



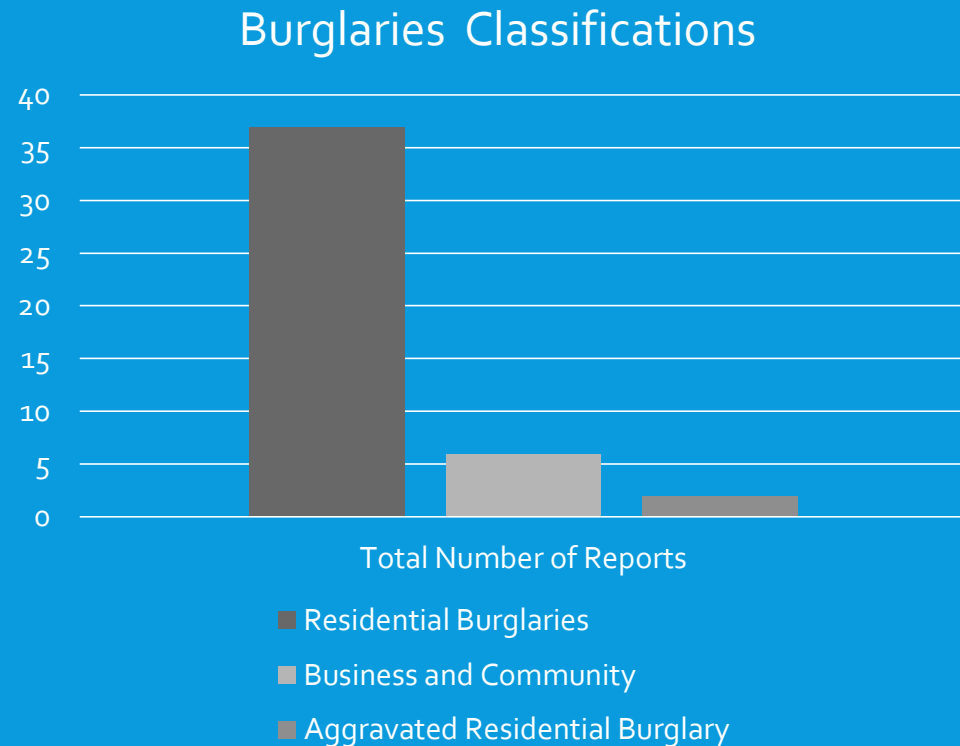
SURREY POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Crime Prevention Meeting – Sunbury-On-Thames

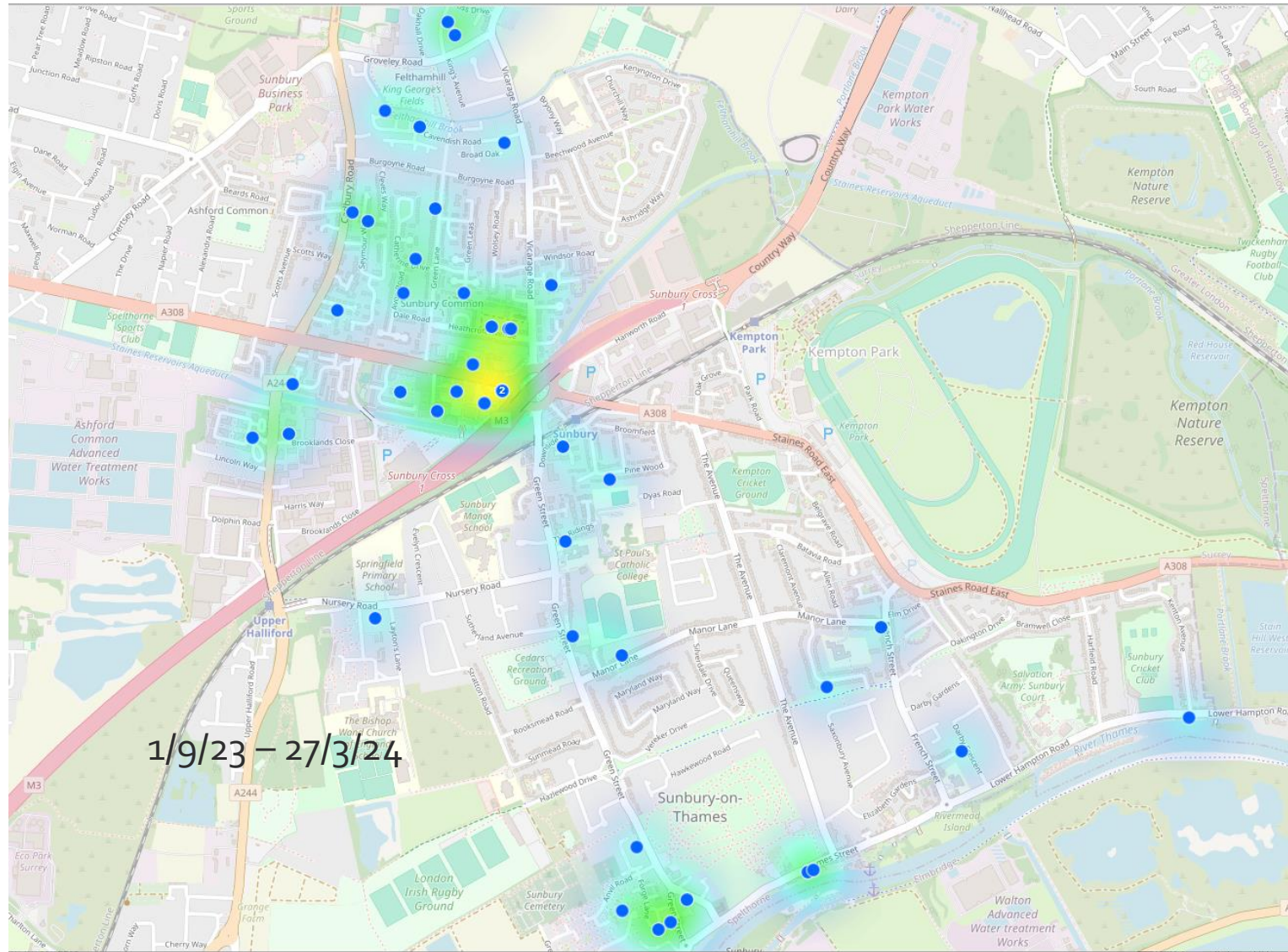
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BURGLARY STATISTICS SUNBURY

- Burglary statistics for the period between 01/09/2023 – 27/03/2024
- 45 total burglaries reported in Sunbury.
- This figure includes Residential, Business and Community and Non-Dwelling Burglaries.
- Eight of these offences are currently under investigation and one suspect has been arrested and charged for a residential burglary.
- The primary reason for these offences being filed was due to no suspect being identified.



Burglaries



BURGLARY STATISTICS FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR

- For the same period one year ago (01/09/2022 – 27/03/2023) there were 12 reports of burglaries.
- This shows a large increase in Burglaries reported to Police in Sunbury.
- During this period 2 suspects were charged in relation to these reports for two separate Business-related Burglary offences.

Burglaries



THINGS TO CONSIDER

- These statistics are comprised on the number of reported burglaries. Surrey Police record the crime classification as per Home Office Counting Rules.
- These figures may have increased due to an increase in the amount of people reporting crime.
- These figures also only contain a snapshot of a 6-month period and therefore may not show a wider picture.
- Statistics can be increased by linked offences. For example a suspect entering a block of flats and trying to open multiple flat doors.



BURGLARY RESPONSE



- As reflected in the statistics mentioned, Police have seen a recent increase relating to Burglary offences.
- In one example, Police have seen a rise in Asian Gold Burglaries. Police also see an increase around Christmas/Winter.
- Police have increased patrols or hot spot areas, increased community engagement areas and increased presence in targeted neighbourhoods
- Surrey Police have increased officers on the specialist Proactive Investigations Team, which includes a dedicated Burglary Team.
- This team oversees all Burglary offences across Northern Surrey including Spelthorne.
- The team work to identify series, proactively develop intelligence and target burglars and ensure all lines of enquiry are exploited.
- All burglaries are reviewed within 24 hours by this team.
- Designing Out Crime Officers regularly work to attend areas of burglaries and conduct assessments of hot spots.

CRIME PREVENTION



- Always keep doors locked – even when you are at home.
- Always close windows when you are out and ensure patio doors are secure.
- Set your burglar alarm whenever you leave your home.
- Never leave door or car keys within reach of a letterbox, door or window.
- Mark your valuables with a forensic property marking product and place signs or stickers around your home making it clear property is marked.
- Always secure your shed or garage.
- Ensure your home looks occupied when you are out. Around half of all burglaries happen in empty homes
- Before going away or on holiday ask a friend or Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to keep an eye on your home
- Be aware of 'distraction burglaries'. Use a door chain and always check the identity card carefully.
- Take extra care during the Christmas or New Year period. Don't leave presents or items of value in view of windows.
- Police highly recommend installing sensor lighting as well as CCTV systems at your home.

PROPERTY MARKING




- Surrey Police offer home burglary kits. These include UV marking pens, information on registration property and all-weather deterrent warning stickers.
- SelectaDNA are a company specialising in forensic marking. SelectaDNA is liquid containing a unique code which once applied can identify property as yours. This is used by 90% of police forces and has shown to reduce burglaries significantly.
- Surrey Police offer Bike Marking and regularly hold marking stands at Sunbury Cross Shopping Centre and bikes can also be marked at Staines Police Station during opening hours.



SHOPLIFTING

- In England and Wales there were approximately 342,343 shoplifting offences recorded by the police in 2022/23, compared with 275,076 in the previous reporting year.
- In Surrey, we have seen a 26% rise in shoplifting offences over the last 12 months equating to 4,853 offences across our divisions.
- To tackle the growing problem of shoplifting across the county, an intensification day was executed on Tuesday 12 December.
- There were 20 arrests, 8 charges for 23 different offences, 135 engagement visits to commercial premises and 12 prevention visits to known nominals.
- Recently Police have been approaching local businesses to help understand how best to support them and have recently set up Ashford Business Watch. Fortnightly Meet The Beat stands are currently held at Sunbury Cross Shopping Center. The next stand is 30th March 2024.



Thank you very much
for listening and any
questions?