

July 2025

Metropolitan Police Service

# Sanderstead Newsletter

## Ward Priorities

### Burglary

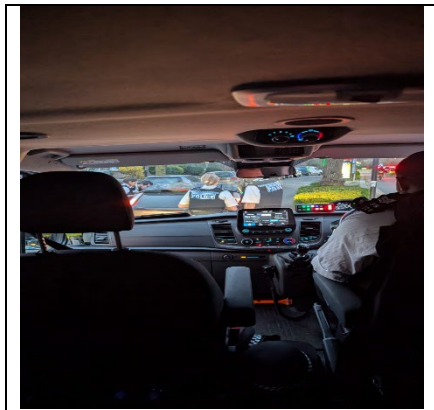
To visit every burglary on the ward. To maintain and reduce residential and non-residential burglaries across the ward.

### 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.



## The July Article...

As we gain momentum towards the close of the year, the month of July saw us through a few notable news items.

Among these, was our quarterly ward panel meeting at All Saints Church along Onslow Gardens that is, a community focused meeting around policing work and performance-based discussions on our figures covering a 3-month span.

Additionally, to this, was our drop-in surgery themed CUPPA with a COPPA, which traditionally for us has been a more targeted approach to invite residents from the wider Sanderstead audience to come in and put forward any pressing issues to be directed to us in person.

We are still actively pushing on with the drive of our new interactive platform called MET Engage to residents of our ward. Its launch has paved way for us to get ever closer to our residents in terms of how we push and get our message across to our residents as well as other cluster wards serviced under MET police ground.

## 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.

## Team Members

*Sgt Morrow*

*PC Williams*

*PC Mulji*

*PCSO Buwaya*

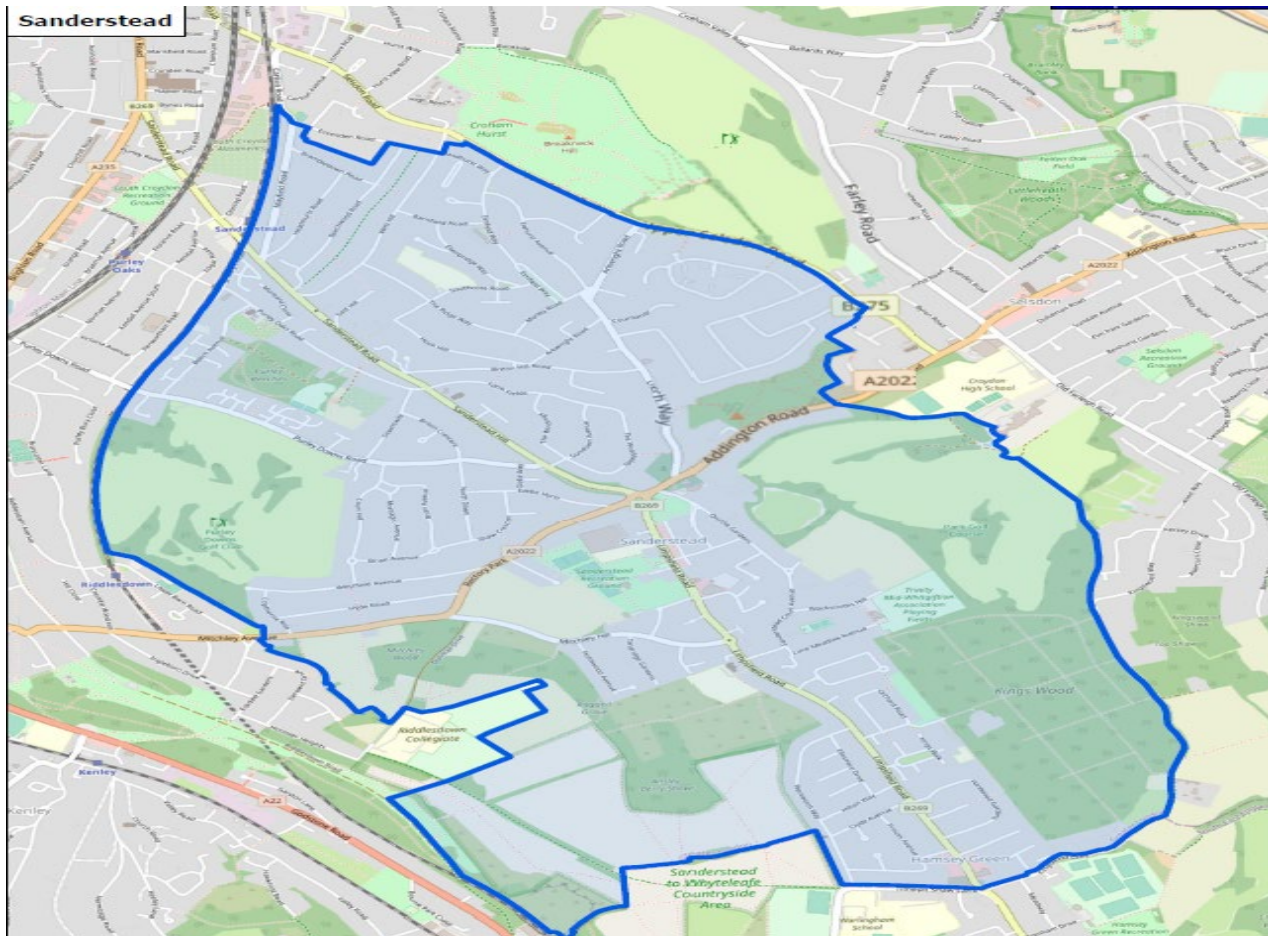
**TOO GREAT FOR HATE**

Greater Manchester stands together against hate crime. LetsEndHateCrime.com

## The Engagement Network?!!

I will be leaving the details as to how residents on our ward can sign up below but also more importantly is a brief as to why it's crucial for our residents to sign onto this new platform with ourselves.

Aside from this and resource permitting from a policing point of view, we intend to actively do more robust work around door-to-door knocks of every Sanderstead resident to ensure we get as many sign-ups as possible and also use this as an opportunity to talk to residents about the platform in more detail as well as any other policing business while we complete these visits.



## Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is about people getting together with their neighbour's to take action to reduce crime.

They're community initiatives owned and run by their members which are supported by the police but not owned by them, although we sometimes run them.

They work by developing a close relationship between community members and the local police.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can:

- cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- help and reassure those who live in the area
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities
- Go to [www.cbnwa.com](http://www.cbnwa.com) to find out what groups are active in your area and to register to join.

We organize 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.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025—15:00hrs –16:00hrs**  
**Cuppa with a Coppa (29-31 Limpsfield Road South Croydon CR2 9LA) The Maple Restaurant**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025—11:00hrs - 16:30hrs**  
**Sanderstead Community Day – (Sanderstead Recreation Grounds)**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025- Cuppa with a Coppa (29-31 Limpsfield Road South Croydon CR2 9LA) The Maple Restaurant**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025- Ward Panel All-Saints Church Sanderstead 18:30hrs to 19:30hrs.**

**Theft From A Motor Vehicle 01<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.**

<b>Crime Type</b>	<b>Date/Time Patterns</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Circumstances</b>
<b>Theft From A Motor Vehicle</b>	04/07/2025 07:08am	<b>North Down Road</b>	Informant has reported both their number plates missing at the rear and front of their vehicle.
<b>Theft From A Motor Vehicle</b>	17/07/2025 08:06am	<b>Farm fields</b>	Informant woke up to find that both their number plates had been stolen off his vehicle.
<b>Theft From A Motor Vehicle</b>	23/07/2025 15:55hrs	<b>Beech Avenue South Croydon</b>	A report from the informant suggests that they parked their vehicle near a local park to go to work and returned to both their number plates stolen.
<b>Theft From A Motor Vehicle</b>	30/07/2025 05:49am	<b>Norfolk Avenue</b>	Report came in of number plates stolen from the informant's vehicle.
<b>Theft From A Motor Vehicle</b>	30/07/2025	<b>Westhill</b>	While at work on a construction site, informant called in to notify police of three suspects attempting to break into two vans one of them belonging to him. Both attempts were unsuccessful on this occasion

**Theft of a Motor Vehicle as of 01<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

<b>Crime Type</b>	<b>Date/Time Patterns</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Circumstances</b>
<b>Theft Of A Motor Vehicle</b>	01/07/2025 10:38 am	<b>Onslow Gardens South Croydon.</b>	Informant has reported she sold her car but has in process of the transaction got scammed. Informant claims to have CCTV showing the suspect she sold the vehicle to pocketing some of the money
<b>Theft Of A Motor Vehicle</b>	07/07/2025 03:56 am	<b>Mitchley Grove/ Village way</b>	Officers have come across a LOS (lost or stolen) vehicle which they have reported and made attempts to reunite with the owner.
<b>Theft Of A Motor Vehicle</b>	09/07/2025 11:42am	<b>Montana Close</b>	Informant returned home to find their van stolen after a 60 day stay in Thailand

<b>Theft Of A Motor Vehicle</b>	12/07/2025 09:06am	<b>Hillsmead Way</b>	Informant reported waking up to some noise from builders outside of his house at 08:30am. Informant then found his bike cover on the floor outside with his bike missing.
<b>Theft Of A Motor Vehicle</b>	14/07/2025 22:28Hrs	<b>Rectory Park</b>	Informant reporting their vehicle stolen off the drive. Car was last seen at 17:15hrs
<b>Theft Of A Motor Vehicle</b>	17/07/2025 09:37am	<b>Downsway South Croydon</b>	Informant reporting an attempted theft of their vehicle. Informant also says their property has been marked by the suspects who also did the same with neighbours of the informant
<b>Theft Of A Motor Vehicle</b>	19/07/2025 04:14am	<b>Downsway South Croydon</b>	Informant reporting that they have just witnessed an attempted break in and theft of their neighbour's vehicle. Suspect descriptions are a large person in all black with a balaclava
<b>Theft Of A Motor Vehicle</b>	25/07/2025 00:18am	<b>Glebe Hyrst</b>	Informant reported their vehicle "taken" off their driveway. They are not sure who's taken the vehicle but are still in possession of the keys to the vehicle
<b>Theft of A Motor Vehicle</b>	30/07/2025 15:19hrs	<b>Limpsfield Road South Croydon</b>	Informant reported their vehicle stolen Infront of their house. Informant says they had various cricket equipment in the car taken along with their vehicle.

## Residential Burglaries of 01<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

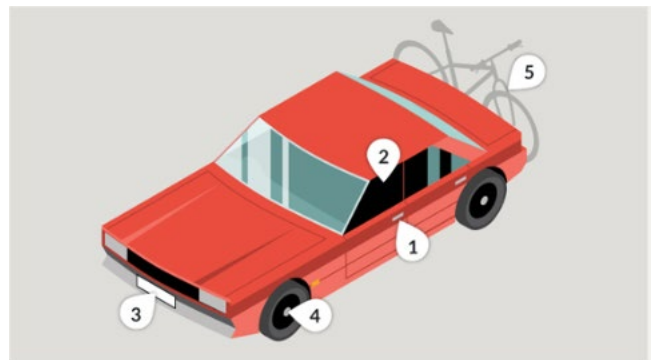
Crime Type	Date/Time Patterns	Road	Circumstances
<b>Residential Burglaries</b>	03/07/2025 03:50am	<b>Mitchley View</b>	Informant reported hearing rattling noises to which she's responded to by activating her alarm
<b>Residential Burglaries</b>	05/07/2025 02:05am	<b>Sanderstead Court</b>	Victim woke up to use their bathroom and found out they had been burgled.
<b>Residential Burglaries</b>	18/07/2025 20:43hrs	<b>Mitchley view</b>	Victim called in after realization that their house had been burgled and damage to property. Suspects possibly entered the property via the back patio door.
<b>Residential Burglaries</b>	25/07/2025 22:06 hrs	<b>Church Way</b>	Victim reported that they were away for two days and returned to their house burgled. Living room window broken into and wardrobes emptied.

As informed by the stats figures above, we feel it's important to intensify our messaging and share a few pointers that address safety around the three ward priorities on Residential burglary, theft of a motor vehicle and theft from a motor vehicle



### Preventing car and vehicle theft

How to help safeguard your car from theft and protect its content



### Prevent theft from a vehicle

Keeping your car - and the personal belongings inside - safe

## **Keyless entry**

Cars with keyless entry unlock automatically when the key comes within a short distance of the car. This can be from inside a pocket or bag. If you have to push a button on your car key to open your car, you don't have keyless entry.

Keyless car theft or 'relay theft' is when a device is used to fool the car into thinking the key is close by. This unlocks the car and starts the ignition.

Thieves only need to be within a few metres of your car key to capture the signal, even if it's inside your home. This means that even if your car and home are secure, thieves can still unlock, start and steal your car.

How to protect your keyless entry car

- When at home keep your car key (and the spare) well away from the car.
- Put the keys in a screened or signal-blocking pouch, such as a Faraday Bag and check if the bag or pouch is still working every few months.
- Reprogramme your keys if you buy a second-hand car.
- Turn off wireless signals on your fob when it's not being used.

Additional physical security such as locks and immobilisers are still highly recommended

## **Fit good in-car security locks**

Additional physical security can help to prevent your vehicle being driven away even if a thief gains entry. There are a range of security rated products tested by [Sold Secure](#) that can help, such as steering wheel locks, pedal boxes and gear stick locks.

Some of these products, tested to Sold Secure Diamond, can even resist a small hand-held angle grinder.

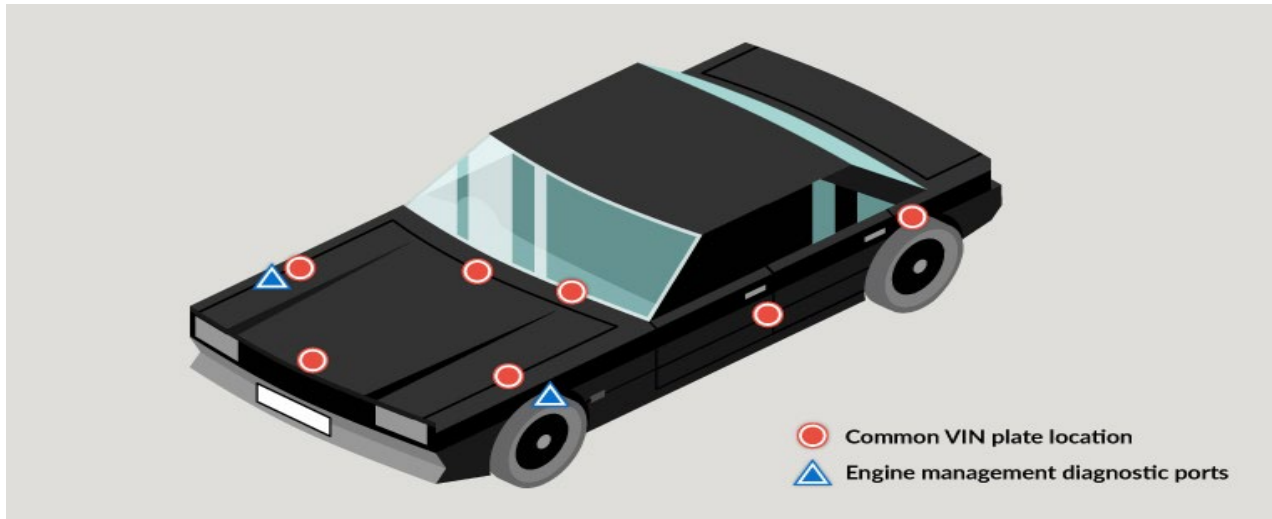
It's also worth speaking to your vehicle dealership about installing an aftermarket immobiliser approved by the manufacturer.

Immobilisers prevent a vehicle from starting unless the correct fob, key or activation process is used. They can be personalised so that you're the only one who knows how to unset it via a number of dashboard controls.

## **Double-check electronic locking**

Electronic devices can be used to jam the electronic signal from your key fob to lock your vehicle. Always manually check your vehicle has locked before walking away.

If unsure, lock it manually, then scan the immediate area for anyone hanging around. If a potential thief who's watching feels they've been spotted, they'll probably move off.



### **Before owning, check for cloning**

Changing the identity of a vehicle, known as vehicle cloning, can be as simple as adding stolen number plates. When buying a vehicle, always check the DVLA V5 document and make sure the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the vehicle is the same as on the document.

Make sure you check more than one of the VINs as well as the engine numbers on the vehicle (see diagram).

<https://www.gov.uk/checks-when-buying-a-used-car>

### **Secure your port**

Many modern vehicles are fitted with engine management diagnostic ports, which can unlock and start your vehicle.

If your vehicle has this type of port, consider fitting a lockable cover.

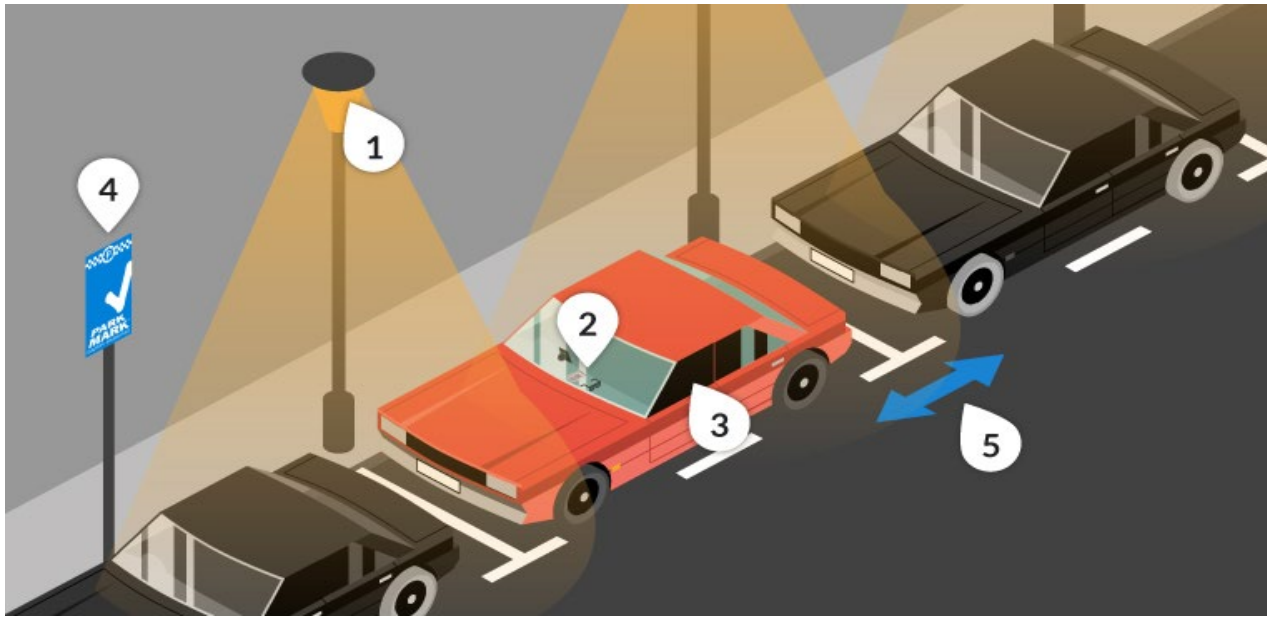
### **Useful links**

For more information about police preferred specification products that help to reduce the chances of vehicle crime please visit:

[Secured by Design \(SBD\)](#)

[Sold Secure](#)

[Thatcham Research](#)



## Your checklist

When you park your vehicle, just follow these simple tips:

- close your sunroof
- check you haven't left your keys in the ignition
- don't keep your logbook in the car
- double-check your central locking has actually locked – listen for the clunk/click noise (if you've got keyless then look through the window to check)
- don't leave your car with the engine running
- don't leave anything of value in the car

## Report it

Most people fail to report criminal damage or vandalism to their vehicle but, if it ever happens to you, we urge you to report it immediately. You can [report a crime online.](#)

## **Residential Burglary**

Going away?

Here are five tips to help you keep your home and belongings stay safe while you're away:

1. if you're off on holiday and wish to post anything on social media, make sure your posts aren't public and that they're only seen by your friends
2. leave lights and a radio on a timer to make the property appear occupied
3. get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property or join a Neighbourhood or resident Watch Scheme
4. consider asking your neighbours to close curtains after dark and to park on your drive
5. remember to cancel newspaper and milk deliveries

## **MET ENGAGE Continued....**

So why sign up?

The platform will allow you get timely alerts on crimes, scams and fraud in your area, safety tips and prevention advice, local officer updates on community events/or detail and lastly, you will have a platform to help you voice your concerns to help shape local policing priorities.

Met Engage supplements, but does not replace, official reporting channels i.e. contacts such as (999,101 and the police online submission form). Your data will also be kept secure and used for sending relevant trusted information.

<https://www.metengage.co.uk/>