

Dear Ward Member

Welcome to the latest edition of the South Croydon update.

We would like to give you an update about crime and policing information in the South Croydon area, which also includes parts of South End.

Local police officers together with the ward panel members for South Croydon 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.



Celebrating the King's Coronation

PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)

We have been working with council to get a PSPO in place. They are designed to give the police wider discretionary powers to deal with a nuisance or problem in a particular area that harms the local community's quality of life. Majority of the area is Croydon Town Centre, but South End including part of Selsdon Road. The restrictions include:

- Consuming alcohol, or be in possession of an open container of alcohol
- Behave in a manner, either as an individual or within a group of people, which causes, or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress
- Urinate in a public place

This month we have stopped and got details for multiple individuals and added these details to the system.

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Crime prevention

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

MPS Crime dashboard—Statistics

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/metropolitan.police.service/viz/MonthlyCrimeDataNewCats/Coversheet>

Report a crime online

<https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

PRIORITIES

Burglary

In May, **6 Residential and 1 Business & Community** Burglaries took place. One of the residential burglaries were an attempt and suspects didn't manage to gain entry.

Out of the five other residential burglaries, four of them were flats broken into. Most flats will have a communal entrance, potentially offering easy access points for anyone up to no good. Make sure communal doors are always closed and never buzz anyone in that you don't know. Don't let strangers follow you in either.

Whoever is responsible for ground maintenance should cut back shrubs and plants so that they don't obscure CCTV or offer hiding places. If anything's not working in communal areas – from door mechanisms to lights – don't assume that someone else has reported it and makes sure they're fixed as soon as possible. Ground floor or basement flats are particularly at risk from break-ins. Think about changing and adding locks where you need to and if your front door doesn't have a peephole then either install one or consider investing in a smart doorbell where you can monitor callers from your smartphone.

Motor Vehicle Crime

In May **2 Theft from Motor Vehicles and 2 Theft of Motor Vehicles** took place.

Though numbers are low, we had a high valued keyless car theft this month. Keyless crime is on their rise, as technology develops, there are those who attempt to exploit it. All the thefts have taken place at night. These thieves tend to target high valued vehicles and take them to nearby location and leave it for a period time. What can you do to protect your vehicle:

KEEP KEYS A SAFE DISTANCE AWAY: Keeping keys away from doors and windows. Including any spare keys.

BLOCK OR TURN OFF THE SIGNAL: Consider purchasing a Faraday pouch to keep key in, including any **SPARE KEYS**. These pouches contain signal-blocking materials that stop your key transmitting its code, preventing thieves from being able to detect and amplify the signal. Check your manual or speak to your dealer to find out if your key can be switched off.

STEERING WHEEL LOCK: Consider using a steering wheel lock, a driveway parking post, or even a wheel clamp.

DOUBLE CHECK: Always manually check if your vehicle is locked.

TRACKING DEVICE: Consider installing a tracking device. These devices have good a good success rate in recovering a stolen vehicle. Just make sure it is well hidden

Ward Panel Meeting

The latest 'Ward Panel Meeting' was conducted on Wednesday 24th May. At the meeting the Ward Priorities were heavily discussed along with crime figures and trends. If you want to become involved with helping your local police team set their priorities, you could join the Ward Panel. By providing local intelligence to the panel your views could help decide how resources are deployed. The panel meets three times a year. Each meeting includes a rundown of local crime statistics and information on recent incidents including anti-social behaviour.

OTHER NEWS

Arrest

Officers were on patrol in St. Peter's Road. We were flagged down by a member of the public who indicated that she had just witnessed a male carrying a knife. Officers searched the area and found the male attempting to leave the area. No knife was initially found on the male. Officers conducted a search of the surrounding area, no knife was found. He was arrested for public order offences.

A knife has now been found in the area where the male was arrested. A further investigation will be carried out to see if this is the same knife the male was carrying.

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