



Copers Cope News Letter February 2016

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Hello and thank you for reading this months Copers Cope Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) newsletter.

The team details and ward map along with other useful information can be accessed at <http://content.met.police.uk/Team/Bromley/CopersCope>

Your team includes

PS 12py Steve King, Sergeant
PC 128py Steve Allen, Dedicated Ward Officer (DWO)
PCSO 7256py Julie Oldfield, Dedicated Ward Officer (DWO)

[Street Surgery](#)

Our next surgeries are on the following dates:

Friday 26th February 2016 between 4.00 p.m & 5.00 p.m at Waitrose Southend Road

Wednesday 23rd March 2016 between 2.00 p.m & 3.00 p.m at Waitrose Southend Road

Come and talk to your local Officers and discuss your concerns and for crime prevention information.

MetTrace



The Met have come up with an operation called MetTrace an initiative to help residents make their homes more secure by providing smartwater forensic marking equipment.

The equipment allows residents to mark valuable property such as jewellery, mobile phones, electrical items and bikes.

The plan is 1 in 7 London homes will have been visited and introduced to MetTrace by 2018 with a planned 440,000 kits to be distributed over the three year project.

100% conviction rate if found with stolen SmartWatered property.

Each kit is unique to your home.

Bromley Police have a team currently visiting homes across the borough and hopefully will be in the Beckenham area in the future.

Crime

Our ward priorities are:

Burglary

Motor vehicle crime

Robbery - personal property

Our promises are:

ASB related to alcohol

Shoplifting

Traffic

January burglary and motor vehicle crimes

Unfortunately there had been several burglaries in the Beckenham area during the month of January this includes residential and non residential offences the worst affected areas for residential burglary has been in the Foxgrove Road area where there has been three reported offences.

There had also been a few thefts from motor vehicles in January with two offences occurring in Downs Hill Road.

On the 9th January the Copers Cope safer neighbourhood team conducted a warrant at an address in Beckenham where a resident was arrested for possession of drugs.

On the 15th January the Copers Cope safer neighbourhood team conducted another warrant this time in an address in Penge where two residents were arrested for possession with intent to supply. One of the residents tried to discard some of their items by throwing them out of a rear window, unfortunately for them this was spotted by yours truly!

Crime Prevention

Burglary

Front Door Security: Doors should be solid timber, not hollow, a minimum of 44mm thick, supported by three 100mm (4") hinges. The frame to be of sound timber, securely bolted or screwed to the walls every 600mm (23") around the whole frame.

- Fit a good automatic deadlocking latch cylinder lock a third of the way down the door.
- Fit a British Standard 3621 mortise deadlock with boxed staple a third of the way up the door (avoiding joints in the timber).
- Strengthen the door frame with metal reinforcement. A " London Bar " on the lock side and a " Birmingham Bar " on the hinge side.
- Fit a letterbox cowl / basket to prevent fishing for keys or access to lock handles.

Back Doors: Fit a British Standard 3621 mortise sash lock halfway up the door (avoiding joints in the timber).

- Fit key operated bolts to top (max height 1.5m (4' 11")) and bottom of the door.
- Reinforce any weak door panels with either sheet metal or 9mm plywood.

Double French Doors: Fit key operated bolts to the top and bottom of each door securing it to the frame.

- Fit hinge bolts or interlocking hinges to any outward opening door.

Patio Doors: Fit patio door locks at the top and bottom of the opening section of the patio door.

- Fit an anti-lifting device to prevent the door being lifted and moved.

Window Security:

Sash Windows: Fit 2 key operated sash stops to the upper window. The maximum window opening should be 100mm (4") to allow ventilation when the house is occupied.

Casement (Hinged) Windows: Fit key operated locks on the opening side. If replacing windows fit those that have achieved British Standard 7950 and have laminated glass 6.4mm thick in ground floor and accessible windows.

Gardens: Secure your rear gardens by locking gates and fixing trellis to the top of fences. Trellis should support climbing plants but not climbing intruders.

Sheds: Secure your shed or ensure that tools that may prove useful for breaking in (e.g. forks and spades) are secured elsewhere.

Please if you can take simple steps to help prevent these offences take place, lock all windows and doors of your house even if you leave for just a few minutes. If you have an alarm please use it.

Vehicles

When you leave your car please lock it and use your alarm or immobiliser if you have one and take any valuables with you.

Mobile Phones

Please consider using the immobilise website to register your mobile phone. It only takes a couple of minutes and it's completely free. If your phone is lost or stolen you're much more likely to get it back and possibly help catch a thief as well. www.immobilise.com

Cash Point Machines

Please be aware of your surroundings if and when you use a cash point machine. Be vigilant of people near you when entering your PIN and don't allow yourself to be distracted if some body tries to talk to you whilst you are using the cash point. If uncertain, use another machine.

Pedal Cycles

We have had a few reported offences of pedal cycles being stolen from bike sheds. Some of these offences have occurred in communal bike sheds attached to flats. Please be aware and if possible look into any security improvements.

Please remember to lock your bikes and consider getting it security etched and registered.

The Bromley Safer Transport Team will be holding cycle marking events on the following dates:

4th February 5.00 pm till 6.00 pm Bromley South Railway Station
11th February 5.00 pm till 6.00 pm Bromley South Railway Station
18th February 5.00 pm till 6.00 pm Bromley South Railway Station
25th February 5.00 pm till 6.00 pm Bromley South Railway Station
3rd March 5.00 pm till 6.00 pm Bromley South Railway Station
10th March 5.00 pm till 6.00 pm Bromley South Railway Station
17th March 5.00 pm till 6.00 pm Bromley South Railway Station
24th March 5.00 pm till 6.00 pm Bromley South Railway Station
31st March 5.00 pm till 6.00 pm Bromley South Railway Station

Up and coming events are advertised on:

<http://www.met.police.uk/teams/transportse/bromley/>

Further crime prevention information is available from www.met.police.uk/bromley and follow the link to Crime Prevention.

Neighbourhood Watch

Copers Cope ward would like to have a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator(s) on every street. If you know of anyone who wishes to take part please find information on <http://www.bnwa.co.uk/>

If you know anyone who has set up a neighbourhood watch please can you send me their e-mail address so I can send them our monthly news letter.

Panel Members

We are looking for local residents to join our ward panel. There are 4 meetings a year and panel members help decide on the wards promises and discuss local issues.

If you would like to have your say on how your local community is policed please contact us for details.

Local Information

If there is any information you would like to share with the Copers Cope safer neighbourhood team and residents of Beckenham in relation to crime then please e-mail us using the address on the bottom of this letter.

Thank you for your time reading this letter, if we can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to call or e-mail us and we will get back to you as soon as possible and we will be more than happy to help.

If you need police for an urgent matter where you are in danger or fear always dial 999. If you wish to see a police officer for a non emergency matter, then please dial 101

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