

A few words from the Ward Sergeant:

We have now moved to a monthly newsletter. These will be sent out at the end of the month but this one is slightly early due to my planned leave.

It has been a really busy month since the last update that I provided. We have again been facilitating several peaceful protests on Croydon Borough and have assisted other Croydon SNT's with the execution of Drug warrants and proactive operations and likewise the assistance has been reciprocated with us.

There have also been instances where we have had to support our Response Team colleagues in taking calls across the Borough. We still await some vacancies to be filled on three of the four wards as some ward officers have moved or are due to move away and undertake other roles, this is very much work in progress and I wish those officers the very best.

With Licensed Premises being allowed to reopen and will be open at the time of writing, you can rest assured that your ward officers will be on hand to support our colleague in Licensing with any identified issues on the wards.

Yours Faithfully
PS Durnell – Ward Supervisor.

Catalytic converter theft remains an issue on the Borough:

One of your ward officers is keeping a close eye on the offending pattern and we are adjusting our patrols and start times in the hope of catching the suspects in the act. Any intelligence that can be given please call 101 quoting Op Basswood.

The precious metal in catalytic converters has led to an increase in their theft.

- To protect your converter from theft, ask your vehicle dealership if they can give you any advice on locks or guards that are approved by the vehicle manufacturer.
- Alternatively, try to make sure your vehicle is parked in a garage overnight, or if you have a commercial vehicle park it in a secure compound. If this isn't possible, park in an area that is well-lit and overlooked and try to park so that the converter can't be easily reached by potential thieves. Vehicles that sit high above the road are particularly vulnerable.
- You should also register your converter and mark it with a forensic marker, which will make it harder for thieves to dispose of. Visit: securedbydesign.com for more details.

News From Your Teams:-

Coulsdon Town:

1. On 06th July your ward officers were patrol when they were aware that a vulnerable local resident had gone missing, utilising their local knowledge they accepted the call and made their way to the venue. They co-ordinated and facilitated a full search of the local area and found the subject returning him home.
2. We recently executed two simultaneous warrants, one on the ward and the other just off. It was suspected that cannabis was being grown and distributed. The warrants were incredibly successful. The ward address had over 70 plants seized as well as a sophisticated hydroponics set up. Two suspects have been arrested and are currently being dealt with by us. This investigation will now be ongoing for several months. My thanks to our sister teams and the direct entry Detectives for their assistance in effecting entries, arrest and searching.



Kenley:

1. We are aware of several reports of drug dealing on the ward that are currently being investigated and patrols undertaken to deter and disrupt offenders. We are working towards a warrant for one address and are working closely with our Local Intelligence Team to progress this and one further unrelated premises that is suspected of being a cannabis factory. Will we be knocking on your door!

Old Coulsdon:

1. At the start of the month, your ward officers executed a Drugs Warrant at an address of concern on the ward. We were assisted by our sister ward officers from New Addington, Met Police Specials and direct entry Detective Constables from Croydon CID to further their skills. The result was a positive one with cannabis recovered and the subject of the warrant dealt with for this and a court date arranged. Please see pictures below:-



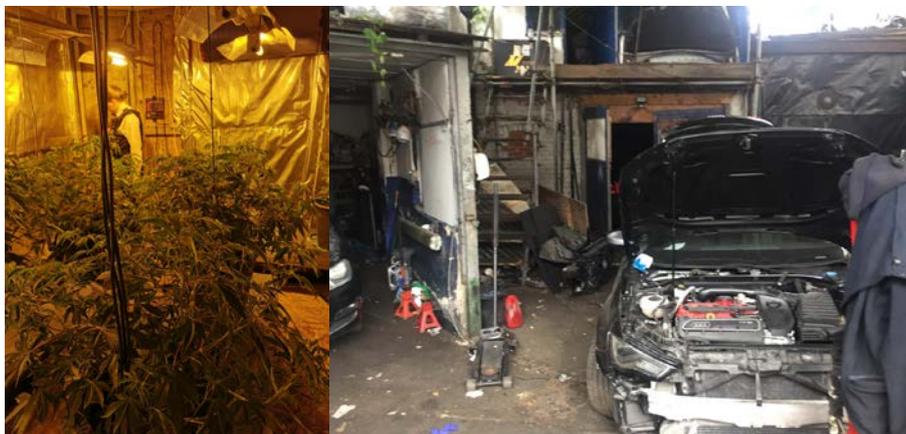
2. We have also been working with our Local Intelligence Team and have passed intelligence to Surrey Police regarding a recent unauthorized music event that was arranged in Happy Valley at the start of the month. We have stepped up patrols in the area and ensured that appropriate resources are allocated and tasked.

Purley & Woodcote:

1. Both of your ward officers have assisted Croydon Council and L&Q Housing with a potential closure notice and have attended Croydon Magistrates Court on two occasions to have the case heard. The matter is ongoing at the time of writing after being adjourned at the first hearing and the closure notice awaits serving. This will close down and secure the address against entry even by the tenant for the next 3 months. This was the culmination of a long running investigation regarding ASB that was generated from the address. Safeguarding measures will be put in place to ensure that the subject is rehoused elsewhere with appropriate support.

Pan Ward News:

1. The teams whilst on mobile patrol had on cause on one day to deal with two stolen vehicles, the first pictured here was successfully recovered and returned to its lawful owner and the second was because of a direct stop when the vehicle was sighted being driven. After extensive enquiries this second vehicle turned out to be a over hire and advice was given to both parties as a civil dispute.
2. We have assisted another ward with a large scale warrant at what was found to be a chop shop whereby stolen vehicles were being broken down and having their identities changed. During the search Class A drugs were discovered hidden in a car and a well hidden and organised cannabis factory had been set up. We also facilitated vehicle examiner specialists in identifying several stolen cars and engines. This matter is ongoing and being investigated by Norbury SNT and is an excellent example of inter-SNT working and problem solving. That often goes on between teams who are more than happy to assist one another.



3. Good news! Its not just about crime, we also recovered and returned a lost dog to it owner.

If you wish to see what crime has been recorded on your ward please follow these links:-

Coulsdon Town

<https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/croydon/coulsdon-town/>

Old Coulsdon

<https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/croydon/old-coulsdon/>

Kenley

<https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/croydon/kenley/>

Purley and Woodcote

<https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/croydon/purley-and-woodcote/>

Contact And Follow The Teams

In an emergency allways dial 999.

To contact the police or report an incident when it is not an emergency dial 101 or visit met.police.uk

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Purley & Woodcote

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The teams also use the social network for your neighbourhood at www.nextdoor.co.uk.