

### Palmers Green Safer Neighbourhood Team News

We have recently held a few 'cuppa with a copper' meetings to inform residents about cuckooing. If you didn't manage to attend, please see the following information to learn about what it is

A vulnerable person in cuckooing is someone whom offenders perceive as being easier to control, manipulate, or exploit due to their personal circumstances, health, or social situation.

Examples may include:

- People with mental health issues
- Individuals with drug or alcohol dependency
- People with learning disabilities
- Older people who are isolated or frail

#### Reporting cuckooing to the police

- there is an immediate danger to life
- someone is using violence or is threatening to be violent
- a crime is happening right now, and the suspect is still at the scene

#### Hearing or speech impairments

- If you've pre-registered with the [emergencySMS service](#), use our textphone service 18000 or text us on 999.

You can report anonymously via the [Crimestoppers website](#) or by calling [0800 555 111](#).

#### **Support**

If you'd prefer to talk to someone else before reporting it to the police, there are people you can call.

The [NSPCC](#) has a helpline if you're concerned about a child.

- Young people at risk of exploitation
- People living alone or with limited support networks
- Individuals experiencing homelessness, poverty, or other difficult life circumstances

Criminals may use coercion, intimidation, grooming, threats, or the promise of friendship, money, or drugs to gain access to the person's home and use it for criminal activity.

Key message: Anyone can become a victim of cuckooing, but offenders often target people who are isolated, vulnerable, or less likely to report what is happening.

#### When to call 999

Call [999](#) now in emergency situations like these:

- Call [999 BSL](#) to use a British Sign Language interpreter.

If it's not an emergency

You can report it:

- [online](#)
- by calling [101](#)

#### Report anonymously

[Victim Support](#) is a national charity that gives confidential advice.

If you or someone you know is feeling distressed, contact the [Samaritans](#).

## Cuckooing

When criminals exploit a vulnerable person by taking over their home to use it for criminal activity.

### Who is a vulnerable person in cuckooing?

A vulnerable person is someone who may be more at risk of being targeted because of their personal circumstances, health, or social situation, making them easier to manipulate, coerce or exploit.

#### People who may be vulnerable include:



**People with mental health issues**  
e.g. anxiety, depression, psychosis or other mental health conditions.



**People who misuse drugs or alcohol**  
who may be dependent or in recovery.



**People with a physical disability**  
who may need additional support.



**Young people**  
especially those who are isolated, in care, homeless or at risk of exploitation.



**Older people**  
who may be lonely, isolated or frail.



**People who are socially isolated**  
with limited family or social support networks.



**People with a learning disability**  
who may find it harder to recognise or report exploitation.



**People experiencing other difficult life circumstances**  
such as domestic abuse, poverty, bereavement or homelessness.



Anyone can be vulnerable, and criminals may target people who they believe can be easily manipulated or are unlikely to seek help.

### Residential Burglary/Non-Residential – September:

**GREEN LANES** – 5pm, 7<sup>th</sup> September – 3pm, 10<sup>th</sup> September. A shed was broken into behind flats and electrical items including air fryers, air purifiers, steam generator irons and a clothes steamer were taken.

**ECCLESBOURNE GARDENS** – 9.19am on 16<sup>th</sup> September. The bottom part of the UPVC porch door was kicked in. No entry was gained to the house.

**HAMILTON CRESCENT** – 10.45am – 9.55pm on 30<sup>th</sup> September. Suspects have entered the porch which was not locked and smashed a pane of glass in the main door to unlock the lock to gain entry. An untidy search of the first and second floors took place and a laptop, designer bags and jewellery 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.**

### Motor Vehicle Crime – September:

**HEDGE LANE**, 6.30-11.55pm, 5<sup>th</sup> September. A car was entered and searched through. A suitcase was removed and a laptop and clothing were taken from inside.

**GREEN LANES**, 5.30-8pm, 9<sup>th</sup> September. A 2013 Honda moped was taken without keys.

**OLD PARK ROAD**, 4-4.15am, 11<sup>th</sup> September. A 2025 Toyota was taken without keys.

**PALMERSTON CRESCENT**, A 2014 Toyota SUV was taken without keys.

**GREEN LANES**, 8am-5.40pm, 7<sup>th</sup> August. Power tools and a radio were taken from a vehicle.

**DEVONSHIRE ROAD**, 7-11.30am, 13<sup>th</sup> September. A number plate was taken from a vehicle.

**THE GROVE**, 6pm, 13<sup>th</sup> September – 7.15am, 14<sup>th</sup> September. A van was entered and items were taken.

**LODGE DRIVE**, 6pm, 14<sup>th</sup> September – 8.20am, 15<sup>th</sup> September. A car was entered and the logbook and a school bag were taken.

**OAKTHORPE ROAD**, 3am, 20<sup>th</sup> September. A car was entered and cash, sunglasses and glasses, a tyre pressure machine and some food was taken.

**OAKTHORPE ROAD**, 8am-11pm, 21<sup>st</sup> September. A car was entered and cash, sunglasses and perfume were taken.

**WINDSOR ROAD**, 3.50-3.55am, 22<sup>nd</sup> September. A car was entered and cash was taken.

**LAKE SIDE ROAD**, 12-7am, 26<sup>th</sup> September. A car was entered and a blue badge was taken.

**DEVONSHIRE ROAD**, 9.15-9.31pm, 26<sup>th</sup> September. A 2021 Toyota was taken without keys. Car was tracked to a location and recovered by the owner.

**FOX LANE**, 12-10am 29<sup>th</sup> September. The passenger window was smashed and the car searched through. Some items were taken.

**THE GROVE**, 7.10pm, 27<sup>th</sup> September – 10.55am, 28<sup>th</sup> September. Rear window was smashed and power tools and a backpack containing trainers and sunglasses were taken from the boot.

**LAKESIDE ROAD**, 1am-12pm, 29<sup>th</sup> September. A car was entered and loose change was taken.

**NEW RIVER CRESCENT**, 5.30pm, 28<sup>th</sup> September – 7.30am, 29<sup>th</sup> September. A car was entered and searched through. Black trainers, a fleece coat and tools were taken.

### Robbery/theft – June:

**GREEN LANES**, 2.35pm, 21<sup>st</sup> September. Suspect took makeup items and put them in their bag and attempted to leave the shop. When challenged by staff, she has thrown some of the items on the floor and made threats to the staff before leaving.

**BROOMFIELD PARK**, 12.30pm, 9<sup>th</sup> September. The victim was in the park which was very busy. When he got home, he realised his bank card which was in his trouser pocket was no longer there. Believes he was either pickpocketed in the park or by Palmers Green Station.

## FATHER OF FOUR FOILS BURGLARS AFTER DARK.

**WHEN CLOCKS GO BACK, BURGLARS GET  
AN EXTRA HOUR OF DARKNESS.  
LEAVE A LIGHT ON IN THE HOUSE.**



**BE SAFE**

## 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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4. Investigate

Report online at [met.police.uk](https://met.police.uk)

### UPCOMING EVENT:

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October: 1-4.15pm.

We will be visiting Palmers Green for the Trick or Treat Pumpkin Hunt on Green Lanes and Aldermans Hill and the Halloween Market at Devonshire Square. Come and say hello.

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