watch"**

For information on joining NHW please contact me.

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**999**

The new number  
to call to contact  
your local police

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101**

# **Ward Panel** **Appeal**

**We as a team are actively seeking to recruit new members for our ward panel. The panel meets once a quarter at Gipsy Hill Police Station. During the meeting we present information on local crime trends, report back to you on work we've undertaken and listen to your feedback and concerns regarding local policing issues. We also ask those present to help us decide on our priorities for the next quarter.**

**Interested?**

**Please get in touch.**

**The next meeting is to be held on  
Monday 15th June 2015 @ 7:30pm.**