

# Reigate and Banstead Police Newsletter

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## Fraud Prevention in the Borough!



Over recent months our Safer Neighbourhood team and Fraud Prevention Volunteers have been holding events across the Borough to raise awareness of Personal Fraud (Scams). The events provide support and advice of how to prevent becoming a victim of Personal Fraud.

The photograph shows a fraud prevention morning earlier this week in Reigate Community Centre, which included lots of tips on how to protect yourselves from scammers!

We have also run events at Banstead Community Centre, Woodhatch Community Centre and other venues across the Borough.

The talks are free. One of our Fraud Prevention Police volunteers alongside our Safer Neighbourhood Team, where available, will attend in person to deliver the talk or mix more informally at drop in sessions.

If you are interested and would like to find out more please contact us at :

[SussexandSurreyFraudPreventionEngagements@surrey.police.uk](mailto:SussexandSurreyFraudPreventionEngagements@surrey.police.uk) or contact [simon.morris@surrey.police.uk](mailto:simon.morris@surrey.police.uk)

Also, look out for the next dates and come along.

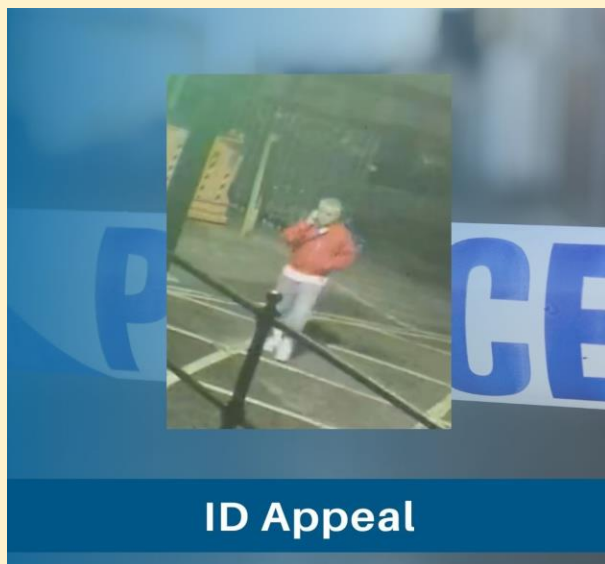
## Do you recognise this man?

We are appealing for the public's help to identify the man in this image, who we believe may be able to assist with our investigation into a burglary at Marks & Spencer on Reigate High Street.

The offence took place on Sunday, 20 July, at around midnight. Three men are believed to have gained entry to the store and stolen cash from the register before fleeing the scene, possibly in a vehicle.

We believe that the man in this image was in the area at the time of the offence and could be a significant witness.

If you recognise him or have any information that could assist our investigation, please contact us via direct message, quoting PR/45250088313.



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### Feedback

Your feedback on the Newsletter is important to us. Please contact me at [Simon.Morris@surrey.police.uk](mailto:Simon.Morris@surrey.police.uk)

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## South (Borough) Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

South (Borough) SNT Police area includes Salfords, Earlswood, Whitebushes and Horley.

### Meet PCSO Faith Parsons

I have now been a PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) for Reigate and Banstead South for the past 8 months and I am learning more about the role and the issues that affect the area. I really enjoy interacting with the local community and look forward to building good relationships with the residents of Horley and the South of the Borough.

I am part of the South (Borough) area team led by Sergeant KIELY, working alongside PC Milly EYRE, PC Kieran TODD and PCSO Jacqui PARNELL. We will be looking to complete various operations including shoplifting, drug warrants and VAWG initiatives (violence against women and girls) in our area. When you see us around, please say hello and let us know what is affecting you.

Kind regards

Faith Parsons PCSO 18902 R&B South SNT

### Police (SNT) priorities for Horley 2025

#### Priority:

**Retail Crime.** This has a significant impact on both businesses and consumers. Retail workers often find themselves in harms' way and subject to abuse and violence. This is unacceptable and must be stopped. Repeat locations and offenders will be targeted.

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**Violence against Women and Girls.** This is a broad crime type which encompasses a wide range of offences, including harassment, stalking, rape, sexual assault, honour-based abuse and coercive control.

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**Burglary.** The southern wards in the borough have often been targeted by cross border criminals. The impact of this crime type on victims and wider communities is significant. Such offences will be investigated to the highest standard. Local policing teams will work in partnership with neighbouring forces to target offenders.

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**Town Centre Anti-Social Behaviour.** This can take a number of different forms, however, this behaviour decreases feelings of safety and discourages visitors to the town centre.

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#### Action taken:

Engagement with retail premises in Horley and security teams. The deployment of plain clothes officers into shops which have been targeted repeatedly, alongside security, to catch and convict repeat shoplifters. A plain clothes operation took place on 12th June 2025 whereby a shoplifter was identified, arrested, charged and remanded to court.

Domestic abuse related calls for service will be prioritised to ensure that any risk is mitigated. Use of Domestic Violence Prevention Orders to increase survivor engagement and support, whilst targeting perpetrators. Local teams supporting specialist officers and partner agencies with interventions. Engagement with local running and sports clubs to raise awareness of police actions.

All residential burglaries are attended and investigated by police. Local policing teams work closely with specialist teams to develop lines of enquiry and identify offenders. Intelligence sharing meetings with partner forces. Identification of targeted locations for crime prevention activities.

Regular patrols of Horley and local green spaces by PCSOs Parnell and Parsons, and PCs Todd and Eyre. Identification of repeat offenders and consideration around relevant ASB disposals.

## Redhill

Through the work of the [#SaferRedhill](#) partnership, we've seen a 16% reduction in overall crime in Redhill over the past year, including a significant drop in serious assaults, robbery, shoplifting and anti-social behaviour.

We're committed to continuing strong neighbourhood and recent funding secured by the [Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey](#) has bolstered our approach, ensuring data-driven targeted policing within hotspot areas in Redhill.



## Be In the Know!

You can sign up to [In the Know](#) to find out what is happening in your area: witness appeals, crime updates, crime prevention advice and news. This also includes the weekly Crime Update from Reigate and Banstead, Safer Neighbourhood Team

### 'In the Know' in July 2025

Apart from our Weekly Police Update and Monthly Newsletter, these are the Surrey Police reports posted on 'In the Know' during July 2025. If you missed any of the reports, shown below, then please go to the the Surrey Police Website. See page 4 for contact details.

30/07/2025 Surrey Police Launch Jog On campaign - Surrey Police

29/07/2025 County Lines Intensification Week - Surrey Police

22/07/2025 Secure your summer with our top tips - Surrey Police

16/07/2025 Courier fraud alert. – Action Fraud

In addition updates from: Fraud Team, Trading Standards, Neighbourhood Watch and the Crime Commissioner

## Community Speedwatch National Day of Action



***More than 40 Community Speedwatch (CSW) sessions took place across Surrey on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July, as part of a National Day of Action to raise awareness around speeding and its impact on road safety. Local CSW volunteers and Casualty Reduction Officers from Surrey RoadSafe joined forces to support this important initiative, which aims to encourage safer driving and riding in our communities.***

With 145 people being Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) in Surrey (2022-24), due to speed related collisions, the day served as a strong reminder that speeding isn't just a minor offence — it's a major factor in collisions that can have life-changing consequences, particularly for vulnerable road users like motorcyclists, cyclists and pedestrians. Community Speedwatch plays a vital role in helping drivers and riders understand how their speed affects others, especially in areas where people live, work, and walk.

Throughout the day, trained volunteers monitored speeds in their local areas, in locations where concerns about speeding have been raised by residents. Backed by Surrey Police, CSW activity was accompanied by officer enforcement, which resulted in:

- 980 records of speeding inputted by CSW volunteers.
- Several drivers being reported for speeding offences in 20mph and 30mph limits. One HGV driver was stopped doing 40mph in a 30 limit!
- Mobile Phone offences, with one driver being stopped for having their phone in their lap watching a video.
- A driver was stopped displaying L plates with no supervisor and while confirmed to have a full licence, they were not insured.
- A motorcyclist was stopped for a speeding offence and found to have insufficient tread on their rear tyre and registration mark not conforming.

Together, these efforts demonstrate how enforcement and education go together to reduce risk and save lives.

Community Speed Watch isn't about catching people out — it's about changing behaviour. When drivers or riders are recorded exceeding the speed limit, they're sent an advisory letter. Repeat offenders may receive further attention from the police. But often, just seeing volunteers in their high-visibility jackets is enough to make people think twice about their speed.

Motorcyclists are disproportionately represented in serious and fatal collisions in Surrey, with 470 motorcycle rider/pillion Killed or Seriously Injured between 2022-24. While not all these crashes are caused by speed, inappropriate or excessive speed remains a consistent factor — especially on rural roads and in urban areas with mixed traffic. That's why initiatives like Community Speedwatch are so important: they reinforce the message that everyone has a role to play in road safety.

### A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Road safety is a shared responsibility between enforcement agencies, local communities, and road users themselves. The support shown during National Community Speedwatch Day reflects the collective commitment to keeping our roads safer for all — whether you're behind the wheel of a car, riding a motorcycle, or walking with your child to school.

Thank you to all the volunteers and officers who took part, and to every road user who chooses to slow down and respect the limits. Every action makes a difference.

For more information about Community Speedwatch in Surrey and how you can get involved, visit our [Community Speedwatch page](#) and be sure to follow Surrey RoadSafe on [Facebook](#) and [X](#) channels.





## Information Corner



### Burglary Statistics in a little more detail.

As the Crime Statistics table opposite shows, there were 24 reported residential burglaries in the Borough during July. Residential Burglaries include residential properties (houses, flats etc.), residential outbuilding (sheds etc.) and residential garages

Of the 24 reports -

- 5 were attempted residential burglaries.
- 6 were outbuilding burglaries, usually sheds (including attempted break ins)
- 7 were residential garage burglaries
- 6 were actual residential Burglaries.

It is always important to secure your property from burglars and it is our priority to attend and investigate every burglary. Please note there has been a recent increase in the number of outbuilding and garage burglaries.

### Number Plate Theft



You may not see car number plates as an item worth stealing, but for some, a stolen number plate is an easy way of avoiding detection, fines and assists in committing more serious offences.

With recent reports of number plates being stolen in the Holey area, we recommend the following actions:

- Park your car in a secure car park that are accredited with the Secure Car Park Scheme.
- Park in well-lit areas with CCTV as this will act as a deterrent to the thieves if there is an opportunity that they will get caught.
- Use anti-theft screws and anti-theft bolts as this will help reduce the risk and act as an effective deterrent.

Each car number plate is unique, with the details of registered vehicle keepers attached. Stolen number plates enable the thieves to use your identity.

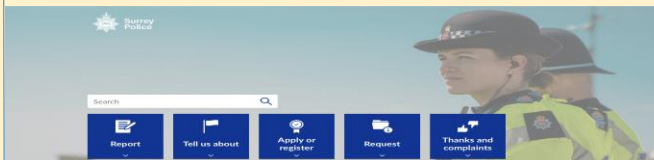
With the winter months and darker evenings approaching, we urge you to spread the word to family and friends for awareness and avoid becoming a victim of number plate theft.

### Crime statistics – May 2025 to July 2025

Offence	May -25	June -25	July-25
Residential Burglaries	15 (8)	26 (11)	24 (6)
Keyless Car Theft	2	3	2

(-) Actual residential burglaries only, not including - Attempted, Garage and Outbuilding Burglaries

The crime statistics for the last 3 months show an decrease in the number of actual residential burglaries. The number of keyless car thefts is slightly lower than the previous month. Records show that there were 18 reports of Personal Fraud (scams) in July, including Telephone, Rogue Trader and Investment fraud.



The Surrey Police Website has lots of information and advice. It is there to support you.

<https://www.surrey.police.uk>

### How to report a crime or incident:

Emergency: call 999

Non Emergency: call 101 or report online or via live chat at: [www.surrey.police.uk](https://www.surrey.police.uk)


To contact your local team (not for reporting purposes) email:

[ReigateandBanstead@surrey.police.uk](mailto:ReigateandBanstead@surrey.police.uk)

You can pass information to us directly via 101, online

via <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/> or anonymously via Crimestoppers 0800555111, <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

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