

CROYDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

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POLICE REPORT

NEW ADDINGTON

A couple of weeks ago we worked alongside our colleagues from both the Emergency Response Team and Roads Policing to conduct an ANPR Operation on Lodge Lane. I can appreciate that these split opinion but our main aim in conducting these is to target drug use/supply, County Lines, gang violence and improve road safety. Once again the results emphasise the success of these Operations, with 5 arrests being made for numerous offences including drug driving, driving whilst disqualified and harassment offences.

SELSDON VALE & FORESTDALE

Whilst out on foot patrol on the Ward last Friday, PC De Meneses and PCSO Killian were handed a black holdall by a member of public who had found it on the street. Inside were 5 mobile phones, a set of weighing scales, hundreds of snap backs containing trace amounts of cannabis and helpfully, a passport and paperwork identifying the

owner of the bag. Needless to say we paid the owner a visit and this resulted in two arrests – one arrest of an adult male for being concerned in the supply of cannabis and an arrest of another male for obstructing a Constable in the execution of their duty (having threatened to set their dog on myself and my colleagues). The male arrested for obstruction has been charged to Court and the investigation into the supply of cannabis continues.

SELSDON & ADDINGTON VILLAGE

PC Swift has conducted a lot of work behind the scenes this month around speeding across the wards. As a result we will be hoping to run some speeding Operations in local hotspots over the coming weeks and months. Like with our ANPR Operations, our main aim is road safety and reducing road deaths on London's roads.

NORBURY PARK, CRYSTAL PALACE AND UPPER NORWOOD, NORBURY AND POLLARDS HILL

Much of the police focus across the three



Selsdon: Speeding operations to be run in local hot spots

wards has been on Unlicensed Music Events and related antisocial behaviours. The majority of these resulted in warnings and fines, as well as community resolutions for possession of Class B drugs. We have also been targeting antisocial behaviour in our open spaces with targeted patrols in Beaulieu Heights, Norbury Park and Pollards Hill. With help from Croydon Council and local mental health specialist teams, we have also been able to provide much-needed assistance to two individuals. These were separate incidents and both required admittance to the hospital and they are now →

→ getting the treatment they need. Whether you're concerned about yourself or a loved one, the following mental health charities, organisations and support groups can offer expert advice. Please visit:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/



Crystal Palace: Shoplifting focus stepped up

Shoplifting: Following a number of arrests for thefts, all three SNTs have now stepped up our focus on shoplifting. We have been liaising with local shops since the middle of August and will be providing crime prevention advice to our local business community. In the meantime, we will continue to deploy a mixture of high visibility and plain-clothed patrols, especially around the Crystal Palace Triangle.

BROAD GREEN

Broad Green SNT wishes to thank everyone who gave us information or stopped and spoke to us about two properties in Kidderminster Road. Without your help, we would not have been able to obtain the warrants needed nor been able to witness Sgt Green in action with the big red key on both properties. Drugs were found at both premises and we now have a greater understanding of the activity.

We will be working in conjunction with Croydon Council to tackle the long term anti-social behaviour. Please be patient with us, our work on these two addresses is ongoing, so watch this space!

COULSDON TOWN

We have been working closely with Croydon Council to investigate the ASB caused by a House of Multi-Occupancy (HMO). This has been an ongoing matter handled by PC Hurst. The tenants have been successfully evicted and the premises has been secured by Croydon Council with Sitex to prevent any persons entering and retaking occupancy. Croydon Council will be leading on this and the HMO will be closed until October when the situation will be reviewed and property handed back to the Landlord. This will at least offer some respite to the residents who have suffered constant ASB and Police Calls

to the address due to the occupants that were housed there.

SANDERSTEAD

I just wanted to make you all aware of recent reports in Sanderstead of a suspicious vehicle driving around the area, being used to attempt to steal from parked cars if left unlocked.

This vehicle has been seen on the following roads between the following dates
04/09/2020 – 17/09/2020

- Onslow Gardens
- Sanderstead Court Avenue
- Farleigh road
- The Glen, Shirley



Sanderstead: suspicious vehicle



→ There have also been possible sightings in Oxted and Warlingham.

The vehicle is a White Audi (possibly A4) Estate and is believed to be on false plates. Please see photo of the Audi that I believe is the same one at each location. Possible registrations are

- GU14 EUB
- EY17 JMU

Witnesses have advised there are usually 2 males. The passenger gets out whilst the driver remains in the car. They both always wear masks so we can't get a positive description but are both believed to be IC1 males. Please keep your eyes out and report if seen. Call 101 or email

SNMailbox.SandersteadSNT@met.police.uk

OLD COULSDON

On 11 September, Old Coulsdon SNT arrested a male for Possession of an Offensive Weapon. After responding quickly to a call from members of the public, the suspect was detained on the scene. The suspect had threatened another male with a pole that resembled a Police Baton after a road rage incident. The suspect was arrested and given a Police caution after admitting the offence in interview. ◀

MALICIOUS COMMUNICATION IS A CRIME!

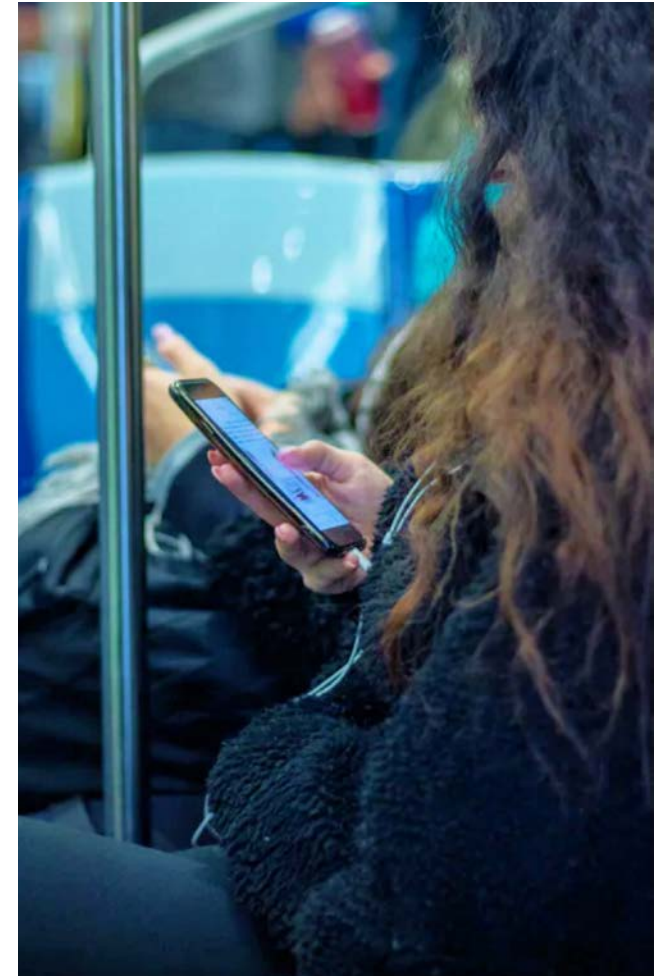
PLEASE READ THIS REPORT FROM BROAD GREEN POLICE ABOUT MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS.

On 19 September, Broad Green SNT arrested a young lady for Malicious Communications by way of text messages. To prevent this happening to your friends or family, please explain to anyone you know who uses any social networking sites, that sending any threatening, abusive or offensive messages may be committing a criminal offence.

ADVICE AND INFORMATION

If a person sends you threatening, abusive or offensive messages via Facebook, Twitter or any other social networking site, they could be committing an offence. The most relevant offences are 'harassment' and 'malicious communications'. For harassment to be committed, there must have been a clear 'course of conduct'. That is, two or more related occurrences.

The messages do not necessarily have to be violent in nature, but would need to have caused some alarm or distress. If there has only been a single communication, it's unlikely it would qualify as harassment,




but could be considered a malicious communication. For such an offence to be committed, a message must be sent to another person, or sent via a public communications network, that is indecent, →

→ grossly offensive, obscene, threatening or menacing.

HOW TO REPORT IT

You can report harassment or malicious communications online or by calling us on 101. We will be able to confirm whether an offence has been committed, based on the full facts and your individual situation. In order to assist us with our investigation, you must not respond to the message as it may encourage the sender and make the situation worse. To help the police in investigating your case, you can take some simple steps to record what you have been sent.

- Take a screen shot of and retain any letter or message, if it is later deleted then you will still have a record of what was said.
- Contact the social network directly. Depending on the circumstances and the nature of the messages, you may wish to initially make a report to Facebook/Twitter etc, as they have processes in place for such situations, and may be able to simply remove the content and/or close down the person's account.
- Please see the links in Related Information for Facebook and Twitter's Community Guidelines in relation to dealing with harassment. 

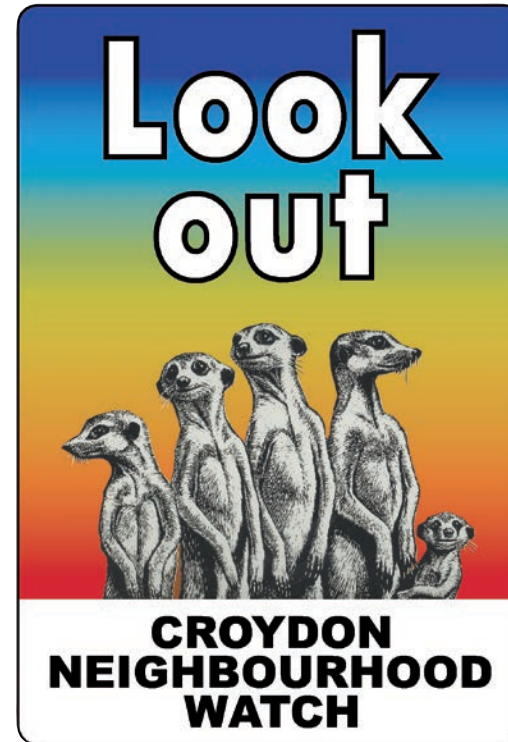
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

A SNAPSHOT OF SOME OF THE ISSUES RAISED BY OUR "EYES AND EARS ON THE GROUND", OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS REGARDING CRIMES/ SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IN THEIR LOCAL AREA. PLEASE DO CONTINUE TO SHARE INCIDENCES OF CRIME, SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR, CONCERNS OR SCAMS WITH US BY EMAILING **NHW@CBNWA.COM** IT HELPS US TO WARN OTHERS AND PREVENT SIMILAR CRIMES... THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AS ALWAYS!

WANDLE ROAD, FAIRFIELD

Suspected con-woman knocking on doors (in NW co-ordinator's own words)

"Have had a report from a neighbour in Wandle Road of a woman (white, slim, with tattoos on the left side of her neck, probably in her 30s) knocking on doors about 5.20 p.m., asking for money to get a cab to collect autistic son from school. She



claimed to live at a house in Wandle Road where I know she does not live. This scam is being reported to police."

SUNDRIDGE ROAD, ADDISCOMBE EAST

Suspicious door callers (in NW co-ordinator's own words)

"One of my neighbours tells me that last Friday there were some men working on the roof of a house nearby when the men knocked on her door

and said she had roof tiles missing and they could do the work. She said they were very pushy but she did send them away and, of course, there were no missing roof tiles. She saw them call at a couple of other houses nearby where they harassed the residents with similar stories about imaginary work needing to be done. Their van had a phone number on it which appears to be a High Wycombe number. This all seems a bit suspicious."



→ **PURLEY BURY CLOSE, PURLEY OAKS
AND RIDDLEDOWN**

Attempted phishing scam by telephone
(In resident's own words)

“Just to advise that on my home line I had a call from the number 01896 881 336 (I pressed 1471 on my phone) saying they were from Mastercard and that £600 had been transferred from my credit card account to an address abroad and if I did not authorise this, I should press 1 on my keypad, at which point I hung up. I have a mastercard but just did not believe it and the call was not, in fact, from them. Maybe others have had such calls, they are certainly a shock and I could have pressed 1 without thinking, but did not.”

RIP SERGEANT MATT RATANA



Picture courtesy of Nextdoor.com

CBNWA were shocked and saddened to hear about the tragic loss of a Croydon police officer, Sergeant Matt Ratana on Friday 25 September in the line of duty.

Our thoughts and sincere condolences go out to his family, friends and colleagues at this terribly sad time. Croydon has lost an outstanding policeman and member of its community.