

TOTAL POLICING

BURGLARY

Croydon Police are working hard to reduce burglaries on the Borough. However during the Christmas period we usually see a spike in offences and we understand we cannot prevent every offence from occurring.

Some simple steps for crime prevention:

- Do not leave presents on display or under the tree. I usually leave mine in a spare bedroom and put them under the tree on Christmas Eve.
- Be vigilant of any unsolicited callers specifically those asking to check your electricity or gas meter. They maybe scoping out your property so please challenge and ask for identification.
- Be careful if withdrawing large amounts of money and where you store it in the house. While I never carry cash I understand some people still do.
- Please check all your windows and double lock your doors when going out.
- Do not leave tools lying around the garden. We regularly see shovels and spades left outside and these can easily be used to force entry.
- Keep your valuables, jewellery and cash locked away.

If you see anything suspicious at all, please call us.

If you are a victim of burglary, below are some actions that you can take to improve our chances of catching the suspect and bring them to justice.

Remember to always report to police as soon as possible. For non-emergency reporting use 101. If it is an emergency call 999.

- Establish if objects have been moved. Have any drawers or cupboards been opened? List where these items are and try to keep them untouched for when Police attend.
- Try to find the place of entry and exit that has been used by the burglar. Try to keep this area untouched. Are there any footprints? If you find a route that you think was used, try to find another route to use so as not to disturb evidence.
- Has anything been eaten or drunk out of? Are there discarded cigarettes or tools? If so note where and let officers know when they attend.
- If you feel comfortable, make enquiries with neighbours. Did they see or hear anything? Try to get a time and any specific details to pass on to officers.

please see our website: <https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/>

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For details of local meetings, daily updates, and crime prevention follow us on Twitter **@MPSPurleyOaks**

Next Ward panel meeting date to be confirmed and will be advertised on Twitter. Or any further information regarding the ward panel meeting then



The Purley Oaks and Riddlesdown Team got into the Christmas spirit whilst engaging with the younger residents on our ward! We took part in the Riddlesdown common reindeer trail and helped make some Reindeer decorations! It was lovely to see so many people in attendance.

We would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year!