

June –August 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.

Welcome to Our New Team Members

We're delighted to welcome two new officers to the team. PC Green has recently joined us from street duties and is eager to gain experience and develop his skills in the role.

PC Hooker brings with her 10 years of policing experience and joins us from the schools unit, adding a wealth of knowledge to our team. Both are excited to get started, and we're confident they will be great assets moving forward.

Cumnor House Nursery visit

The Team were invited to Cumnor House Nursery for a "show and tell" session. The team spoke with the children about police uniforms, the different roles officers carry out, and the variety of vehicles we use in our work. The highlight of the visit came when the children had the chance to try on some of our police hats and even explore one of our people carrier vehicles. The session was a fun and interactive way to help the children learn more about the police and how we work to keep our communities safe. It also gave officers a valuable opportunity to build positive connections with the youngest members of our community.



Shoplifting Suspects Arrested

Local officers have taken swift action following a shoplifting offence at Purley Way Retail Park. This was a joint operation led by officers from Waddon and Purley Oaks & Riddlesdown SNT. With the help of retail staff, officers used CCTV and conducted intelligence research to identify the suspects. An operation was then set up, and multiple arrest enquiries were conducted. As a result, three suspects have been arrested on suspicion of theft and handling stolen goods, and multiple stolen items were recovered. This successful operation highlights our commitment to keeping local businesses and the community safe. Investigations remain ongoing, and the recovered property will be returned.

Junior Road Watch

Purley Oaks and Riddlesdown SNT partnered with pupils from Christ Church Primary School this week for a successful Junior Road Watch session. With the support of officers and teachers, the children helped stop several vehicles and spoke directly to drivers about the dangers of speeding, especially near schools. The drivers were receptive and impressed by the children's confidence and clear message: slow down and keep our roads safe.

Team Members

Sgt Dickinson

PC Deacons

PC Green

PC Hooker

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)



MET ENGAGE

Community crime-fighting

Get Involved with Met Engage

Met Engage is a great way for residents to stay updated on local policing, community safety news, and opportunities to have your say. By signing up, you'll receive regular updates and can play an active role in shaping the priorities that matter most in your neighbourhood. If you are NOT on Met Engage you will not be able to receive information from us.

To join, simply email our team using the email address above, with the following details:

- Full name
- Email address
- Home address
- Telephone number

We'll get you signed up and connected with the latest updates from your local policing team.

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.

Wed 10th Sept — 10am – Café Istasyon

Mon 22nd Sept—10am - Christ Church

Monday 6th Oct—10am - Coco & Nut

Ward Panel Meeting

Thursday 11th September 2025

1830 hrs

**Conference Room at Riddlesdown Collegiate,
Honister Heights**