

### 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 0 **Business & Community** Burglaries.

This month we have had a wide range of burglaries from the typical rear access, bedroom window access and garage / shed burglaries. The times of the offences are also varied from daytime, overnight and to victims being away on holiday. It is likely that the burglaries are opportunistic. It really doesn't take much to deter these thieves, just smart thinking. Burglars often look for homes with windows or doors left open or with vulnerable features that they can exploit. Burglars are aware of the times when someone is expected to be away from their house such as during the school run or holidays.

Burglars typically do not want to be seen or heard and if they feel that they would be noticed by a neighbour or passerby then they are more likely to feel exposed and may move on to find somewhere else to burgle.

Burglars often choose a home because they've spotted a specific vehicle, motorcycle or bicycle they want to steal – and the keys are more than likely to be inside the residence. Sheds and garages are often vulnerable as they are not that secure and contain tools which the burglar can use to assist them to gain entry to a home.

We have had reports of vans acting suspiciously on the ward. We are asking for residents, if they see anything suspicious to please contact to the team with any registration numbers, description of the vehicles and any occupants.

**Motor Vehicle Crime** - Over the last 4 weeks Sanderstead had a total of 7 'Theft of / from motor vehicle'.

In January the 'Theft from M/V' offences committed had various items/valuables taken from the vehicles such as power tools, a purse containing credit cards, a phone, a jacket and even some trainers. Leaving items and valuables on show can lead to opportunist thieves causing significant damage to the vehicle. Remember do not leave anything within your vehicles and remove all valuables from your vehicle when unattended. All of the vehicle crime has been committed overnight from 9pm to 9am.

Transit vans have been targeted more than any other vehicle this month. If you have a transit van or know anyone with one. Please remove your tools and secure your vehicle when left unattended.

**Youth Engagement** - We continue to engage with youths as often as we can, so the youth community gets to know who their local police team. We patrol routes to and from schools, including surrounding areas. School patrols are conducted around the school area and places where students congregate to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour and help keep students safe on their way home from school. Regular contact is made with the school by the individual officers who are the main point of contact between the schools.



### 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 that have had ASB/drug related issues in the past. During our routine ASB patrols, the team stopped and searched a group of youths in Honister Heights. 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.

**Ward Panel** - The latest 'Ward Panel Meeting' was conducted on Wednesday 24th January. At the meeting the Ward Promises were heavily discussed along with crime figures and trends. It was agreed that the 'Promises' would stay the same.

**Further Meetings** - We are holding a number of 'Cuppa with a Copper' meetings this month:

Saturday 10th February at 1pm in Waitrose café  
Thursday 15th February at 5pm in Waitrose café  
Monday 26th February at 2pm in Priscilla's Tea Room

These meetings are face to face sessions that members of the public can attend and discuss any concerns they may have.

### MEETINGS

The next 'Street Briefing' will be held on Onslow Gardens, South Croydon, CR2 9AB on Saturday 17th February at 2.00pm.

The next 'Ward Panel Public Meeting' will be held at Riddlesdown Collegiate, Honister Heights, Purley CR8 1EX on Thursday 26th April at 6.30pm

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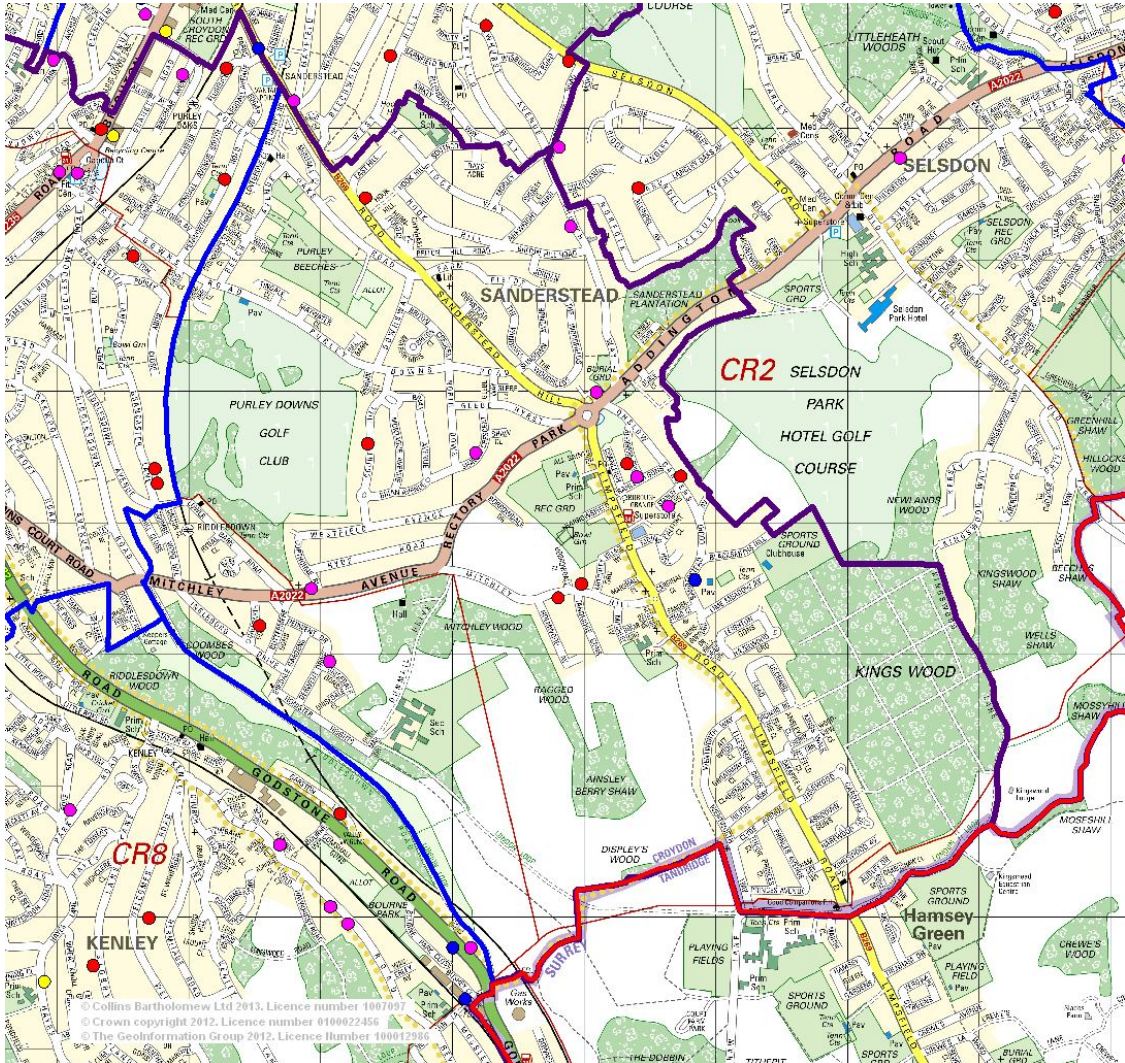
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## FOUR WEEK CRIME MAP



		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL</b>	●	<b>7</b>
<b>BURGLARY - BUSINESS &amp; COMMUNITY</b>	●	<b>0</b>
<b>THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE</b>	●	<b>7</b>
<b>THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE</b>	●	<b>1</b>

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