

Reigate and Banstead Police Newsletter



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Borough Commander Update

Inspector Alex Maguire

This month I want to tell you a bit about the current crime trends we are seeing.

We have really seen an increase in ASB and violent offences in the last 2 months. This is often seen at this time of year with light evenings and warmer weather, we get more calls about drunken behaviour, ASB and often escalating violence. We have seen an increase in serious assaults in the Town Centre areas, but significantly we have made arrests of those involved, and they are now prohibited from entering those areas by bail conditions, or having been issued Community protection warnings.

We did have a spike in personal robbery offences where youths were having items stolen from them and force used or threatened often by older youths. There have been a number of arrests following investigations and one youth has been successfully prosecuted and has received a 12 month custodial sentence in a Young Offenders Institute. This has reduced the amount of offences we are experiencing but we are aware that areas of open spaces remain a concern for parents and youths, so we are continuing to focus on these as part of the Neighbourhood teams patrol plan. In some areas I have used a dispersal order to support officers in dealing with groups who are likely to become a problem. I would encourage the public to continue reporting to us any incidents of ASB in open spaces, as we can then deal with them more effectively, and it allows us to get a better picture of the whole problem so we can tackle it with our partners.

Sergeants Alvarez and Kiely have given a good overview on what is happening on their areas, with Burglary prevention and ASB week activity. We will also be welcoming Sgt Rob Staplehurst to the team this month. He will lead the team on the Central area, so will be focusing his team's efforts on some of the problems in both Reigate and Redhill. I am sure he will bring some updates in the coming months of the team's proactive approach targeting the ASB, drug offences and people travelling in to our areas to commit burglaries and vehicle crime. We have had recent successes in these areas so we will continue to work with our proactive CID teams to tackle offenders of these crimes.

I hope that gives you a flavour of what the teams have been doing recently. Please do keep reporting suspicious activity to



Crime statistics – March to May 2023

Offence	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23
Residential Burglaries	37 (22)	12 (6)	19 (15)
Keyless Car Theft	5	9	6

(-) Actual residential burglaries only, not including -Attempted, Garage and Outbuilding Burglaries



Your Help!

We are asking Reigate and Banstead residents to help us reduce the number of burglary offences in the borough by submitting any video footage (such as CCTV, dashcam, or video doorbell footage) and photographs which show suspicious activity via our suspicious activity portal.

The portal is for circumstances **where no crime has been reported**, but the suspicious behaviour could potentially be related to for example a burglary, theft of a vehicle, or catalytic converter.

Though realistically we may not be able to identify every person in a piece of footage, especially if they have a face covering, every clip feeds into our understanding of the bigger crime picture in your neighbourhood and in many cases can provide the missing piece of information about people, location and behaviours.

To submit your images you will need to select Reigate and Banstead Borough from the list on our website link below. To find out more about the portal and submit your footage visit this link :

<https://surrey.police.uk/suspiciousactivityportal>



North of the Borough - Sergeant Raf Alvarez.

The team have been busy again during June, working with our partners in the Met Police and we have conducted a proactive burglary operation within the area.

We are still experiencing burglaries in the area, the usual 'MO' (modus operandi) being the smashing of the rear windows of properties to gain access.

Please remain vigilant and ensure you protect your properties (lights left on when your out, doors locked, taking in your neighbours' wheelie bins if left out etc). We have recently purchased burglary information leaflets and my team have distributing these in the area.

South of the Borough – Sergeant Sarah Kiely

PCSO Parnell attended the Horley Carnival and met many local residents. We have anti-social behaviour (ASB) week commencing on the 3rd of July where we join with our partners and get out into the community to offer help, support and advice on all matters relating to it.

We will be at the Horley Recreation Ground on Wednesday the 5th of July between 11.00 and 13.00, where we hope some of our local residents will come and say hello.

South team have been using their local knowledge to assist our colleagues in CID with gathering evidence for a range of different offences, some of which led to arrests or helped to build a picture into the background and possible motive. The team have also used Community Protection Warnings to serve on individuals which has helped to prevent further offending within our community.

COMBATTING RURAL CRIME

AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE AND GPS THEFTS

So far in 2023 we have seen a higher number of agricultural vehicle thefts compared to this time last year, with ATVs and John Deere tractors currently top of plant theft wish lists.

As the agricultural farming season gets busier and we start to see more farm equipment moving around, please bear in mind that this will also be busier time for plant thieves too. Please make things as hard as possible for them by taking steps to secure your vehicles and equipment.

Park equipment inside barns, or place heavier objects in front of them so they can't be driven or dragged away, and use steering or pedal locks if available.

The GPS theft trend has also begun again in Thames Valley, so please make sure to take yours out of your tractors at the end of the working day and lock them away.

If you would like us to give you further advice or carry out a crime prevention survey on your farm or small holding, please get in touch and we will aim to have a designing out crime officer pay you a visit.

We would very much welcome your feedback on the Newsletter. Our aim is to make the Newsletter informative, supportive and interesting. Respond by using the 'In the Know' : [Reply](#), [Rate](#), [Forward](#) / [Share](#) or email me at Simon.Morris@surrey.police.uk

Thank you
Simon Morris 20789 – Community Engagement Volunteer

Your
Feedback



Crime Prevention Advice



Personal Fraud - Scams



The Office for National Statistics (ONS) say that people are more likely to fall victim to fraud or cyber offences above any other crime.

Scams recently reported in Reigate and Banstead

- Investment Fraud using WhatsApp - Crypto Currency
- Doorstep (Rogue Trader) Garden Work - Quoted £500 and this increased to £2,000
- On-line Market Fraud
- Victim received text that their son had lost his phone – sent money for a replacement. It was a Scam.
- Resident received a call from a suspect claiming to be from a Bank's Fraud Department, stating that all customers had been the victims of a TV licence scam. Suspect explained that they would receive a text and to press 'Yes' Resident received the text and pressed 'Yes'. Money was taken from their Bank Account. They contacted the Bank and reported the incident to Action Fraud.

Stop and think before you act.



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Advice



#FriendsAgainstScams
www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

Report

Contact Your Bank



<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

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Advice and Report

Talk online at:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/get-help-with-online-scams/>. Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

Tel: 0808 223 1133. Mon – Fri 8am to 6pm.



OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

PCSO 14089 Paul Wimble is retiring from the SURREY POLICE Neighbourhood team on reaching 14 years of service.

Paul joined SURREY POLICE as a trainee PCSO in July 2009 and came to the REIGATE team in January 2010 after training in CATERHAM.

Paul initially patrolled WOODHATCH on foot for a number of years and became well known by local residents. His area of responsibility then expanded to include REIGATE

After 9 years Paul was given local responsibility for REDHILL Town and the local area, working closely with other PCSOs who have since become Police Officers.

Paul has thoroughly enjoyed working in his role meeting local residents, dealing with local issues and helping them to feel more secure and feels sad to leave the team, but is thoroughly looking forward to his next phase of life.

Antisocial Behaviour Awareness Week – 3rd to 9th July 2023



We hope that you have found the the second of our monthly newsletters both interesting and informative and, again, thank you very much to Ian Capper – geograph.org for the local photographs.

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Recently there has been a reduction, in our area, of keyless car thefts. Please remain vigilant and take precautions to secure your vehicle. During May there were no catalytic car thefts reported in our area. Please also be aware that there have recently been a number of thefts from cars. Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle, but if you do please keep them out of sight.



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](#).

How to report a crime or incident:

Emergency: call 999

Non Emergency: call 101 or report online or via live chat at: www.surrey.police.uk

To contact your local team (not for reporting purposes) email: @surrey.pnn.police.uk

You can pass information to us directly via 101, online via <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/> or anonymously via Crimestoppers 0800555111, <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

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