

CROYDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

MARCH 2021

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

A SNAPSHOT of some of the issues raised this month 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!

A number of our co-ordinators have reported a cold call scam related to the National Crime Agency and National Insurance Numbers. Please see details below in co-ordinator’s own words.

SHIRLEY SOUTH

I have just received a call on my mobile supposedly from the National Crime Agency. This was a taped message stating they are going to suspend my National Insurance number due to criminal activity. My suspicion was roused as I don't think the NCA would contact me via a taped message. The telephone number used was a mobile number



07220 897301, again I don't think NCA would contact me using a mobile number. At this point I ended the call.

ADDISCOMBE

'Just to let you know that quite a lot of members in my area have received those spam calls saying their NI number had been used fraudulently and asking them to push 1 and then someone tried to get them to disclose personal information.'

PURLEY

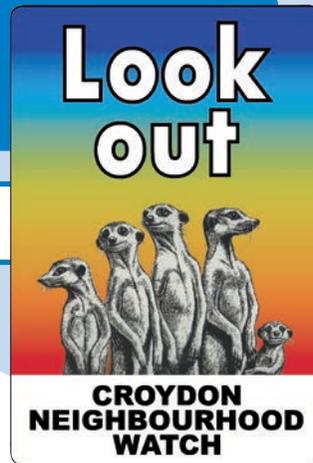
I received a phone call saying there is a fraud

related to my national insurance number. It was an automated telephone call and it said my "National Insurance number has been compromised". It asked me to press 1 to be connected to a caller and fix the problem. I hung up.

These calls are scams...do NOT press any of numbers on your phone and hang up immediately.

Once connected to the “caller”, victims are pressured into handing over personal details – which the fraudsters claim is to enable them to receive a new National Insurance number. However, giving the criminals your personal details will enable them to commit fraud using your credentials and information.

Pauline Smith, Head of Action Fraud, said: “We are asking the public to remain vigilant and be cautious of any automated calls they receive mentioning their National Insurance number becoming compromised.



→ “It’s important to remember if you’re contacted out the blue by someone asking for your personal or financial details, this could be a scam.

“Even confirming personal details, such as your email address, date of birth or mother’s maiden name, can be used by criminals to commit fraud.

“If you have any doubts about what is being asked of you, hang up the phone.

“No legitimate organisation will rush or pressure you.”

Source: www.dailyrecord.co.uk/lifestyle/money/national-insurance-number-scam-23589764
Accessed Mar 2021

SELDON AND ADDINGTON VILLAGE: AMAZON PRIME SCAM

‘Just to let you know that the Amazon Prime Renewal scam is still doing the rounds as I received two telephone calls from an automated mobile number claiming to be from Amazon Prime, saying that my Prime subscription was due to be renewed for £39.99 and instructing me to ‘press 1’ to be connected. ‘Which’ have been warning about this particular scam for sometime. I of course ended the call straightaway.’ 🟡

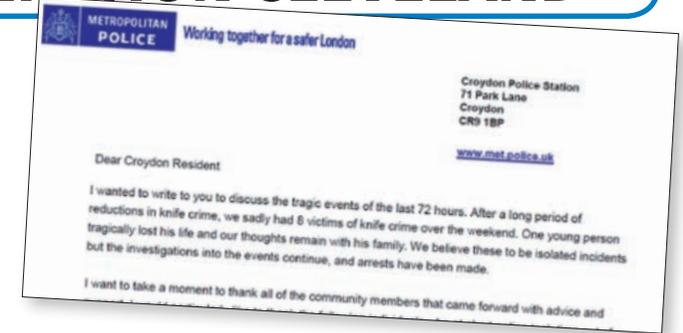
POLICE REPORT: OPERATION CLEVELAND

THE METROPOLITAN POLICE launched a new initiative named ‘Operation Cleveland’ on 8 February in a bid to tackle violent crime in Croydon after a spate of stabbings in the area on 5 Feb.

In an open letter sent out to Croydon residents and published online, Met Superintendent Andy Brittain said that the new operation, whilst planned prior to the attacks witnessed in the borough on Friday 5 Feb, would aim to tackle the violence and anti-social behaviour.

Police presence in Croydon increased after the stabbings, with several Section 60 Orders giving officers heightened powers to stop and search people in the area.

Operation Cleveland focussed on West Croydon in particular where at least one of the stabbings took place.



Operation Cleveland ran for 2 weeks. You can see the final returns below:

According to PC Russell Easterbrook who worked on the Operation and is a member of the Violence Suppression Unit, ‘the community feedback on social media and via community meetings held at the CVA has been fantastic, we have had a number of Crimint reports from the local residents and businesses as well as them, thanking officers on the street.’ 🟡

Source: Police launch ‘Operation Cleveland’ after Croydon stabbings <https://www.thisislocallondon.co.uk/news/19074408.police-launch-operation-cleveland-croydon-stabbings/> accessed March 2021

RETURNS TOTAL: 8 FEB TO 21 FEB

Arrests	87	for predominantly drugs or violence related offences.
Stop Searches	518	
Crimint Intel	40	plus residents emailing in intelligence directly.
Weapon Sweeps	352	in the West Croydon area and surrounding estates.
Weapons recovered	34	
Warrants	3	plus 21 Section 18’s following arrests
Community Resolution / Drug Warnings	36	

COMMUNITY NEWS

PALACE FOR LIFE FOUNDATION

The Palace for Life Foundation is the official charity of Crystal Palace FC which has been working with the south London community for over 25 years. They use the power of football and the Palace brand to change the lives of young people across south London, particularly the most hard-to-reach and hard-to-help. They work with over 13,000 people each year, inspiring them to find a better path and to lead a healthier life.

They are currently running a programme of free online sessions including Tuesday evening exercise classes for beginners and free Thursday afternoon football based exercise sessions for children and teenagers aged 7-16. Click the link to find out more and to book on a course! <http://www.palaceforlife.org/palace-at-home/> 



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INSTAGRAM LIVE
TUESDAY 6.30PM

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