

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

Saturday 8th April at 10.30am

Ward Panel Meeting

Riddlesdown Collegiate, Honister Heights
Monday 12th June 2023 at 6.30pm
(request an invite by contacting the team)

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Burglary

<https://www.met.police.uk/burglary>

Motor Vehicle Crime

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

MPS Crime dashboard—Statistics

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/metropolitan.police.service/viz/MonthlyCrimeDataNewCats/Coversheet>

Report a crime online

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

PRIORITIES

Motor Vehicle Crime

In March **9 Theft from Motor Vehicles** and **2 Theft of Motor Vehicles** took place.

We have seen a slight rise in theft from a M/V this month. Particularly number plate theft. What to do if your number plates have been stolen? The first step you should take when you discover that your number plates have been stolen, is to report it straight away to the authorities. This could be the DVLA or the police. By reporting, you are alerting the police to the fact that your plates could be used in criminal activity.

Can you drive your car if the number plates have been stolen? The short answer is no. There are no circumstances in which it is legal to drive your car (on UK roads) without a number plate on the front and rear. Realistically, there is no way to be fully safe from theft. No matter how many precautions you take. Look to park in busy, well-lit areas as it's less likely for crimes to occur. Use anti-theft screw kits which will make it harder for thieves to steal.

Burglary

In March, **3 Residential** and **0 Business & Community** Burglaries took place.

We may have only had three residential burglaries and only two of those had property taken, but when you look at the cost of what was taken, it amounts to ten of thousands of pounds. We are still seeing reports of suspects accessing homes through a second floor bedroom window.

Why are burglars going to the effort to break into second floor window? They will target the bedroom as this is where home owners will keep jewellery, cash and other small valuable items which are easy to carry. Burglars may also do this to avoid being detected by a burglary alarm as some alarms only cover the downstairs and upstairs hallway. You may wonder how would someone get in through second floor window?

- Climbing a top a fence that meets the side of the house.
- Trees next to the house can be climbed and using the branches.
- Using something sturdy as a leg. You own property/items left in the garden or in outbuilding/shed such as ladders, furniture, tables, bins etc.

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

Team Change

We recently had a change in the South Neighbourhood teams. Acting Inspector Andy Smith has taken over for the south neighbourhood teams. Here is what he had to say:

"My Name is Andy Smith and I am the Acting Inspector for the south neighbourhood teams having taken over from Cathy Thomas. I have worked for the Met since 2007 starting as a PCSO spending 6 years in Croydon across various wards, In 2013 I became a police officer where I was the ward officer for Fairfield. In 2017, I passed my promotion process to Sergeant and went off to Wandsworth but Croydon called me back and in 2020 I moved back to take over 3 wards in the north of the borough. I am very driven to improve the relationships that we as the police have with yourselves and I know that as an organisation we have a long way to go in order for us to rebuild the trust which has been severely damaged over the past few years, I hope you will continue to work with us as we move forwards".

Cannabis Factory

Police responded to a call to a burglary call at an address in Beechwood Road. Police arrived at an address, but officers soon established that the venue was in fact a cannabis factory. The victim/occupier was therefore arrested for cultivation of cannabis. There are believed to be over 300 cannabis plants at the venue. Investigation is still on-going.

CONTACT DETAILS

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

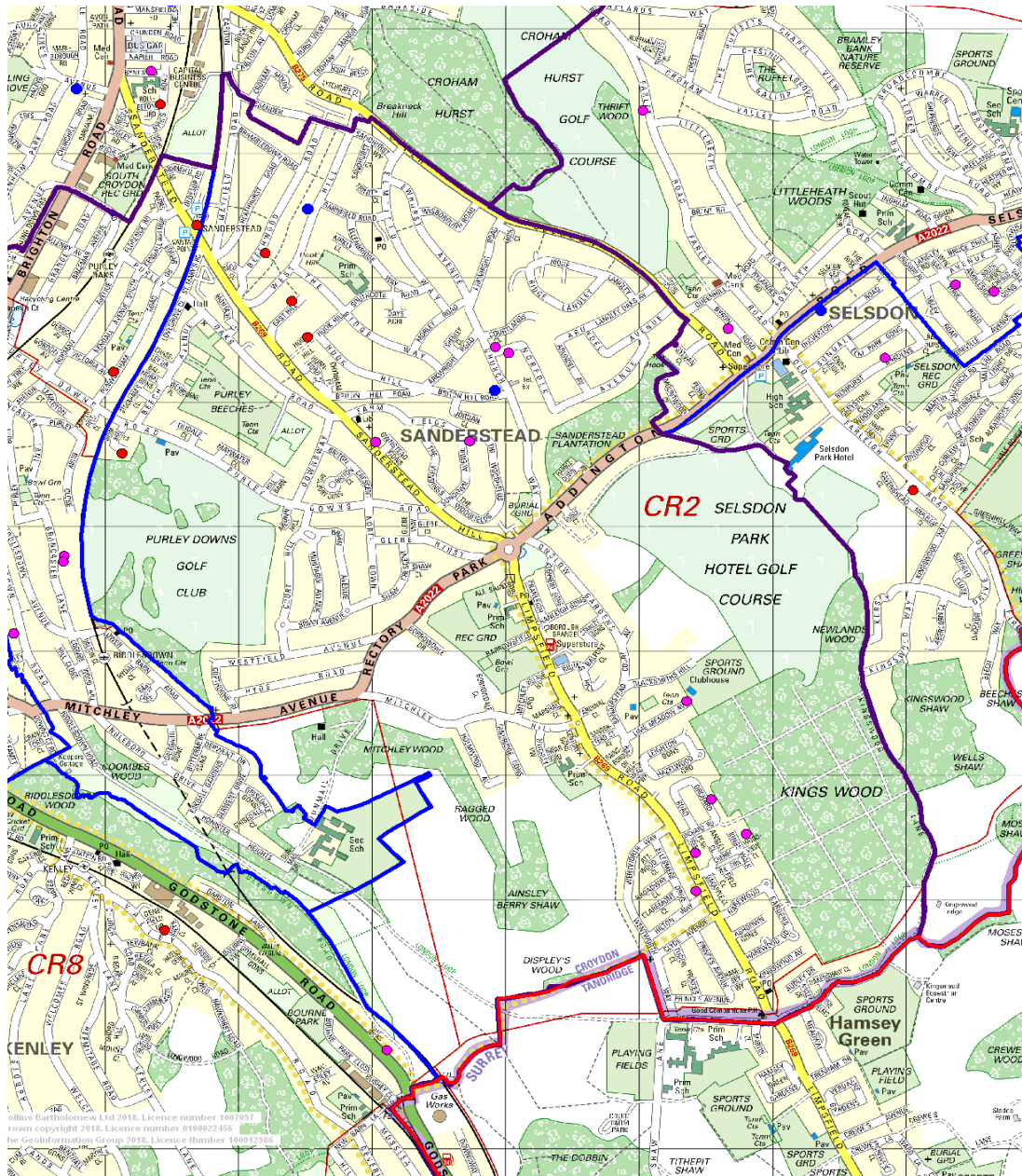
Email - SNMailbox.SandersteadSNT@met.police.uk

You can now follow us on [NextDoor.co.uk](https://www.nextdoor.co.uk)

Twitter @MPSSanderstead

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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	●	0
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	●	9
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	●	2

You can find more statistics online via the links below:

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/metropolitan.police.service/viz/MonthlyCrimeDataNewCats/Coversheet>

Motor Vehicle Crimes

Theft from a motor vehicle

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What was taken
Theft from a MV	08/03/2023 00:05:00	09/03/2023 04:00:00	LIMPSFIELD ROAD	Rear and front number plates were stolen
Theft from a MV	09/03/2023 12:00:00	09/03/2023 13:00:00	NORFOLK AVENUE	Suspect has drilled hole in vehicle rear door and stolen tools from the vehicle
Theft from a MV	09/03/2023 12:15:00		LIME MEADOW AVENUE	Rear and front number plates were stolen
Theft from a MV	10/03/2023 13:15:00	10/03/2023 13:15:00	CHURCH WAY	Whilst the victim was working inside on the property, victim left a rucksack inside the vehicle and it was taken. The vehicle was unlocked
Theft from a MV	12/03/2023 10:00:00	13/03/2023 06:00:00	ORCHARD ROAD	Suspects have smashed the window to the victims vehicle and stolen a wallet containing cash
Theft from a MV	13/03/2023 10:30:00	13/03/2023 17:45:00	SANDERSTEAD HILL	Rear and front number plates were stolen.
Theft from a MV	13/03/2023 21:00:00	14/03/2023 07:00:00	PEARTREE CLOSE	Rear and front number plates were stolen.
Theft from a MV	19/03/2023 00:01:00	19/03/2023 08:20:00	ORCHARD ROAD	Suspects have smashed the window to the victims vehicle and stolen a present containing shoes.
Theft from a MV	27/03/2023 20:25:00	27/03/2023 20:25:00	THE WOODFIELDS	Four suspects stole the catalytic converter from victim Honda. The suspects made off in a small Silver Hatchback. The suspects could only be described as male all with wearing balaclavas and baseball caps.

Theft of a motor vehicle

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What was taken
Theft of a MV	14/03/2023 03:00:00	14/03/2023 03:02:00	WEST HILL	Suspect have stolen the victim motorcycle. Suspects have cut through lock and stolen motorcycle. Time frame is a two day period. The victim was unaware as the tracker didn't notify him. Tracker was substandard. Suspected removed the tracker during this time period.
Theft of a MV	29/03/2023 19:29:00	30/03/2023 07:30:00	O/S 49,BRITON HILL ROAD	Victims Mercedes was stolen from the driveway overnight. Believed to be a keyless theft as the victim still has the keys.

Burglary

CrimeType	Committed on/off DateTime	Committed to DateTime	Road Name	What happened
Attempted Burglary Residential	10/03/2023 09:00:00	10/03/2023 12:00:00	EAST HILL	Victim contacted police stating their living room window had been forced open from the hinges. They confirm not entry was gained and nothing was missing.
Burglary Residential	24/03/2023 16:00:00	26/03/2023 16:30:00	WHIMBREL CLOSE	Victim returned from being away and found their front door locked with the chain on. Victim managed to get in and found their patio door was smashed at rear of property, entry gained and various items of jewellery taken, which is worth approximately £16,000
Burglary Residential	03/2023 20:16:00	25/03/2023 20:57:00	HOOK HILL	Victims returned from being away and noticed their bedroom door closed when it was left open. Suspects have accessed the property by climbing onto a small wall next to extension area of the house, up onto the roof of the extension and stood upon the roof and into the bedroom window. Thousands of pounds worth of jewellery, watches, designer clothing and bags were taken including £2,500 in cash from a safe. Suspects have only searched the bedroom.