



Sanderstead Update April 2017



Dear Ward Member

Welcome to the latest edition of the Sanderstead update. We would like to give you an update about crime and policing information in the Sanderstead area. Local police officers together with the ward panel members for Sanderstead have set three 'ward promises'. These promises are what your local policing team will focus their efforts on in order to reduce crime in the area.

PROMISES

Burglary

Over the last 4 weeks Sanderstead had a total of 6 residential (●) and non-residential (●) burglaries as marked on the map above. Our team was notified about a recent burglary in Sanderstead. Victim had numerous amounts of clothes stolen as well as other items. During untidy search of the property, the suspect has managed to cut themselves and leave blood marks throughout the property. Our forensics' team took a swab and a hit came back on our system. Suspect was found and arrested.

We received two similar incidents involving properties with a cat/dog flap. It would appear that the suspect(s) have attempted to gain entry into the properties via the cat/dog flap. Fortunately the suspect never gained entry and only caused minor damage.

Don't leave keys in locks or near doors with dog or cat flaps fitted. If you have inherited a dog or cat flap from your home's previous owners, get rid of it. Only have small flaps fitted; tiny burglars (some thieves even use children) might be able to squeeze through flaps for large dogs.

Motor vehicle crime

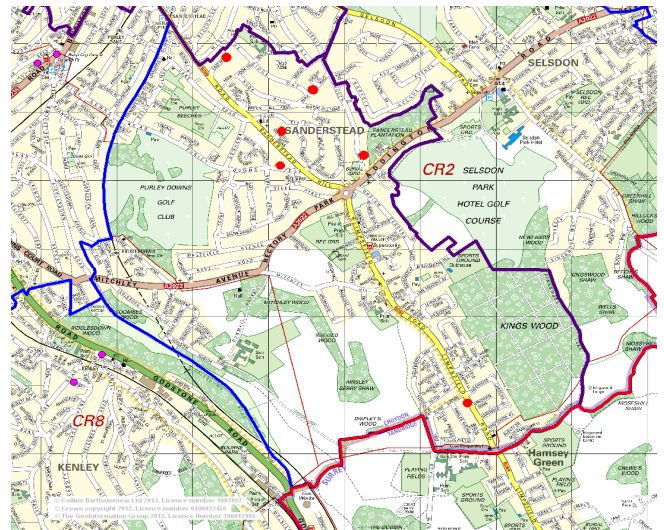
I am happy to report that we had zero 'theft from M/V' for the last 8 weeks. Even though we had no 'theft from M/V' you still need to remain vigilante and not become complacent.

We received a report of youths in the Hamsey Green area trying door handles. Police responded to the call and searched the area for these youths with no trace. Fortunately no vehicles were broken into or stolen. Youths were described as 3 white males and 1 black male, aged 15/16 years old.

ASB near shops and schools

We have been working with your Croydon Council Neighbourhood safety officer. Conducting ASB patrols across Sanderstead. Patrols were carried out at Wetheren Tree Gardens. Several youths had congregated at the location. Youths were removed from the gardens and out of the area.

We have also received a report of 'Arson' at the pavilion in Sanderstead Recreation Ground. Further inquiries will be made into the damage and more patrols will be carried out. If you see anyone suspicious please call the team or 999 or 101.



OTHER NEWS

Mobile Phones

Using a handheld mobile phone while driving is illegal. It has been since 2003. From 1st March 2017, the penalties for holding and using your phone while driving increased. **It's now 6 points and £200.**

Young drivers also need to be aware that if you get just 6 points in the first two years after passing your test, you will lose your license.

You are four times more likely to be in a crash if you use your phone, so put your phone away before driving so you won't be tempted to use it. Make the glove compartment the phone compartment.



Twitter

Sanderstead Safer neighbourhood team has a new Twitter page. Follow us on [@MPSSanderstead](#)

MEETINGS

The next 'Drop-In Surgery' will be held at Sanderstead Library, Farm Fields, South Croydon CR2 0HL on Saturday 13th May at 11.30am.

The next 'Ward Panel Public Meeting' will be held at Riddlesdown Collegiate, Honister Heights, Purley CR8 1EX on Thursday 15th June at 6.30pm

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