

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, which also includes parts of Selsdon and Hamsey Green.

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.



CONTACT POINT

Contact points are face to face sessions that members of the public can attend and discuss any concerns you may have.

Please see dates, times and locations.

Priscilla's Tea Room

Limpsfield Road

Wednesday 22nd March at 10.30am

Ward Panel Meeting

All Saints Church, Onslow Gardens

Thursday 16th March 2023 at 6.30pm

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Business Burglary

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-business-safe-from-crime/keep-burglars-out-business/>

Motor Vehicle Crime

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/vehicle-safe-and-sound/>

Catalytic converter theft

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/catalytic-converter-theft/>

Report a crime online

<https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

CONTACT DETAILS

Telephone - 0208 721 2470 (goes through to a mobile)

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PRIORITIES

Motor Vehicle Crime

In February, **4 Theft from Motor Vehicles** and **2 Theft of Motor Vehicles** took place.

We continue to see keyless car thefts. All the vehicle stolen were recovered and returned to their owners. This was due to tracking devices. These thieves target vehicles and take them to nearby location and leave it for a period time. The vehicles have been tracked and recovered with little to no damage. Look to add a tracking device to your vehicle particular for high valued vehicles such as Land Rovers. Speak to your manufactures. You can buy tracking devices such as air tags which is a cheaper alternative, but remember to keep it out of sight.

A ghost immobiliser/system is also another idea. These apparently can protect your vehicle from key cloning/hacking through using a unique code. By uses the buttons in your vehicle such as those on the steering wheel, door panels or centre console, to allow you to make a unique, changeable, disarm sequence (like a PIN code). This must first be entered before you can drive your car. By doing this unless the suspect knows the code/sequence, the vehicle will not start.

Burglary

In February, **2 Residential** and **1 Business & Community** Burglaries took place.

Over the last couple of months we have seen reports of suspect are accessing the garden and using ladders or other items/objects to climb and access the 1st floor and search the bedrooms only. We had a meeting with officers from Surrey Police who indicate they also seeing similar problem.

We are asking residents to look at the weak points of their homes and to upgrade their security. Don't leave anything that could be used to access your home. Suspects have taken property such as jewellery and money. All of these items are generally kept in the bedroom, so look to store your valuables somewhere else which is secure and out of sight.

We aim to visit all burglary victims to ensure we record and use information for intelligence purposes to prevent further offences. We will continue to liaise with our intelligence team and surrounding local police teams to combat these burglaries and conduct further patrols in uniform and in plain clothes.

Youth Engagement

We continue to engage with youths as often as we can, so the youth community gets to know their local police team. We patrol routes to and from schools, including surrounding areas. School patrols are conducted around the school area and places where students congregate to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour and help keep students safe on their way home from school.

OTHER NEWS

Cannabis Factory

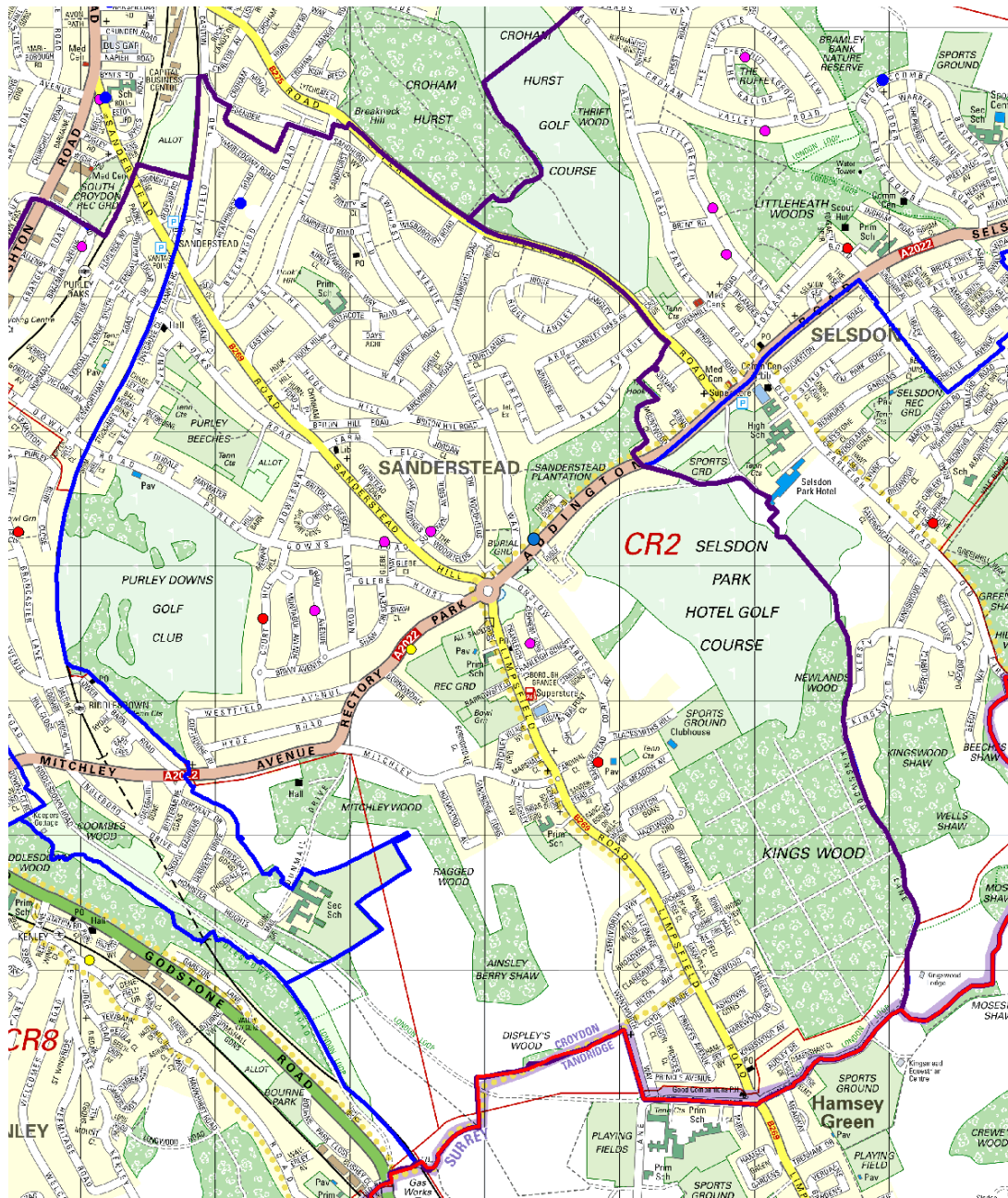
This month police were contacted by a neighbour in Wentworth Way regarding his a smell of cannabis. Coming from an address Police attend and found the whole house was converted into cannabis factory in total 6 rooms, it has been linked to several other cannabis factories found within the last 1-2 years. Neighbours have seen a black vehicle arriving weekly at the address with males carrying black bin bags to and from. If anyone has any further information regarding please contact the team.

How to spot a cannabis factory? What to look out for:

1. Strong, sickly smells
2. Windows are constantly covered
3. High levels of condensation
4. Lots of visitors at unsociable hours
5. Rocketing electricity bills
6. Bright lights day and night
7. Excessive Security
8. When it snows, the snow melts on the roof.
9. Constant buzz of ventilation

If you would like to receive the monthly update and get the latest statistics and information in Sanderstead, please email the team and ask to be on our mailing

Monthly Crime Map



		TOTAL
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	●	3
BURGLARY - BUSINESS & COMMUNITY	●	1
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	●	4
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	●	2

You can find more statistics online via the links below:

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/metropolitan-police-service/sanderstead/?tab=Statistics>

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/data-and-statistics/crime-dashboard>

Motor Vehicle Crimes

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What was taken
Theft of MV	06/02/2023 06:00:00	06/02/2023 23:30:00	ADDINGTON ROAD	Victim reported her motorcycle stolen but was recovered after finding it via air tag.
Theft from MV	10/02/2023 08:00:00	10/02/2023 17:00:00	BLLENHEIM GARDENS	Rear and front number plates were stolen
Theft from MV	24/02/2023 22:05:00	25/02/2023 05:05:00	THE WINDINGS	Victims catalytic converter stolen from her Honda CR-V which was parked outside of her property.
Theft of MV	26/02/2023 12:40:00	26/02/2023 12:50:00	HEATHHURST ROAD	Victim reported his Volvo XC60 stolen from the driveway. CCTV showed a male wearing a baseball cap and black jacket. Believed to be a keyless theft. Tracker in the vehicle was removed by the suspect(s), but vehicle was recovered after showing last location on tracking system. Unfortunately the suspects had already left scene.
Theft from MV	24/02/2023 10:00:00	24/02/2023 19:00:00	PURLEY DOWNS ROAD	Victims catalytic converter stolen from her BMW which was parked on the drive
Theft from MV	01/03/2023 22:30:00	01/03/2023 22:34:00	BRIAN AVENUE	Victims catalytic converter stolen from a Toyota PRIUS. Three suspects was seen removing the converter with a angle grinder. Suspects went in the direction of Court Hill. Believe the males left in a silver VW Golf.

Burglary

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What happened
Burglary Residential	09/02/2023 16:00:00	10/02/2023 12:00:00	SANDERSTEAD COURT AVENUE	Victims garage has been broken into and his Vespa scooter motorcycle stolen from inside the garage. The garage is an electric operated door whereby it appears the bottom has been forced off and the slats pulls out in order to gain access to the garage
Burglary Residential	15/02/2023 10:00:00	17/02/2023 14:49:00	COURT HILL	Suspects have then taken a ladder, which was in the rear garden of the venue and used this to get to the 1st floor of the venue where they proceeded to smash open the master bedroom window to gain access to the property. Rear garden backs Purley Downs golf course. It is possible that the unknown suspect/s gained access to the rear of the venue from the golf course.
Burglary Business/ Commercial	16/02/2023 16:15:00	17/02/2023 07:00:00	RECTORY PARK	Suspect has trespassed onto a building site and stolen the victims on site diesel fuel pump