

December 2025

Metropolitan Police Service

Sanderstead Newsletter

Ward Priorities

Burglary

To visit every burglary on the ward. To maintain and reduce residential and non-residential burglaries across the ward.

Vehicle Crime

To visit victims of vehicle theft. To reduce motor vehicle crime - including theft of and theft from motor vehicles.

Community Engagements

To engage with members of the community ranging from youths to the elderly.



The News Round-Up...

Here's our year's summarized news bulletin for the month of December and some of the highlights that took place as we clocked off the year 2025.

As part of our police engagement and outreach endeavors, we were present along with the Mayor of Croydon Mr. Jason Perry, at the Selsdon and Forestdale community Christmas dinner where we helped with the food stalls set up and serving of meals to members of the public. The event for ourselves and the community marked a success in terms of a reassurance presence as well as an opportunity for us to share any parting crime prevention tips for the festive period

What is a Safer Neighbourhood's Teams (SNT)

Your Safer Neighbourhood's Team (SNT) is a group of Met police officers dedicated to serving your community.

The team is made up of officers based in your area (or 'ward'), supported by additional officers from the wider area. We work closely with local authorities, community leaders and residents to decide our policing priorities for the area.

This helps us to find useful, long-term solutions to local problems, while maintaining our wider focus on reducing crime across London.

Team Members

Sgt Morrow

PC Williams

PC Mulji P

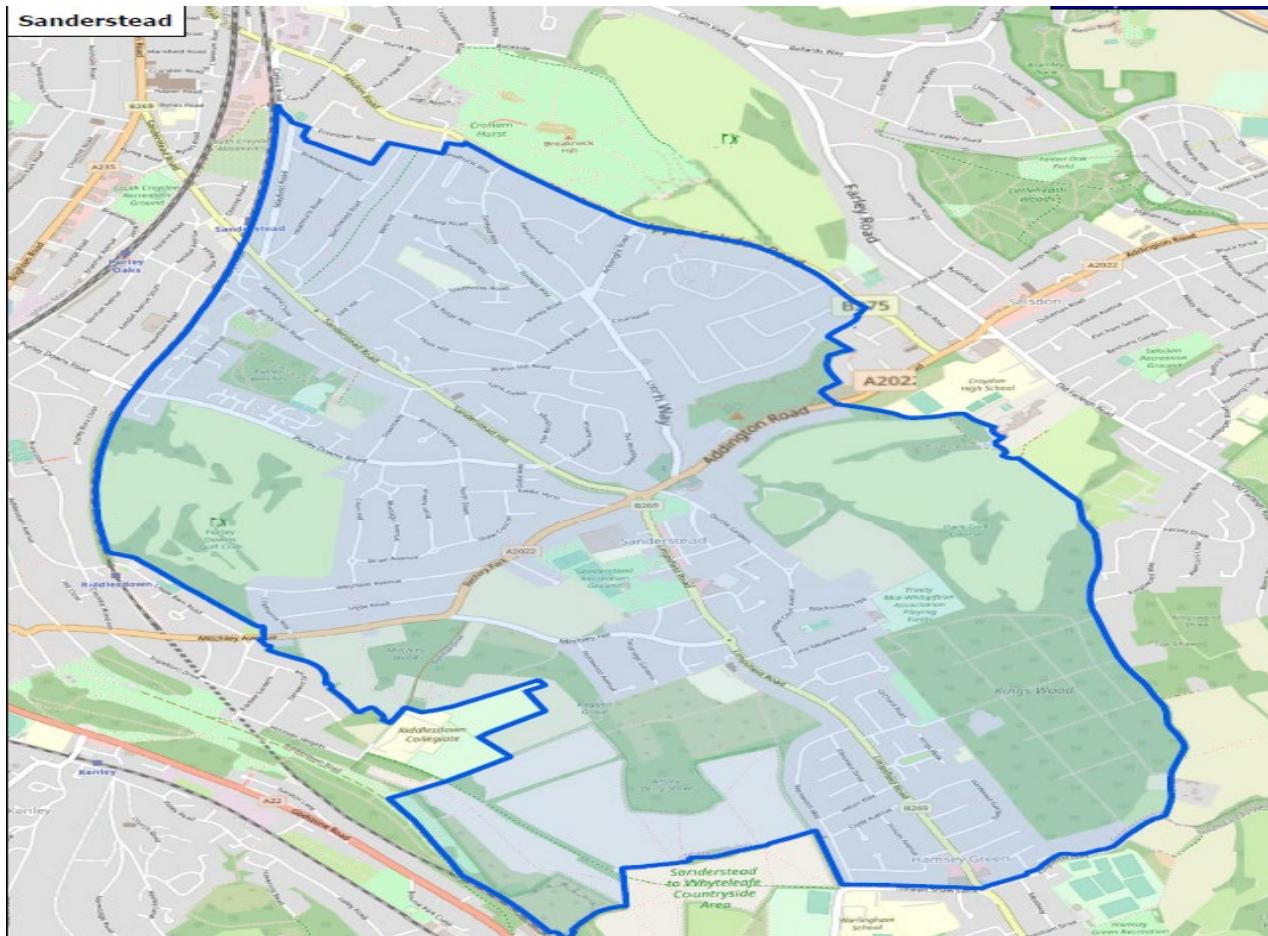


Frontline Focused?!!

Side by side with the festive engagement program above, we were also local aid posted for the Christmas lights switch on all three of our wards in Sanderstead, New Addington, Selsdon and Forestdale.

All three occasions were vibrant and ushered in the season of festivities in style unique to their own individual ward. We once again thank those residents/service providers that attended for the smooth sailing efforts showed at all three events with no reported incidents.

There has been continuity work around a proactive presence on the ward and this being the case through our burglary high visibility patrols on the ward to address recent reports as was informed by the stats for November.



Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is about people getting together with their neighbours to take action to reduce crime.

They're community initiatives owned and run by their members which are supported by the police but not owned by them, although we sometimes run them.

They work by developing a close relationship between community members and the local police.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can:

- cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- help and reassure those who live in the area
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities
- Go to www.cbnwa.com to find out what groups are active in your area and to register to join.

We organize contact points sessions, which are face to face sessions that members of the public can attend and discuss any concerns you may have with local officers

Please see dates, times and locations.

Please let us know if you plan on attending.

***Wednesday 21st January 2026- 18:30hrs-20:00hrs
All Saints Church Sanderstead (Ward Panel Meeting).***

***Friday 30th January 2026 – 13:00hrs-14:00hrs
Maple restaurant Sanderstead (Drop-in Surgery CUPPA with a COPPA).***

Theft From A Motor Vehicle 01st December – 31th December 2025.

Crime Type	Date/Time Patterns	Road	Circumstances
Theft From A Motor Vehicle	18/12/2025 at 07:00hrs	Outside Hyde Road	Informant found their car boot and their passenger door opened. Untidy search left behind, but no items taken.

Theft Of a Motor Vehicle as of 01st December – 31st December 2025

Crime Type	Date/Time Patterns	Road	Circumstances
Theft Of A Motor Vehicle	21/12/2025 at 09:28hrs	Glebe Hyrst	Victim reported her car keys stolen by unknown suspects who later returned with these and attempted to steal her vehicle that was left unattended on the drive. Suspects have then driven this towards the victim's garden and run off leaving the engine running

Residential Burglaries of 01st December – 31st December 2025.

Crime Type	Date/Time Patterns	Road	Circumstances
Residential Burglaries	08/12/2025 at 14:00hrs	Ridge Langley	Victim made a report alleging to have been burgled. Items stolen are £80 worth of cash and jewelry
Residential Burglaries	26/12/2025 at 14:00hrs	Stockhams Drive	Victim reported their house had been broken into and an untidy search left behind while the family were out
Residential Burglaries	27/12/2025 at 11:53hrs	Brian Avenue	Victim woke up to their phone pinging off with alerts from their bank. Victim later checked to find their bag missing from where it was placed in their home. Victim's bag had been stolen along with their bank cards, £5000 worth of jewelry and a further five bags valued at

			£1500
Residential Burglaries	31/12/2025 at 19:45hrs	Hazlewood Grove	Unknown person has been reported to have accessed a victim's home and stolen two rings and back door keys.

A Big Thank You....

This is a message from us to you our residents in closing off the year for always playing your part in securing and helping our policing practice(s) make Sanderstead an ever secure and safe Neighbourhood.

Most of our work has been complimented by your efforts be it intelligence led through you reporting of crime related incidents or having us involved in community engagement events around our ward.

We put this kind plea to yourselves for this to continue as we roll into the new year in 2026.

Our Extra Bits...

MET Engage, so why sign up?

The platform will allow you get timely alerts on crimes, scams and fraud in your area, safety tips and prevention advice, local officer updates on community events/or detail and lastly, you will have a platform to help you voice your concerns to help shape local policing priorities.

Met Engage supplements, but does not replace, official reporting channels i.e. contacts such as (999,101 and the police online submission form). Your data will also be kept secure and used for sending relevant trusted information.

<https://www.metengage.co.uk/>

Residential Burglary

Lastly as our takeaway point and a kind plea to all our residents, please do be that ever more vigilant and on the lookout in terms of securing your property and homes. This again, is from the observation made from our figures above on the residential burglaries which have steadily increased as we have gone into the colder months.

Going away?

Here are five tips to help you keep your home and belongings stay safe while you're away:

1. if you're off on holiday and wish to post anything on social media, make sure your posts aren't public and that they're only seen by your friends
2. leave lights and a radio on a timer to make the property appear occupied
3. get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property or join a Neighbourhood or resident Watch Scheme
4. consider asking your neighbours to close curtains after dark and to park on your drive
5. remember to cancel newspaper and milk deliveries

