

## Copers Cope Safer Neighbourhood Team

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Please note these are not monitored 24/7. In an emergency please call 999 or if the matter is non urgent but requires a Police response please dial 101

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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. **Leafleting the area with crime prevention information regarding garage and shed burglary.** This is ongoing and we aim to deliver to affected areas.
2. **Contact Officer who sends information regarding ASB and Club / Pub disorder over the weekend.** We will be contacting the Officer in question and asking for the information to be sent to the Copers Cope team on a weekly basis.
3. **Ask officer to attend the Market on the Green on 24th September.** We unfortunately could not attend but have asked PCSO Field from the Kelsey Team who has kindly agreed to attend and give out crime prevention information.



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# **Team News**

## **What has the team been up to?**

Officers are continuing with a operation which is 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.

Areas so far that have been covered are West Wickham, Hayes & Coney Hall and Shortlands. Next up is the Kelsey and Eden Park ward.

We have arranged with Natwest Bank and Trading Standards to give crime prevention advice to residents regarding scams that have been taking place across the borough. Please find dates in our up coming events.

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**

- Drop - in surgery at Waitrose, Southend Road 20th October 11.00 - 12.00
- Drop - in surgery at Waitrose, Southend Road 24th November 2.00 - 3.00
- Drop - in surgery at Waitrose, Southend Road 22nd December 4.00 - 5.00
  
- Crime prevention regarding scams, Natwest Bank, High Street 13th October 10.00 - 3.00
- Crime prevention regarding scams, Natwest Bank, High Street 25th November 10.00 - 3.00
- Crime prevention regarding scams, Natwest Bank, High Street 16th December 10.00 - 3.00

Our next Panel Meeting is on Thursday 1st December 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm in the training room at Waitrose, Southend Road 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/](http://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.

**Burglary** We have suffered with several burglaries over September with residential and non residential buildings there has also been a distraction burglary. These offences have been spread throughout the ward.

**Car crime** There has been an improvement in the number of offences, but please remain vigilant and warn any tradesman working on your home that work vehicles are more commonly targeted.

**Shop lifting** Overall there seems to be an improvement however we are reliant on shops and businesses to report any offences.

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.

## **Staff Changes**

We currently have Police Constable Russell Edwards who is the ward officer for Shortlands. He will be covering both wards taking over from PC Zema who has left for a new role in the job.

Changes regarding PCSO's will be taking place on the borough in the very near future. Unfortunatley each ward will only have one PCSO and surplus PCSO's will be moved to other boroughs who are lacking in numbers.

This means Copers Cope ward will be losing two PCSO's.

We will keep you updated with the changes when we know.