



NEWSLETTER

Wimbledon Park Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

The team currently consists of PC Kayleigh Bakker, PC Eliza Peterson-Gilbert and also PCSO Karen North. PC Kayleigh Bakker will be leaving the team in July to move departments into the detective strand and will be replaced by PC Enes Hodzic.

Priorities

1. ASB on Reynolds Gate Development
2. Motor Vehicle crime across ward hot spots
3. VAWG – Violence Against Women and Girls across the ward

Next ward panel to discuss ward priorities:

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at Wimbledon Police Station

The ward panel is a community meeting held between residents, councillors, housing associations, police and more. It is an opportunity to discuss the Wimbledon Park ward and set local priorities to target. These ward panels are held quarterly, if you would like to join, please contact the team.

Met Engage

As you may be aware, the Metropolitan Police Service has brought out a new way to liaise and engage with the communities in which we work. Whilst this is *not a new way to report crime*, it does allow the public to view, keep up to date and also receive alerts for engagements and local crime.

MET ENGAGE
Community crime-fighting

Met Engage is a free messaging service that keeps you connected to what's happening in your area. Whether its crime updates, safety advice, or news from your local policing team, you'll get the information that matters to you — when it matters most.

If you know anyone who would like to be signed up to Met Engage, please ask them to visit the website or contact the team and we can assist.

Within the Met Engage platform you also have the chance to complete the 'local matters survey' this allows the team to see what crime priorities the residents would like to see the police tackle.



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Summer - Crime Prevention advice

During the summer months, with the longer lighter evenings and the warmer weather upon us, we recommend reading through the following crime prevention tips on how to stay safe during the warmer months.

- When opening your windows to cool down, ensure your valuable are out of sight and away from any openings – always ensure your house is securely locked before leaving your property
- If out socialising, never leave your drink unattended. A growing number of licensed premises endorse the use of drink covers to prevent drink spiking. There are a number of approved companies that sell these online to prevent the insertion of substances into your drink.
- When booking a taxi, always call or book a licensed cab/taxi and never accept a lift from a driver on the street or anyone who has consumed alcohol. Only black cabs can be hailed on the street, if you have booked a taxi always ask who they are waiting for and never tell them your name beforehand.
- When carrying bags make sure they are fastened securely, keep your valuables at the bottom of your bag and ensure phones are not held in your hand when walking – if you are a wheelchair user keep bags in front of you where you can see them where possible.

WIMBLEDON PARK CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVES:



Bike marking events and crime prevention stalls

The team have continued to carry out bike marking events primarily in Wimbledon Park near the Revelstoke entrance and Home Park Road entrance.

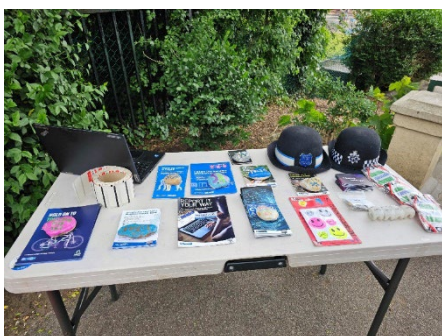
We are trying to make these events as accessible to people as possible by holding the event at different days and times. If you have been unable to make one of our events but would like your bike marked we are more than happy to come to you – just contact us.

Cuppa with a Copper

The team have been visiting Cooks Kitchen, Wimbledon Park for 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is an opportunity for local residents to meet us and discuss local policing issues. The next date for Wimbledon Park SNTs 'Cuppa with a copper' is:

- **Friday 8th August – 1-2pm**

These events are advertised on Met Engage.





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Crimes

Since the beginning of 2025 the most prevalent crimes for the ward are:

- Pedal cycle theft
- Theft from motor-vehicle
- Theft of motor-vehicle
- Shoplifting

CRIME OPERATIONS TACKLING PREVELANT CRIME:

Pedal cycle theft:

The team have recently recovered some stolen pedal cycles back to their rightful owners, however these pedal cycles were not security marked via bike register which proved difficult to find the owners, however after some investigation the owners were found! This is a reminder if you are a pedal cycle owner to come to one of our bike marking events and have your pedal cycles marked via Bike Register – for FREE to increase the chances of returning pedal cycles to their rightful owners if they are found.

Motor-vehicle crime:

On the 7th July 2025 police were called to reports of two individuals trying multiple car door handles down a street on the Wimbledon Park ward. After CCTV enquiries were conducted and informants spoken too, a search was conducted in the area for the two suspects. They were both successfully detained a short time later in a nearby street and have been arrested and charged with a number of offences.

Over the Wimbledon championships, your local teams have been conducting an operation targeting theft from motor-vehicle and Theft of Motor vehicle offences. This operation ran from 23/06/2025 - 13/07/2025 and has resulted in a reduction of crime compared to last year's championships.

Theft from motor-vehicle offences **decreased by 77.5%**. (40 offences reported in 2024 and 9 in 2025)

Theft of motor-vehicle offences **decreased by 50%**. (8 reported in 2024 and 4 reported in 2025)

Shoplifting:

On the 1st June 2025 officers from Wimbledon Park, Raynes Park and Wimbledon Village responded to an emergency call of a shoplifter who had stolen a large amount of alcohol. We arrived on scene and managed to locate the suspect in the local area, the suspect was arrested on the suspicion of shoplifting totalling approximately £900.

All goods have since been returned to the store (undamaged) and the suspect has been interviewed and charged with theft. The suspect was also further arrested in custody as they were wanted on recall to prison.



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Anti-Social behaviour

Wimbledon Park SNT have received reports of Anti-social behaviour occurring across the Wimbledon Park ward. A number of the individuals have been identified and are being managed by specialist units. If you have any issues on the ward with ASB please get in contact with us and we can try to find the right people to help whether this be housing, specialist policing teams or the council. Again, we are also led by reports and Intel from residents so please make sure you are reporting if you are having issues with ASB where you live.

Reporting Crime

We want to be able to do targeted proactive patrols, focus on hot spots and put motions into place to prevent the offending. Please be reminded that you **are unable to report crime by emailing an officer on Wimbledon Park direct or by emailing the dedicated SNT email address**. You need to either report online on the Met website or via calling 101/999 whichever is appropriate to the crime/situation you are reporting.

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PC Bakker 2298 SW

PC Peterson Gilbert 1580 SW

PCSO North 7265 SW

Contact your local police:

Telephone: - 020 7175 9776

Email: - WimbledonPark@met.police.uk

Neither the above email or phone number is to report crime on.

To find out more about policing in your area or report a crime,

Visit www.met.police.uk or call **101**.