

Palmers Green Safer Neighbourhood News

Over the last couple of months we have been to a number of community events across the area including the Halloween Trick or Treat event on Green Lanes and Aldermans Hill involving a number of the shops and the recent Christmas Lights Switch on.



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This isn't just a platform for us to tell you what we're doing in your area, it's an opportunity for you to tell us what's concerning you most so we can take action on the things that truly matter to you.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.... 🌞 🌲

With Black Friday and in the run up to Christmas there will be a lot more parcel deliveries which leads to potential thefts of those parcels.

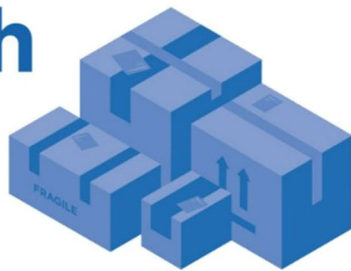
Here is some practical advice to reduce the risk of being affected by the growing trend of theft of items left unattended by delivery drivers.

Preventing theft from your doorstep

Here are some things you could do to reduce the risk of doorstep theft:

- track your parcel to ensure you or someone else is at home for the delivery
- install a video doorbell; this can be connected to your mobile so you are notified immediately of any delivery, and is easier to install than a full CCTV system
- install a security light
- arrange for your parcel to be delivered to a trusted neighbour, or other family members who will be at home; if you live in a flat, is there a concierge who could accept the parcel for you?
- use an off-site locker service for frequent deliveries, or for expensive items; these parcel boxes are more likely to be in busy, safer locations - such as supermarkets - rather than secluded areas which could be targeted by thieves.

Watch out!



Parcel thieves are opportunistic and will steal deliveries that have been left outside your home. Thieves are likely to return to the same area again, using similar tactics.

Help avoid your parcels being stolen by:

- Tracking your parcel to ensure somebody is home for the delivery.
- Arranging for it to be left with a neighbour if nobody will be home.
- Using an off-site locker service for frequent deliveries or expensive items; these are more likely to be in busy places rather than secluded areas that could be targeted by thieves.
- Installing a video doorbell; you will be notified of any delivery on your phone and is easier to install than CCTV.
- Install a security light.

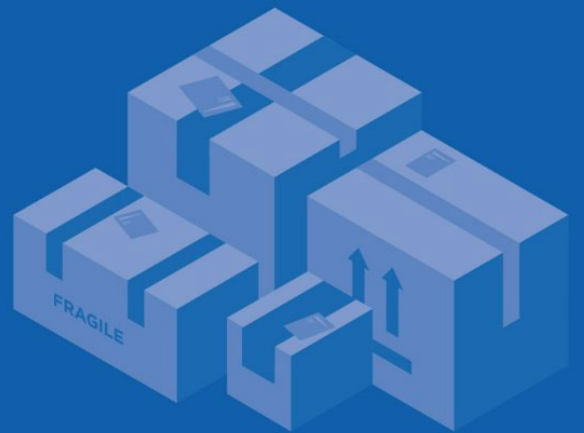
If your parcel has been stolen, report it to police online at www.met.police.uk or call 101.
You can find more crime prevention advice at www.met.police.uk/burglary

3 STEP PROTECT



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Parcel thefts are happening in your area.



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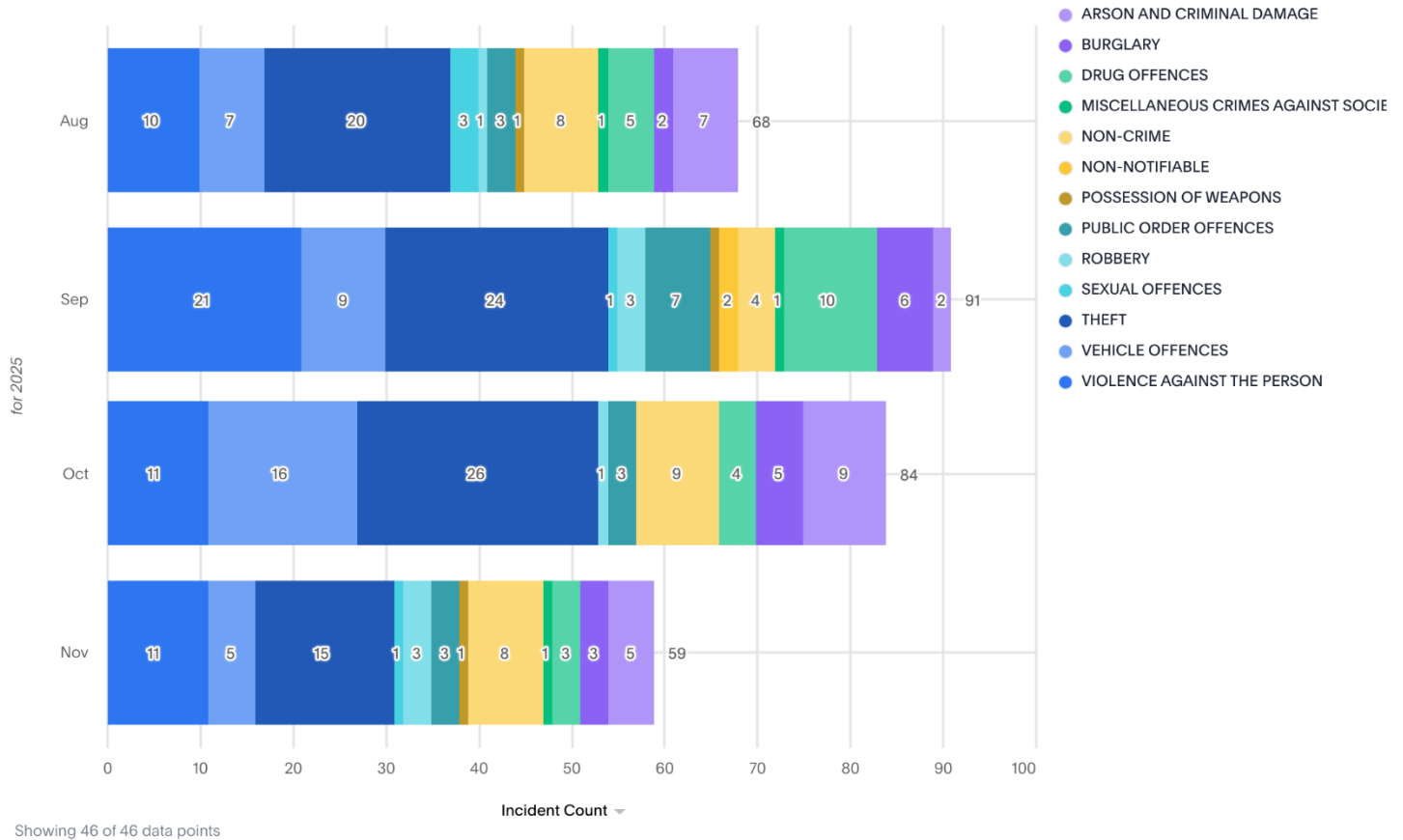
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CRIME**

**HIGH
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Crimes reported from March to August 2025



Residential Burglary - September:

FOX LANE, 9.27-9.30pm 15TH September. Entry via rear ground floor door. Untidy search of three rooms on the third floor.

HAZELWOOD LANE, 11.30am 26th September. Suspects have entered the side alleyway to the garden and opened the garden gate. Rear door panel was forced open and an untidy search conducted.

Residential Burglary - October:

PALMERSTON CRESCENT, 1am 28th October. Suspect has attempted to gain entry via the front door damaging the door lock.

Residential Burglary - November: 0

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.



Motor Vehicle Crime – September:

OLD PARK ROAD, 2nd-3rd September. A car was entered and shopping bags and other items were taken from the boot plus some loose change.

FOX LANE, 7am 12th September. A BMW was taken without keys.

GREEN LANES, 16th-17th September. Moped was taken overnight without keys. Vehicle was recovered back to the owner after being stopped by police.

GREEN LANES, 8.30pm 17th September. A car was entered and a blue badge was taken.

OSBORNE ROAD, 6.45pm 20th September. Car was seen taken from outside address without keys. Three masked

PILGRIMS CLOSE, 12-13th October. A 2014 Ford Fiesta was taken overnight without keys. Car was found and recovered in East London.

ULLESWATER ROAD, 17-18th October. A 2017 Mercedes was taken overnight.

PARK AVENUE, 17-18th October. A 2017 Lexus was taken overnight without keys.

LIGHTCLIFFE ROAD, 22nd-23rd October. Car taken overnight without keys.

BROOMFIELD AVENUE, 12.40-12.50am 29th October. Unknown suspect smashed rear window and took the parcel shelf and EV charging cable from inside.

NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD, 12th October – 1st November. Renault Clio taken without keys.

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

males were seen gaining entry and driving the car off. Car was found after being involved in crash and someone was seen to run from it.

LODGE DRIVE, 12.26-12.34pm 22nd September. Spare wheel was taken from the vehicle.

ALDERMANS HILL, 12.01am 24th September. The victim left the keys in the ignition while completing a delivery and the suspect jumped in and drove off the van.

Motor Vehicle Crime – October:

NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD, 3.50-3.55am 8th October. Car was entered and searched through.

GREEN LANES, 7.30-8.50pm 8th October. Number plates taken from the vehicle.

FOX LANE, 11am-4pm 10th October. A 2017 Ford Smax was taken without keys.

WINDSOR ROAD, 12th-13th October. A 2014 Moped was taken without keys. The owner found the moped nearby damaged and recovered it.

Motor Vehicle Crime – November:

ALDERMANS HILL, 11-11.01am 10th November. Unknown suspect has stolen the victim's mobile phone from an unlocked van while left unattended during a delivery.

OAKTHORPE ROAD, 6.05pm 4th November. Suspect attempted to break into a vehicle and left when unsuccessful.

GREEN LANES, 10-11th November. A 2007 Mercedes Sprinter van was taken overnight without keys.

GREEN LANES, 2-4.15pm 13th November. Unknown suspect drilled the van door and took tools from inside the van.

ECCLESBOURNE CLOSE, 5.10am 15th November. Suspect repeatedly tried car door handles on cars to see if they would open.

Robbery/theft – September:

ALDERMANS HILL, 11.20-11.22am 2nd September. Suspect pushed security out of the way when they attempted to stop him stealing items after making no attempt to pay.

ALDERMANS HILL, 4.50pm 4th September. Suspect shoplifting alcohol stole the security guard's camera pushing him and attempting to punch him.

GREEN LANES, 10.50-11am. Suspect entered the store and attempted to steal a bike lock when he was stopped by security. He threatened security with the bike lock before leaving.

BROOMFIELD PARK, 8.25pm 27th September. Victim's phone was snatched out of her hand by a male she knew who ran off with it eventually getting the phone back but without the SIM card.

GREEN LANES, 10pm 27th September. Phone was snatched out of the victim's hand as he walked along by a suspect on a moped.

ALDERMANS HILL, 5.50-5.55pm 28th September. Suspect on a moped snatched the victim's phone out of their hand as they rode past.

GREEN LANES, 6-6.10pm 28th September. Victim was crossing the road and using their phone when the suspect rode past on a moped and snatched the phone out of their hand.

Robbery/theft – November:

GREEN LANES, 3.40-3.49pm 1st November. Shoplifting suspect took a large amount of nuts off the shelves and got aggressive with staff when they tried to stop him and tried to fight one member of staff before making off on a bike towards Wood Green.

GREEN LANES, 2.55pm 9th November. Two male suspects entered the store and staff told them to leave. Suspect has then intimidated they had a weapon and threatened staff.

Robbery/theft – October:

BROOMFIELD AVENUE, 1.55-1.57hrs 1st October. Victim returned home to find an unknown male inside his address who has stolen loose change. Entry was gained through an unlocked door.

CONWAY ROAD, 1.40pm 3rd October. Victim's apple branded white bag containing an empty iPhone box and charger was snatched and taken by a male suspect as she walked along the street.

GREEN LANES, 12.30-12.35pm 18th October. The victim had his bank cards stolen from the cash machine whilst trying to enter their PIN number after a male told him he needed to scan his blue badge at the machine and when that didn't work to use his bank card as identification. The suspect then snatched the bank card and ran off along Ecclesbourne Gardens. An attempt was then made to use the card but was unsuccessful.

LODGE DRIVE CAR PARK, 3.35-3.45pm 30th October. The victim had her bank cards stolen after being tricked into attempting to scan her blue badge and then confirming her identity with a bank card. Another member of public interrupted and the suspect ran off with the victim's cards. £250 was withdrawn from a cash machine being the cards could be cancelled.

Staff have backed off and suspects have taken protein bars from the shelves worth £150.

BROOMFIELD LANE, 9.08pm 12th November. Victim was lured to the park by the suspects and beaten up and in the process her phone was taken and thrown across the park.

ALDERMANS HILL, 12.20-12.40pm 1st November. Victim was walking in Broomfield Park when the suspect on an e-bike snatched the phone from his hand.

GREEN LANES, 6.10pm 4th November. Suspect grabbed the victim's phone out of her hand as she walked down the street whilst riding an e-bike.

GREEN LANES, 12.30-12.41pm 6th November. Unknown person has taken the victim's car keys and purse from her handbag.

ALDERMANS HILL, 6pm. As the victim exited the park an unknown suspect snatched the victim's phone from their hand as they rode by on an e-bike.



Keep your valuables safe

- Burglars will look to steal anything from phones and laptops to jewellery, antiques and cash. Don't leave these or any keys on show or somewhere a burglar may find easily.
- Try not to keep large amounts of cash at home. Consider setting up direct debits or standing orders for any regular payments.
- If you have particular valuables or items of sentimental value in your home, consider keeping them inside a safe bolted to the floor or wall and not on display itself.
- Photograph and property mark your valuables with a forensic solution such as SmartWater. You can find out if you are eligible for a free pack by visiting: www.met.police.uk/mettrace

What to do if you've been a victim

If a bogus caller or distraction burglar has entered your home try not to touch anything, as there may be evidence that the police can use to identify the suspect.

You can report crime online at www.met.police.uk or call 101.

If you have been a victim of a bogus caller you can also contact Trading Standards via: www.gov.uk/find-local-trading-standards-office

If you feel threatened or in danger by the presence of any visitor call 999.

In an emergency always call 999.

For more crime prevention advice visit: www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention

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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.

BE SAFE

There are many forms of distraction theft including the example above. The most common in the last month or two in Palmers Green is distraction around paying for parking. Mostly the elderly or disabled.

Please don't think you need to scan your blue badge at a cash or parking machine. It is a distraction to get you to use your bank card and input your PIN number before they steal your bank card.

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

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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
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Report online at met.police.uk

UPCOMING EVENT:

Saturday 13th December, 11am – Costa, 349 Green Lanes N13

COFFEE WITH A COPPER



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