

I hope everyone is staying safe, well and positive in what is now week 5 of the official lockdown. Whilst crime remains lower than 'normal', we know of a residential burglary in Kenley where food was stolen from a garage as well as a break in in Sanderstead where a man appeared in a couple's home claiming to need somewhere 'quiet'. The nature of both crimes is sadly, likely linked to desperation in the current circumstances. There are also reports of shed break-ins and an increase in speeding in residential roads.

Police Update

Please see the following important updates from your local Croydon police team (as posted on Nextdoor).

21 April: Vehicle theft – PC Karl Eccott

There has been an increase in the number of vehicle thefts in the area. This is typically happening where delivery drivers are leaving their vans, cars, mopeds etc. unattended while they make a delivery. Please do not leave your vehicle unlocked Please do not leave the engine running. Please be vigilant of the people around you whilst making deliveries.

21 April: Speeding – PC Karl Eccott

We are aware of a rise in concerns that some road users at this time are not conforming to the speed limits in some areas. Please help us direct our response to this by commenting below (via the post on Nextdoor) with the road name and a rough time frame of when you feel the peaks in speeding are. We will then look to assign officers to attend these areas to organise a response to this issue and residents' concerns. Thank you in advance for your assistance

21 April: Flying Drones – PCSO Janice – Kenley SNT

We have had a few reports of people flying drones low over homes and gardens in Kenley. Please be mindful of law and legislation when flying a drone which can be found on www.caa.co.uk

20 April: SNT Update – Sergeant Jon Whitehead

The last few weeks have been a challenging time for us all, so I'd like to thank you all for your co-operation in adhering to the Government's COVID-19 guidelines and staying home in order to help the NHS and save lives. My four Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been busy over the last two weeks. My Officers have been out on their wards engaging and explaining the emergency Coronavirus Legislation to people, and as a result I am pleased to say that we have only had to issue a very small number of fines to those who have breached the regulations – such as someone who had travelled from South Norwood in order to enjoy a round of golf at Addington Palace Golf Club! Whilst the guidelines do allow for a short journey to take your exercise, I would just urge you to think twice about how essential your journey is before driving somewhere; and consider if you could take your daily exercise from your front door. My concern is that, by driving a short distance somewhere and parking, others may perceive it as ok to travel further and further afield in order to enjoy a run, walk or cycle. Whilst crime in general has been on the decline recently, we have still received reports around ASB and suspected drug dealing at a number of addresses. Therefore this week we have conducted 4 warrants, issued by the Court – three in New Addington and one in Shirley South. This has resulted in one male being charged with possession of both cocaine and cannabis, and another male being issued a Community Resolution for possession of cannabis. Hopefully this reassures you all that, despite the lockdown, where crime exists we will still take action in order to bring offenders to justice and to improve your quality of life.

19 April: Thefts from Hospitals – Sergeant Yohann Sunderam

During this difficult time unfortunately there have been thefts of PPE from hospitals. A word of warning and reassurance, Police do patrol hospitals regularly and speak with staff where possible. Please show respect to your local NHS as they are there to help us all.

17 April: South Areas Violent Crime Tasking Team Strike Again – PC Karl Eccott

Zero Tolerance is the message this team provide the criminals that attempt to disturb the peace of our streets. Following on from patrols across Bromley, Croydon and Sutton boroughs, in Croydon, officers were alerted to a vehicle that once seeing police, made off at speed. The Tasking Team caught up with this car and the male was asked to account for his actions. It was quickly ascertained the reason for his haste was the carrier bag full of freshly picked cannabis (pictured) and the £1000 of cash he had with him. With this evidence, permission was granted to conduct a search of the man's address. This was done and a further arrest was made of a man who felt it was ok to be in possession of a Taser when the police came to visit. The team led by Sergeant Rogers have done another fantastic days work, driving down crime and holder offenders to account



15 April: Violent Crime Tasking Team Strikes Out Again Getting Weapons Off The Streets – PC Karl Eccott

The team had a really productive shift making 4 arrests. Two males arrested after a stop and search in South Norwood for Possession of Drugs With the Intent to Supply Possession of an Offensive Weapon (axe and lock knife). A Knuckle Duster was also recovered from this incident. Following this, the team also arrested two suspects during the discovery of a Cannabis Factory during a proactive arrest enquiry. Recovered from this was a haul of Offensive Weapons - Taser Torch, CS Sprays. And the Cannabis Factory with Several kilos of Cannabis. Proactive Policing in our area, ensuring we as always keep the public's safety as our paramount point of focus, even during these trying times

Finally, please see the below message from the police with regard to reporting suspected breaches of coronavirus measures:

If you witness something or someone you believe to be contravening the government COVID 19 guidelines and you don't feel comfortable speaking to those involved i.e. neighbours etc., then as an alternative from dialling and speaking to someone on 101, you can now report this online, using the following link

<https://www.met.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/c19/tell-us-about-possible-breach-coronavirus-measures/>

Please only report if you feel there is a serious and significant breach which you think we urgently need to know, Thank you. Always dial 999 in an emergency or 101 for non-emergency enquiries.

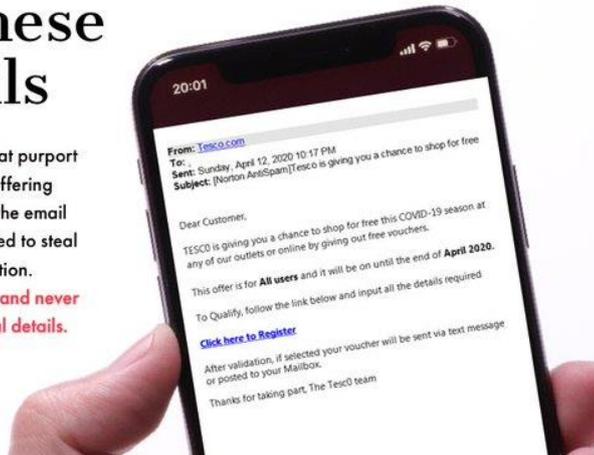
Tesco Voucher Scam

! Coronavirus Scam Warning

Watch out for these fake Tesco emails

Action Fraud has received 30 reports about fake emails that purport to be from Tesco. The email states that the supermarket is offering free vouchers during the coronavirus outbreak. The link in the email leads to a genuine-looking phishing website that is designed to steal login credentials as well as personal and financial information.

Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details.



Sextortion email scam

- Cyber criminals are sending victims their own passwords in an attempt to trick them into believing they have been filmed on their computer watching porn and demanding payment.
- There have been thousands of reports made to Action Fraud from concerned victims who have received these scary emails.
- In a new twist not seen before by Action Fraud, the emails contain the victim's own password in the subject line. Action Fraud has contacted several victims to verify this information, who have confirmed that these passwords are genuine and recent.
- The emails demand payment in Bitcoin and claim that the victim has been filmed on their computer watching porn.
- More info: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/alert/alert-cyber-criminals-send-victims-their-own-passwords-in-new-sextortion-scam>

Fake Met Police Statement

There were reports from the police that a fake statement purporting to be from the Met Police was being circulated online last week. Police were quick to confirm it was not genuine. Please see attached photo.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me on nhw@cbnwa.com or 07454 573453 if you need anything. Your next update will be in May.

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