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Metropolitan Police Service

Sanderstead Newsletter

Ward Priorities

Burglary

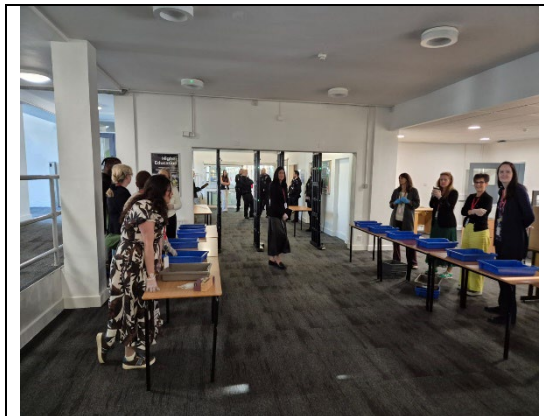
To visit every burglary on the ward. To maintain and reduce residential and non-residential burglaries across the ward.

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.



What is a Safer Neighbourhood's Teams (SNT)

Your Safer Neighbourhood's 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.

The October News Flash...

October served up quite a few talking points on the ward and these are some of the highlights that made the news round.

Our routine quarterly ward panel meeting was observed once more, and this was our last one to close off the year. The meeting is a platform for us to engage in discussions around our ward priorities which are set as tangible targets agreed upon with our ward councillors and community representatives.

In keeping in line with these, the local safer Neighbourhood's team set up a local OPP that was an initiative to intensify our presence and proactivity around two of our local priorities which are, to curb down on theft of a motor vehicles and residential burglaries.

The Frontline Engagement Network?!!

OPP Autumn nights was seen as a viable solution to the growing number in reports of theft and burglaries on our ward as well as across three of our sister wards in New Addington Village, Selsdon and Forestdale.

The work around these will have continuity throughout the close of the year in different forms as we look to reassure and enforce community safety as we approach the colder months of the year

The Jewish high holy day Patrols were another tasking we was involved in following events that took place in Manchester around a Jewish synagogue. Our presence here was to provide frontline reassurance and engagement with members observing this holy day from the Jewish community.

Team Members

Sgt Morrow

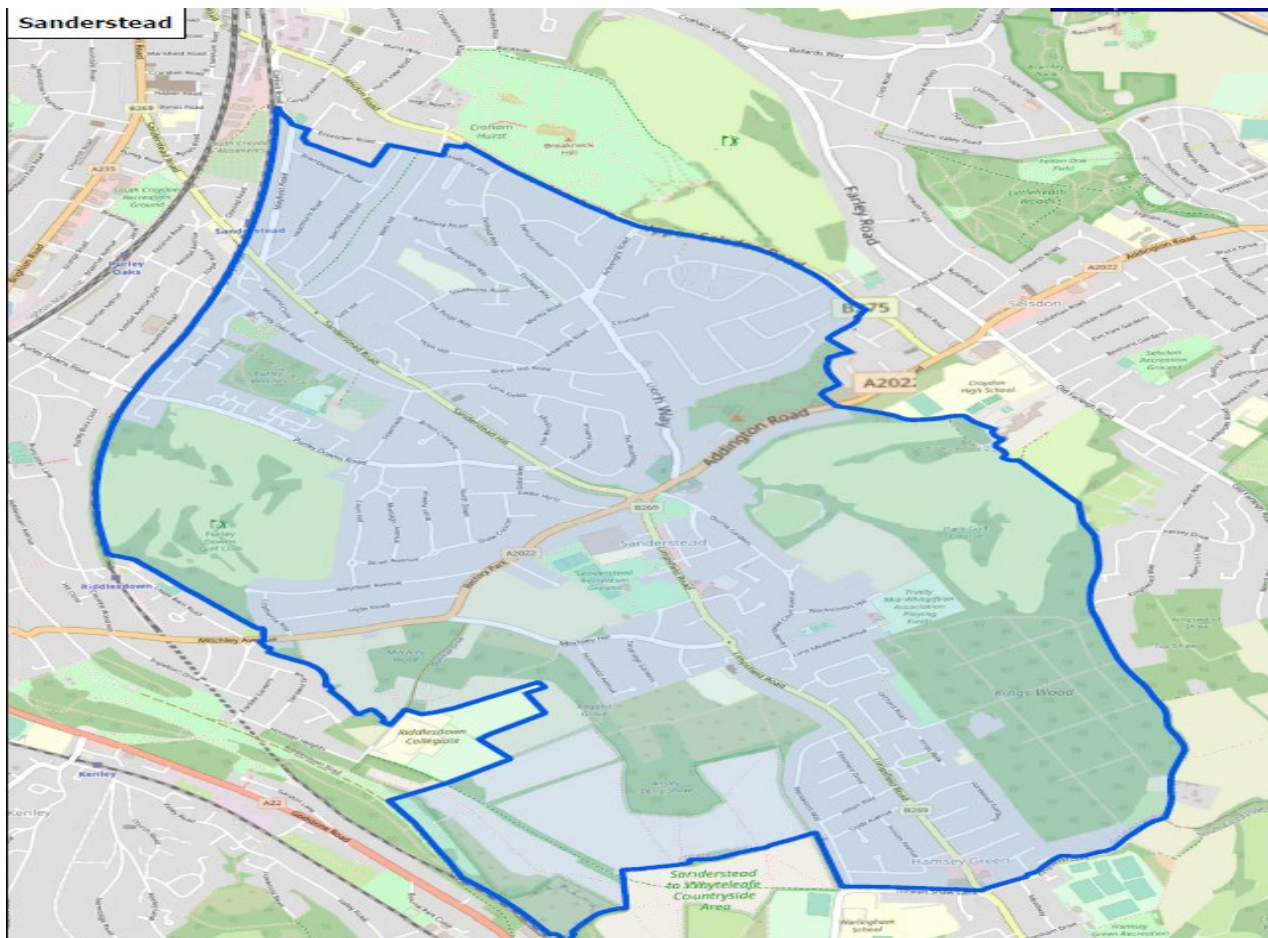
PC Williams

PC Mulji

PCSO Buwaya

TOO GREAT FOR HATE

Greater Manchester stands together against hate crime. [LetsEndHateCrime.com](https://letsendhatecrime.com)



Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is about people getting together with their neighbours 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 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 07th November 2025—10:00am –17:00hrs
(Speed Gun Opp)**

**Wednesday 21st January 2026—18:30hrs -
19:30hrs Onslow Gardens All Saints Church –
(Ward Panel 2026)**

**Sunday 09th November 2025- 07:00hrs-15:00hrs
All Saints Church Onslow Gardens (Remembrance
Day Mass)**

Theft From A Motor Vehicle 01st October – 31st October 2025.

Crime Type	Date/Time Patterns	Road	Circumstances
Theft From A Motor Vehicle	01/10/2025 15:38hrs	Cranleigh Gardens	Victim states unknown suspects have stolen front and rear plate from the vehicle.
Theft From A Motor Vehicle	19/10/2025 20:20hrs	Mayfield Road	Victim states unknown suspects have accessed their vehicle without causing damage and have stolen numerous items/ personal documents from the glove box. Untidy search was left behind.
Theft From A Motor Vehicle	24/10/2025 13:36hrs	Hazelwood Grove	Victim's van was broken into and all his work tools as well as a laptop were stolen.

Theft of a Motor Vehicle as of 01st October – 31st October 2025

Crime Type	Date/Time Patterns	Road	Circumstances
Theft Of A Motor Vehicle	07/10/2025 19:47hrs	Farm Fields	Informant reported their vehicle missing after leaving it parked on the roadside as it had been involved in an accident prior.
Theft Of A Motor Vehicle	11/10/2025 23:25hrs	Lime Meadow Avenue	Victim's car has been stolen by unknown suspects.
Theft Of A Motor Vehicle	15/10/2025 05:57hrs	Kingswood Lane	Victim left his truck at his partner's home address at 3:45pm and they have gone to work at 6:30pm They then returned to their partner's place and their vehicle was stolen at 5am
Theft Of A Motor Vehicle	17/10/2025 08:39hrs	North Downs Road	Victim reported their Mercedes Benz GLC stolen with the keys left behind
Theft Of A Motor Vehicle	23/10/2025 13:59hrs	Mayfield Road	Vehicle was stolen off the drive with its keys left behind as per the victim's report

Residential Burglaries of 01st October – 31st October 2025.

Crime Type	Date/Time Patterns	Road	Circumstances
Residential Burglaries	04/10/2025 02:09hrs	Harbledown Road	Two windows were reported damaged, and victims’ property was left ransacked.
Residential Burglaries	18/10/2025 03:39hrs	The Woodfields South Croydon	The suspects used the victim’s ladder and let themselves in Via a balcony door where the keys were left in the door
Residential Burglaries	31/10/2025 00:38hrs	Purley Downs Road	Victim has reported that unknown suspects have forced their way into his bedroom via a window and carried out an untidy search during which they have stolen £2500
Residential Burglaries	31/10/2025 22:50hrs	Limpsfield Road South Croydon	Victim reported forced entry via the front door leaving tool marks behind. Suspects stole £5000 worth in cash and £24000 in Gold Jewellery leaving an untidy search.

THE RECYCLED COLUMN

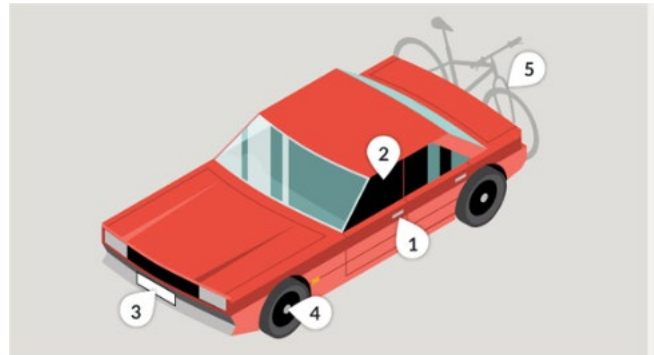
As we approach the dark colder months into winter season, we have observed a moderately slight increase in crime related incidents to all three of our ward priorities around theft from and theft of motor vehicles as well as residential burglaries. As informed by these statistics, we have decided to reshare some of our preventative tips around protecting our residents against criminals partaking in these crimes.





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.

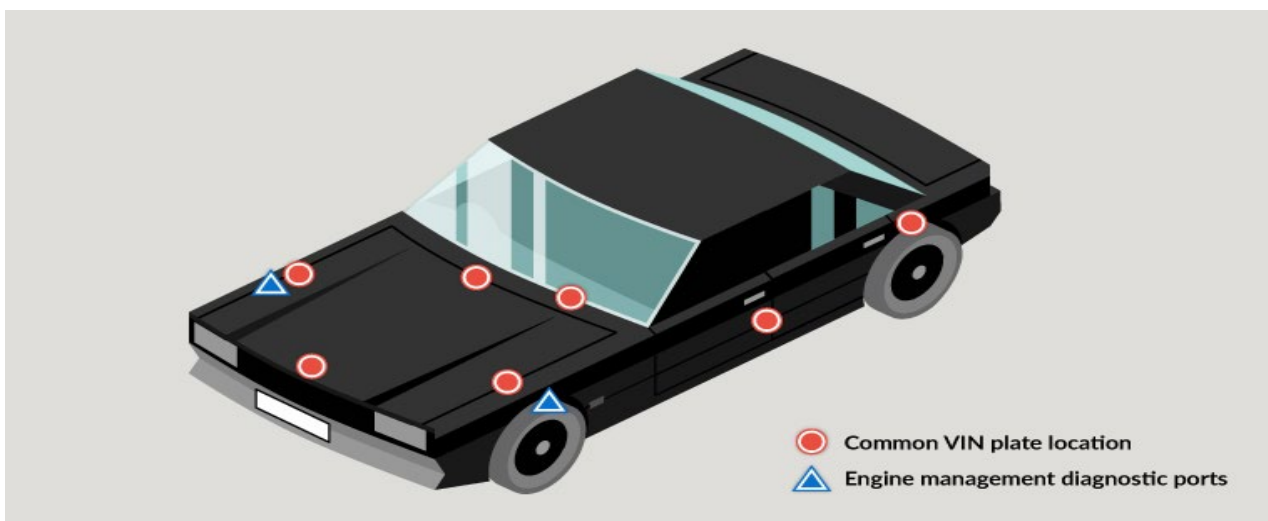
It's also worth speaking to your vehicle dealership about installing an aftermarket immobiliser approved by the manufacturer.

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/>