



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 Riddlesdown 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.

PROMISES

Burglary - Over the last 4 weeks Sanderstead had a total of 7 **Residential** and 1 **Business & Community** Burglaries.

All of the residential burglaries have been accessed through the rear of the property. If you have a side access route to the back of your garden, make it as difficult as possible to access. Burglars like to gain access through the back door/window of the property as they are unlikely to be seen. Burglars like to be in and out of the property as quickly as possible so they tend to target small valuable. From looking at the recent reports 5 out of the 7 residential burglaries happened after Christmas and all had jewellery/gold taken. Some also had money, watches or computer hardware taken. All of the residential burglaries took place mid-week during the daytime. Burglars know that jewellery is generally kept in the bedroom, so try to keep your valuable items somewhere else. Make it as difficult as possible for these thieves' to enter your home and do not leave items on show.

There was also one attempted burglary, again accessed through the rear of the property, but the suspect used a ladder which belonged to the victim. So do not leave any equipment/items that burglars use. The victim was at home during the offence, but fortunately the victim's dog chased the suspect away.

Motor Vehicle Crime - Over the last 4 weeks Sanderstead had a total of 9 'Theft of / from motor vehicle'.

During December the 'Theft from M/V' offences committed had various items/valuables taken from the vehicles such as cash, tools, a sat-nav and even a service book was taken. Most people leave a small amount of money within the vehicle and this may not seem like a lot to the owner, but to the suspect this was worth taking the risk. This can lead to opportunist thieves causing significant damage to the vehicle. Remember do not leave anything on show and remove all valuables from your vehicle when unattended.

The 'Theft of M/V' offences committed were ford transit vans with power tools/equipment left inside the vehicle. As difficult as it is for people, removing your tools is the best way to protect the expensive equipment.

Youth Engagement - Sanderstead officers attended Riddlesdown Collegiate. We prepared and presented a talk on Cyber Bullying and General safety to 300 students. The event gave us the opportunity to interact and educate the students. We were delighted to engage with so many young people. It gives them a chance to ask us any questions they have and meet face to face with their local police team. If you are aware of any other events you would like us to attend, please get in touch with the team.



OTHER NEWS

Drug Stops - The team continues to work hard to reduce all forms of Anti-Social Behaviour on the ward. The team regularly patrols areas such as Sanderstead Recreation Ground, Wetheren Tree Gardens and Hamsey Green. During our routine ASB patrols, the team stopped and searched two youths along Beech Avenue. As a result of the searches the team found a quantity of cannabis in the youth's possession. Consequently the youths were given a cannabis warning and their details recorded onto our database.

Care home visits - The team has recently visited a couple of care homes and spoke to the elderly residents about fraud / scams offences being committed in Sanderstead and throughout the U.K. The visits were very well received and more visits are booked in this year.

Arrests - The team researched into two individuals on the ward who were wanted for 'Harassment' and 'Threats to cause criminal damage' offences. Our team along with our sister team Selsdon & Ballards SNT conducted arrests enquiries on two addresses in December. Both males were arrested on the day of the enquiries.

Christmas Events - The team were invited to a number of events over the Christmas period. We attended events such as the Sanderstead Christmas lights & St.Mary's Christmas festival. It was great to see so many Sanderstead residents enjoying themselves. These types of events give people the chance to interact with us and meet their local police team.

MEETINGS

The next 'Street Briefing' will be held at Honister Heights, Purley, CR8 1EU on Saturday 13th January at 2.00pm

The next 'Ward Panel Public Meeting' will be held at Riddlesdown Collegiate, Honister Heights, Purley CR8 1EX, on Wednesday 24th January at 6.30pm

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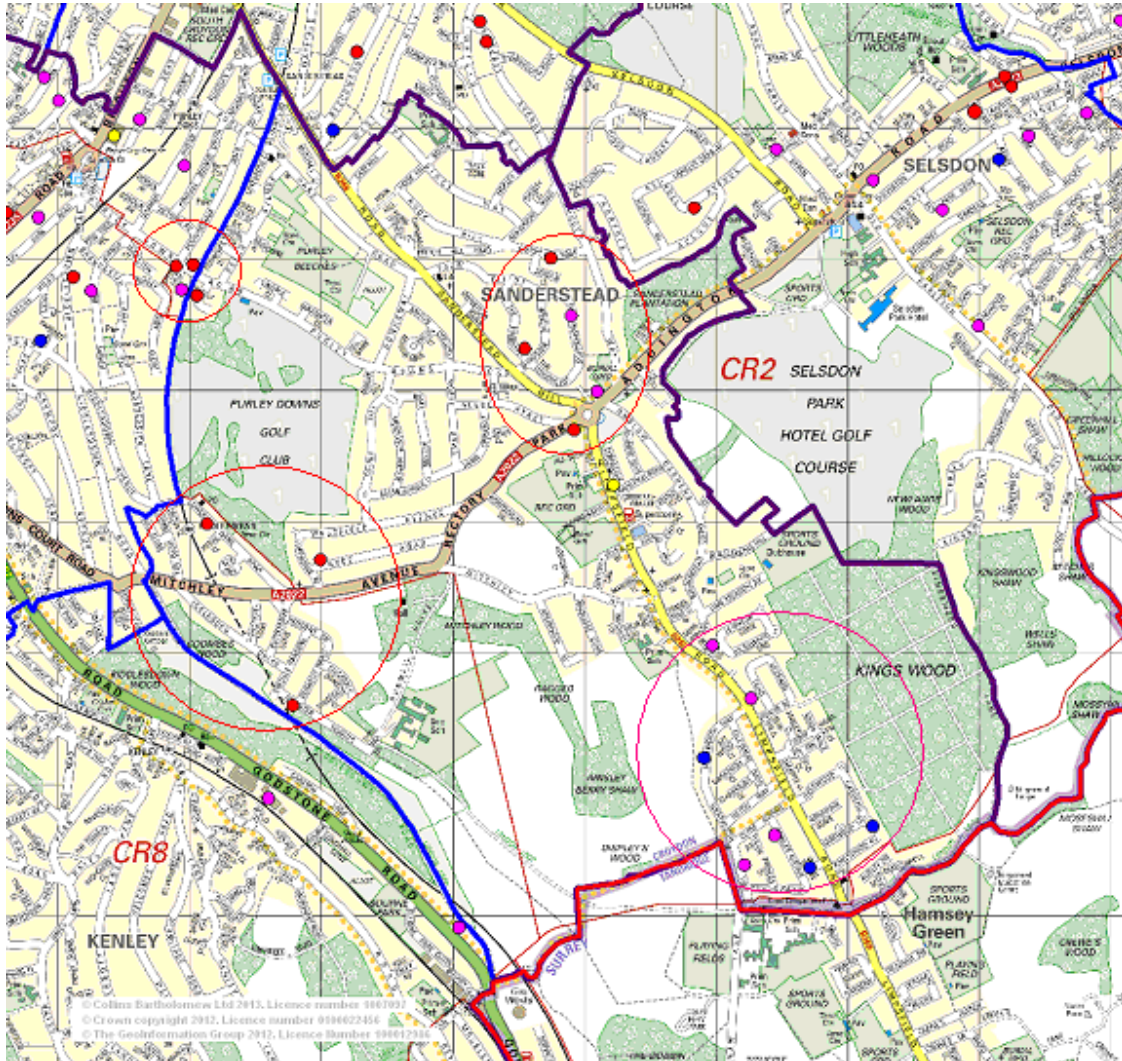
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FOUR WEEK CRIME MAP



		TOTAL
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	●	7
BURGLARY - BUSINESS & COMMUNITY	●	1
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	●	6
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	●	3

Please view November's interactive crime map for Sanderstead on:
<https://www.police.uk/metropolitan/E05000160/crime/anti-social-behaviour/>

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