

Croydon Police Newsletter December 2018

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Local Borough Priorities

The priorities for Croydon are all mandatory high-harm crimes: sexual violence, domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, weapon-based crime and hate crime, along with antisocial behaviour, burglary and non domestic violence with injury.

The MOPAC document can be found at

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/pcp_local_priorities_2018.19.pdf

General Crime Overview

This newsletter looks back at incidents, events and news for December.

Crime statistics for the whole of the Met Police area can be found via this link:

<https://maps.met.police.uk/stats-and-data/crime-data-dashboard/>

The data for December will not be available immediately. You can find statistics for the ward by clicking on the map around Croydon and then selecting the SNT option from the bubble help.

There were thirty five reported crimes for the ward during December. Of that total count we had two thefts from motor vehicles and three thefts of motor vehicles. There has been one residential burglary. Three of the crimes reported during the month were for incidents in previous months.

Police Surgeries are held in **the Heath Room, Old Coulsdon Congregational Church, Coulsdon Road each Wednesday between 12pm and 1pm**. These are an opportunity for you to consult with a police officer regarding local policing issues.

Please contact us via e-mail if you would like a visit from the team. We hope that schools, colleges, or uniformed groups will ask us to attend any events or talk on one of several topics.

Team News

The team conducted speed checks alongside Met Roads and Traffic policing Command on Coulsdon Road and Marlpit Lane. Eight warnings were issued and two drivers were processed for speeding.

A driver from Admirals walk was given a Section 59 warning. This can be given to drivers if they are reported to have used their vehicle in a manner which causes "alarm, distress or annoyance". It also means that if the driver and/or vehicle is reported a second time then officers can seize and remove the vehicle.

Assisted Coulsdon Town with an anti bullying talk at Woodcote Primary School.

Processed a male for possession of cannabis.

Assisted in locating and the arrest of a male for several exposures over a number of days in Coulsdon Town Centre.

Seized two vehicles for no insurance on Coulsdon Road and one on Marlpit Lane.

Crime Prevention Advice - Reducing the Payoff

Reducing the profit the criminal can make from the offence.

- Security marking your property using UV pens. An older method useful as a quick and cheap method of marking items
- Security marking your property using chemical etching systems using tamper resistant templates. Useful for lawnmowers and large power tools
- Security marking your property using Microdot or DNA solutions. Good for all types and materials of property. Items are marked with a unique code and recorded on a secure database
- Marking your property in such a way that others will not want to buy from the thief
- Not buying property you believe or suspect to be stolen
- Registering your mobile phone and other items on Immobilise. Photographs and descriptions of items can be uploaded into this secure system
- Displaying warning signs in windows

Here are some of the many reason why you should mark at least some of your property:

- May deter the thief from breaking into your home (if he sees the warning signs on the door)
- The thief risks being arrested after the event if caught in possession of identifiable property
- Makes it more difficult for the thief to sell the property on
- Provides the police with evidence that connects the criminal to the scene of the crime
- Improves the chances that something you value will be returned

Reporting a crime in London can be done via the Met Police website using a mobile phone, tablet, laptop or computer when and where it is convenient for you. Simply click "report a crime" on the Met website to begin the process (<https://www.met.police.uk/report/how-to-report-a-crime/>) and follow the online steps, receiving a reference number at the end.

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