

Copers Cope Safer Neighbourhood Team

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The borough priority is to reduce MOPAC 7 Crimes. The MOPAC 7 priority crimes are crimes which have a high impact on victims, they are: **burglary, criminal damage, robbery, theft from a motor vehicle, theft from a person, theft of a motor vehicle and violence with injury.**

For more information visit:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/data-and-research/crime>

Our Promises to you

We set our promises at our regular Ward Panel Meetings where we meet with representatives from the community to discuss the local priorities. If you would like to take an active role in helping to improve your local community then contact us about joining. We would love to hear from you.

1. **Parking around the Citroen garage in Copers Cope Road**, we have patrolled the area to check on any vehicles that are parked illegally. We are also in contact with the council parking wardens.
2. Tackle **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in West Gate Road, street drinkers & dog fouling around The Green & St. George's Church**. We patrol areas where this has taken place and use powers available to us to combat these problems.
3. **Pubs & Clubs on the weekend**, there are on going operations to tackle problems involving rowdy anti social behaviour. We are also in contact with the different bars and cctv so we know where the problems are coming from.



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Team News

What has the team been up to?

On Wednesday 3rd August whilst on a reassurance visit regarding a burglary in The Avenue Myself and PCSO Oldfield were speaking with the victim who showed us a picture of the suspect. PCSO Oldfield then saw who she believed was the suspect, who was approaching the block of flats, and confirmed it with the victim. We approached the suspect who on seeing us ran. After a short chase the suspect was detained by myself and was soon arrested for burglary and going equipped.

On Friday 5th August whilst conducting patrols in an unmarked vehicle PC Zema, PC Edwards and PC Fishenden were drawn to a suspicious vehicle and the occupants. On approach the occupants ran from the officers. The occupants were caught and were in possession of cannabis, on searching the vehicle a samurai sword was found on the back seat. Arrests were made and taken to Lewisham Police station.

Officers have started a new operation which will be taking place across the borough bringing to attention the rise in scams that have been taking place with the elderly the prime victims. The aim is to warn and explain to the most vulnerable the different ways criminals will attempt to part victims with their money.

A speed check operation was taken place on Thursday 11th August in the Copers Cope area. We will continue to do these operations in other roads. Please contact us with roads you feel could be of benefit of a speed operation.

Please contact us if you have any issues or concerns in the area.

For more news and if you are use Twitter please follow us on @MPSBeckenham

Upcoming Events

- Wed 28th September: Public Surgery at Waitrose Southend Road 1.00 - 2.00

Our next Panel Meeting is on Thursday 8th September if you wish to join our panel please contact us.

Bromley Safer Transport team also hold regular cycle marking events across the bromley borough details of future events can be found on: www.metpolice.uk/teams/transportse/bromley/

General Crime Overview

We are always looking for residents to join our Neighbourhood Watch and also for people to act as co-ordinators in their local area. If you are interested in helping to make Beckenham a safer place then please contact us on the details above. You can make a real difference in making Beckenham a safer place.

Shoplifting offences appear to be improving in the High Street in the last month. We will continue with regular patrols and liaise with shops and encourage the use of the shop safe radio. The business watch scheme seems to be working and we have had a few calls from shops where suspects have been recognised. We have given shops further images of suspects to look out for and this has helped with employees being vigilant along with our High Street patrols.

Burglary continues to be a main issue, though there has been a drop in offences in the area. However please be mindful when leaving your property making sure all doors and windows are locked.

Vehicle crime, there are still several offences taking place on a monthly basis but August did seem to show a drop compared to previous months. Most offences continue to be work vehicles where tools have been left and vehicles unlocked.

Our locally compiled crime statistics can be sent separately if you wish to receive these please contact us on the details above. Please note these are compiled by the local team and may vary slightly from those supplied by others.

Stay Safe and Help Prevent Crime

We can all do our bit to help make burglars lives more difficult and put them out of business.

Burglars don't want to be seen or heard ensure you use the security you have installed.

- Install a visible intruder alarm system with an active bell box - both front and rear of the property.
- Ensure access to the side and rear of the property is restricted (lockable gates). In the case of flats the communal door must be secured.
- Security lights should be fitted to the front, side and rear to increase visibly as they are an active deterrent.
- Where door locks are operated by lifting the handle, use the key to double lock the door and take the key out; remember **Lift-Lock-Remove**.
- An internal letterbox shield will prevent keys being fished through the letterbox. Close and lock all of your doors and windows.

- Protect valuables by property marking/photographing and recording the serial numbers. This increases the chances of your property being recovered and bringing the offender to justice.
- Use automatic timer-switches to turn a light on after dark so that your home appears occupied. This is particularly important during the winter months when the days are much shorter.
- Communal doors and other multi occupancy buildings must be secured to prevent people tailgating. Make sure you know who you are letting in.

Please don't make your vehicle a target to criminals.

- Don't leave anything on display in your car.
- Take all your belongings with you when you leave your vehicle. If you can't, lock them in the boot.
- Fit an alarm or an immobiliser.
- Fit locking wheel nuts.
- Fix your number plates to your vehicle using tamper proof screws.
- Have the vehicle's registration number etched onto the windows.
- And please make sure you lock your vehicle when leaving it unattended.

I am sorry to say that PC Zema is leaving us for pastures new. We will be getting new officer to take his place.

Good Luck Fab in your new role.