

February 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.



## **Our February News Post**

The month of February has been fairly a quiet one on our ward with a few updates from us police wise.

We are happy to report 3 arrests for PWITS (possession with intent to supply) that were recorded on the Sanderstead Rec grounds. This comes as welcomed news as we had seen a surge in drug reported incidents on the ward with these dropping significantly for the month of February.

In other crime watch updates, we had follow up visits for the registration of the DNA kits recently issued to our residents that were identified as the most affected by Burglary ASB (anti-social behavior). Although we had all positive responses to the residents opting to take these on, we still urge our residents to register these online so as we have the relevant information to help safeguard their possessions.

SNT officers were also tasked with the retrieval of another knife article on one of our sister wards in Selsdon and Forestdale. This, again a right step in our fight against knife crime and keeping the people of London safe.

## **What is a Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNT)**

Your Safer Neighbourhoods 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*

*PCSO Burwaya*

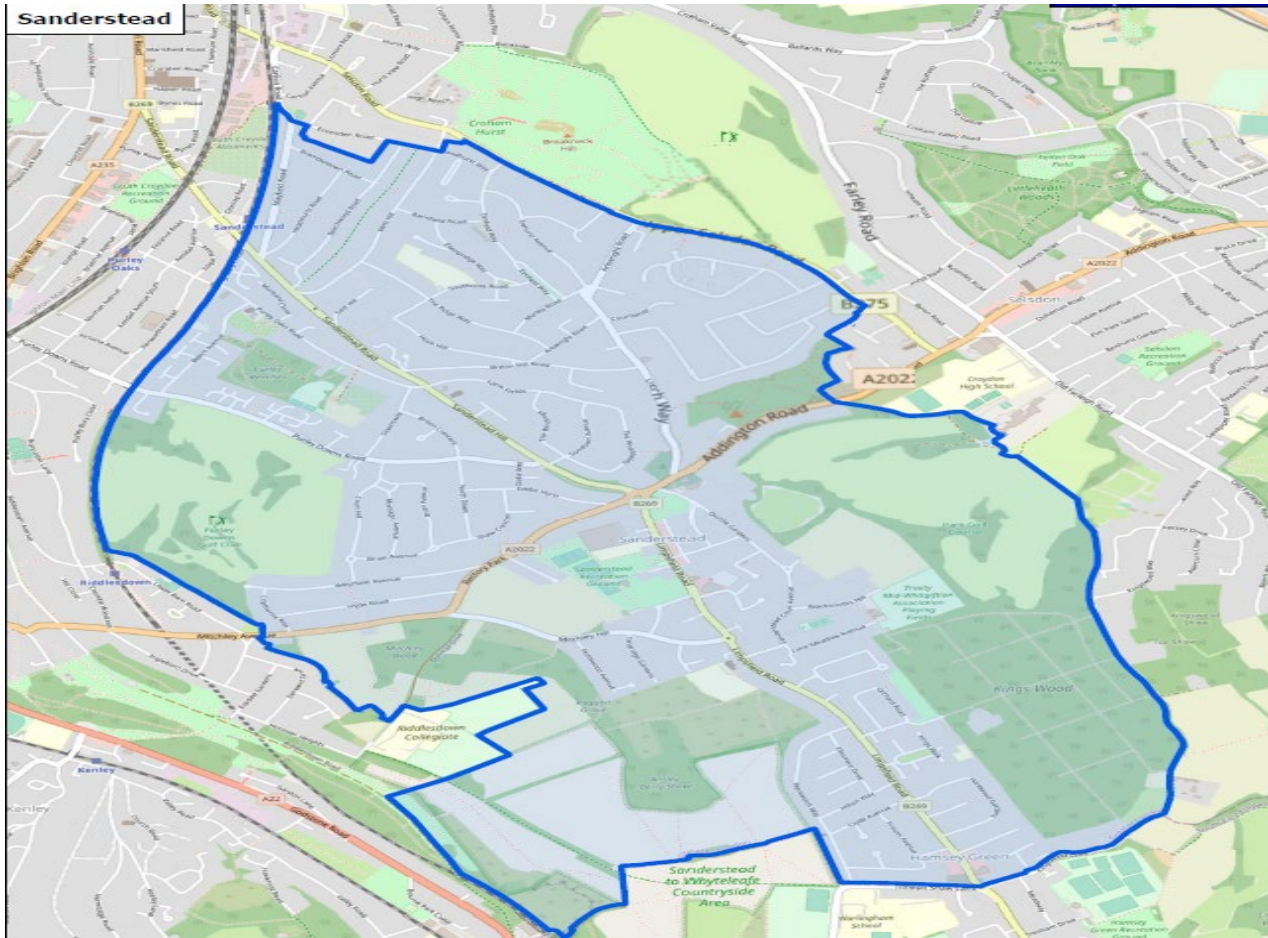


## **ARE YOU FRAUD AWARE?!!**

Our observations are that we still have a few of these being reported to us which, we continue to tackle using various platforms and channels of reaching our residents.

To report a suspected crime, or if you have fallen victim to fraud or cyber-crime, contact action fraud via its website or by calling 0300 123 2040.

In relation to the above, we would also like to invite our residents to pop into our drop in surgery (CUPPA with a COPPA) which again gives us a one to one opportunity to address any pressing issues or concerns from our residents.



## Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is about people getting together with their neighbour's 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](http://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.

**Thursday 01<sup>st</sup> May 2025—18:30hrs –20:30hrs**  
**Ward Panel Meeting**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025—15:00hrs -16:00hrs**  
**,Cuppa With a Coppa –(Costa coffee 25 Limpsfield Road)**

### Ward Panel Meeting

**Riddlesdown School**  
**Honister Heights**

**South Croydon**

**CR8 1EX**

**Theft From a Motor Vehicle 01<sup>st</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

<b>Crime Type</b>	<b>Date/Time Patterns</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Circumstances</b>
<b>Theft from a Motor Vehicle</b>	18/02/25 at 11:52	<b>Beech Avenue, South Croydon</b>	Suspects gained access to the victim's vehicle via side door by way of drilling a hole. Victim's working tools were stolen.
<b>Theft From a Motor Vehicle</b>	25/02/25 at 12:06	<b>Beech avenue, South Croydon</b>	Informant reported someone stealing number plates off vehicle from the front and back of a Nissan Pulsar.
<b>Theft From a Motor Vehicle</b>	25/02/25 at 19:47	<b>Beech Avenue, South Croydon</b>	Informant called regarding a note left on their vehicle and also says their number plates have been stolen.
<b>Theft From a Motor Vehicle</b>	28/02/25 at 11:31	<b>Purley Oaks Road, South Croydon</b>	Informant called to report their number plates stolen from their vehicle.

**Residential Burglary 01<sup>st</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

<b>Crime Type</b>	<b>Date/Time Patterns</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Circumstances</b>
<b>Residential Burglary</b>	18/02/2025 at 03:56	<b>Briton Hill, South Croydon</b>	Informant believes there's a suspected break into a friend's house, couldn't see anyone in the house but reports house lights being left on.
<b>Residential Burglary</b>	22/02/2025 at 17:30	<b>Mitchley Hill, South Croydon</b>	Victim has been informed by his neighbor that there's two individuals standing in his garden

**Theft Of a Motor Vehicle 01<sup>st</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

<b>Crime Type</b>	<b>Date/time Patterns</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Circumstances</b>
<b>Theft Of a Motor Vehicle</b>	19/02/2025 at 07:26	<b>Limpsfield Road, South Croydon</b>	Informant has called in saying their van has been stolen with the keys still on his possession.
<b>Theft Of a Motor Vehicle</b>	27/02/2025 at 03:30	<b>Ridge Langley, South Croydon</b>	Victim has reported their vehicle stolen but still has the fobs for his car.



**Linked Opps:**

Local Sanderstead SNT were proactively deployed across two days of ANPR (Automated number plate recognition) car postings. These were tasked as a result of increased car theft cases as well as theft from motor vehicles in our borough of Croydon. We are happy to report that the opp yielded quite a few positive results in seizures made across various car related crime activity.

**More February Positive Outtakes:**

Sanderstead SNT along with our resident councillors had our quarterly ward panel meeting. This again was an opportunity for ourselves as well as our resident members to raise and speak on any and every policing matter declared relevant to our ward and how to better/or police safely the ward.

**YOUR LOCAL SNT CONTACTS:**

Email: [SNMailbox.SandersteadSNT@met.police.uk](mailto:SNMailbox.SandersteadSNT@met.police.uk)

Twitter: @MPSSanderstead

Facebook.com/metpoliceuk

Crime Prevention Advice:

[www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention](http://www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention)

**Our ward Bits:**

There's been ward changes to our team with Sanderstead now welcoming a new team member PC Isobel Williams. The change will also see one of our officers (PC David Waters) move teams to a sister ward in Selsdon and Addington. We would like to give a massive thank you to David and his continued contribution to policing on our Sanderstead ward.

