

March—June 2025

Metropolitan Police Service

Purley Oaks & Riddlesdown Newsletter

Ward Priorities

Burglary

To visit every burglary on the ward. To maintain and reduce residential and non-residential burglaries across the ward.

Vehicle Crime

To visit victims of vehicle theft. To reduce motor vehicle crime - including theft of and theft from motor vehicles.

Community Engagements

To engage with members of the community ranging from youths to the elderly.



What is a Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNT)

Your Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) is a group of Met police officers dedicated to serving your community.

The team is made up of officers based in your area (or 'ward'), supported by additional officers from the wider area. We work closely with local authorities, community leaders and residents to decide our policing priorities for the area.

This helps us to find useful, long-term solutions to local problems, while maintaining our wider focus on reducing crime across London.

Joint SNT Patrols Across South Croydon

In recent weeks, officers from across the South Croydon Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) have conducted joint patrols targeting hotspot areas across all local wards. These high-visibility deployments involved multiple officers working together to deter criminal activity and reassure the community. A number of positive stop and searches were carried out, resulting in a number of arrests. By focusing our resources on priority locations, we aim to disrupt offending, enhance community safety, and demonstrate a strong and proactive police presence.

Speed Enforcement – Riddlesdown Road

Following concerns raised by local residents, the team carried out speed enforcement activity along Riddlesdown Road. A number of vehicles were stopped during the operation, addressing both speeding and other road-related offences. One individual was arrested for immigration offences, and officers also issued a community resolution for possession of cannabis. Additionally, the individual's vehicle was seized. These proactive measures aim to improve road safety and address wider criminality, while responding directly to community concerns.



Engaging with Schools and Nursery Visits

The team has visited a couple of nurseries and a primary schools to engage with young children and build positive early relationships with the police. During the visits, officers gave short talks about the role of the police, showed off some of our equipment, and gave the children an exciting opportunity to explore a police vehicle. We also carried out a fun fingerprint activity. The sessions were interactive and well-received, with plenty of great questions from curious young minds. These visits are a vital part of our community engagement work and help foster trust and understanding from an early age.

Community Engagement Around New Care Home

The team recently organised a 'street briefing' on Mount Park Avenue in response to community concerns surrounding the opening of a new care home in the area. We understand that change can bring uncertainty, and many residents have raised questions about the impact on the local community. In response, we've been working closely with the care home's management team to build a positive relationship and ensure open lines of communication. Our aim is to provide reassurance, address any concerns, and support a smooth integration of the facility into the neighbourhood.

Team Members

Sgt Dickinson

PC Deacons

PCSO Brooks



Ways to contact the Police



Emergency

Call **999** if:

- Life is in danger
- Crime in progress
- Violence is being used or threatened

Non-emergency

Call **101** for non-emergency enquiries:

- Car has been stolen
- Property damaged
- You suspect drug use or dealing



You can also please report crime online

www.met.police.uk and simply click "report a crime". (live chat is also available)

Twitter - Met Contact Centre @MetCC—for non-emergency enquiries



Purley Oaks and Riddlesdown Local Police Team

For non-emergency enquiries.

Phone: 07584186578

Email: SNMailbox-PurleyOaksandRiddlesdownSNT@met.police.uk



Report crime anonymous—Crimestoppers

Online crimestoppers-uk.org

By phone [0800 555 111](tel:0800555111)



Burglary Awareness

We have seen a number burglaries on the ward where Asian households have been targeted, with offenders seeking high-value items like jewellery and cash. The team is conducting increased patrols, visiting every victim, and carrying out leaflet drops to raise awareness and support the community.

Crime Prevention Advice:

- Keep all doors and windows locked, even when at home
- Don't store large amounts of jewellery or cash at home
- Install alarms, CCTV, motion-sensor lighting
- Use timer switches to make your home look occupied
- **Think like a burglar** – does your property have weak points?

Burglar often gain entry via the **rear of the property**. Make sure back gates, fences and garden area are secure and leave no items out that could be used.

Meet the Team

We organise contact points sessions, which are face to face sessions that members of the public can attend and discuss any concerns you may have with local officers. Please see dates, times and locations.

Please let us know if you plan on attending.

Tuesday 17th June —1000hrs –Coco & Nut

Monday 14th July —1000hrs - Café Istasyon

Monday 18th August- 1000hrs—Coco & Nut

Ward Panel Meeting

Wednesday 18th June 2025

1830 hrs

**Christ Church, Brighton Road, Purley
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