

Palmers Green Safer Neighbourhood Team News

During February Palmers Green team's police officers were made aware of a shoplifter being wanted by police for several offences and during ward patrols came across him near Green Lanes. He was arrested for breach of criminal behaviour order and processed for 32 shoplifting offences and 1 Section 4 Public Order offence and will be having his day in court soon.

Officers stopped and searched a male and found a screwdriver hidden in his sock. He was arrested for possession of a bladed or pointed article.

The team have attended a few community meetings during February including the Palmers Green Ward Forum and the Palmers Green Ward Panel. These meetings give us a chance to give those attending an update on crime figures and answer questions they have about crime and community issues including Anti-social behaviour. Our new ward Inspector, Mr Roy-Highley came along to the Ward Panel meeting to speak to and meet the members for the first time and answer their questions.

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Residential Burglary - February:

PARK AVENUE, 9.30-11.28pm, 1st February. Suspects entered the rear garden via the side gate and forced open an unlocked window in the kitchen. Jewellery was taken.

NEW RIVER CRESCENT, 12.30pm, 2nd February. Two male suspects pretending to be Thames Water contractors conned their way into the victim's house and distracted her in her kitchen. One male went upstairs and searched before the victim shouted her friends were coming and the suspects fled without taking anything.

NEW RIVER CRESCENT, 8.30am-8.30pm, 11th February. Suspect has smashed some small panes of glass in a rear door and the small bathroom window. No entry gained. Suspect may have been disturbed by a neighbour.

RIVERWAY, 2.54-4.30am, 13th February. Suspects have gained entry to the rear garden from The Crest. They have damaged the rear French door locks and pulled them out of the door to gain entry. Once inside they have stolen 2 sets of car keys, a set of house keys, cash, a laptop and the Ring Doorbell. The Ring Doorbell was later found smashed nearby.

RIVERWAY, 10.15pm, 21st February. Suspects have access to the roof of a garage in the electricity sub station next to the location and smashed and forced open a first-floor window with a crowbar. Access has then been gained via a rear first floor bedroom window which was smashed to open from the inside. Earrings and a watch were taken.

Please remember to double lock your front doors whether you have a UPVC door or have a Yale and mortice. If you also have a UPVC porch door then double lock that too. If you have the security installed, then please use it.

Please also consider the use of timer switches to light your house/flat up after dark if you are not yet home.



Burglary Non-Residential – February:

GREEN LANES, 4.30am, 4th February. Suspect has smashed the glass door to gain entry to the restaurant and stolen £60 cash.

GREEN LANES, 1pm, 3rd February – 9.05am, 4th February. Suspect has used a rock to smash the window of the hairdressers to gain entry. The suspect attempted to take a decorative till but was unable due to its weight.

ALDERMANS HILL, 6.50pm, 10th February – 5.50am, 11th February. Suspects have broken the rear window from the alleyway behind the coffee shop and taken a till, iPads and some of the stock.

Motor Vehicle Crime – January:

GREEN LANES, 10.45-11am, 2nd January. A 2021 Lexus was taken without keys by a male and a female who spent several minutes trying to steal the vehicle.

ALDERMANS HILL, 1.30-2.30pm. A catalytic converter was taken from a 2018 Lexus.

LIGHTCLIFFE ROAD, 3.30pm, 17th January – 2pm, 18th January. A 2017 Toyota Yaris was taken overnight without keys after the car window was smashed.

OLD PARK ROAD, 6.30pm, 12th February – 9.20am, 13th February. 2018 Ford Transit taken without keys.

LIGHTCLIFFE ROAD, 3am, 12th February. A car was entered, and items were taken.

NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD, 1.30-5pm, 17th February. A 2007 Mini was clamped due to no MOT. Vehicle was then taken by unknown suspects without keys.

PARK AVENUE, 5.30pm, 21st February – 11.25am, 22nd February. A 2023 Lexus was taken without keys.

NEW RIVER CRESCENT, 9pm, 23rd February – 5am, 24th February. Tools were taken from a vehicle overnight.

Robbery/theft – January:

GREEN LANES, 1.08-1.10pm, 5th February. Male suspect punched a security officer as he attempted to detain him. Suspect is believed to have stolen items from a shop.

ALDERMANS HILL, 3pm-3.41pm, 13th February. The victim believes he was pickpocketed of his phone while in the shop or toilet.

HEDGE LANE, 9am-12pm, 16th February. Victim's purse was taken from her bag while on the bus.

THE CREST, 8.13am-6.55pm, 19th February. The victim was walking along the road towards their car. As they were putting their iPad in their handbag an unknown suspect on an E-bike snatched the iPad and made off with it.

Distraction burglary

Distraction burglars pretend to be someone they are not in order to gain entry to your home.

Common methods used by distraction burglars

- pretending to be from a care agency, the council or a utility company investigating a gas or water leak
- seeking help to leave a note for a neighbour or even asking for a drink of water if they claim to be thirsty or unwell
- claiming to be in a hurry or emergency and needing to get into your home quickly
- working in teams, with one person distracting you while the other searches your home

How to prevent it

There are a number of things you can do to prevent distraction burglary. Don't be afraid to ask questions about anyone at your door – genuine callers won't mind. Always remember 'if in doubt, keep them out':

- use your door viewer to see who's there
- if you open the door, put the chain on first
- always ask for ID and check it with the company before letting somebody into your home
- use the phone number advertised in the phone book or online, as the number on their identity card could be fake. For a utility company, call the customer service department. Close the door while you do this
- if you feel at all unsure, schedule a time for the caller to come back when a friend or relative is there
- for pre-planned appointments with utility companies, a password scheme can be set up

If you feel threatened or in danger by the presence of the caller, call [999](tel:999).

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/keep-burglars-out-property/>



3 STEP PROTECT

Valuables + Building + Outside

If in doubt, keep them out!

Fraudsters and thieves prey on people they think are vulnerable. Don't let them trick their way into your home.

METROPOLITAN POLICE **BE SAFE**

The poster features a dark blue background with white and red text and icons. At the top, it says '3 STEP PROTECT' with three red icons: a person (Valuables), a house (Building), and a fence (Outside). Below this is the main headline 'If in doubt, keep them out!' and a sub-headline 'Fraudsters and thieves prey on people they think are vulnerable. Don't let them trick their way into your home.' At the bottom, there are icons for a door viewer, a hand holding a key, an ID card, a wallet, a ring, and a key, along with the Metropolitan Police logo and the 'BE SAFE' slogan.

REPORT ONLINE, WE'LL DEAL WITH YOUR INCIDENT IN THE SAME WAY.

REPORT ONLINE

1. We'll read your report and call you back if we need to
2. Give advice and create an incident if appropriate
3. Carry out checks and pass it on to the right person
4. Investigate



CALL 101

1. We'll take your details
2. Give advice and create an incident if appropriate
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Report online at met.police.uk

UPCOMING EVENT:

Thursday 19th March, 12pm at Brookwater House Care Home, 1A Oakthorpe Road, N13 5HY.

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