

Palmers Green Safer Neighbourhood Team News

November was a bad month for burglary which doubled compared to October. A number of houses left in darkness attracted the burglars in the first couple of weeks. So please think about leaving lights on or setting up those timer switches to light up your rooms. There were a number of attempts to houses with expensive cars parked on the drive overnight. Thankfully all residents had locked their doors well enough but damage was caused.

After the big day please don't advertise what presents were given by leaving their boxes outside your homes. Please fold them down and put them in the bin.

Motor vehicle crime has been a lot lower in November. Though we had a few weeks of no catalytic converter theft it seems the thieves are back again. The cars they are targeting have started to change from the Honda Jazz and Toyota Prius to the Lexus 400 and the Toyota Auris. So please take a look at what can be fitted around the catalytic converter to make it hard to steal and think about fitting a tilt alarm to the car. These deterrents may save you from a £500-£2000 bill.

During cold periods it is important to do two things. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended warming your vehicle. Every year we have a number of vehicles being stolen this way. Please de-ice your windows fully before setting off. It is illegal not to.

There again have been five robberies in November. Two have involved theft of or attempted theft of cars.

Please be aware of your valuables on Green Lanes. A debit card was taken from a pocket and used at shops, on a Friday evening and a mobile phone was taken from a bag in Poundland, on a Sunday afternoon. There again have been bank follow offs. So please talk to your elderly relatives and neighbours about withdrawing large amounts of cash.

An elderly man was approached by two bogus parking attendants in The Grove, Friday 6th December at 1.45pm and told he had to pay £300 because he was parked in the wrong place. He was taken home to collect his card, then to a cash point on The Triangle and the cash was withdrawn. PIN was also seen and card was taken. Card was cancelled immediately so they didn't get any more though they tried. Two white males described as wearing yellow Hi-Viz jackets and baseball caps.





Welcome to the latest Palmers Green Ward Safer Neighbourhoods Newsletter. This edition covers the crime figures on Palmers Green Ward for November 2019.

Crimes Recorded this month

There were 159 recorded crimes on the Ward during this period.

Burglary

There were 9 attempted residential burglaries, 12 residential burglaries, 1 aggravated burglary and 4 shed burglaries this month.

OSBORNE ROAD, between 6pm and 6.36pm on 3rd November. Front door has been forced open damaging the frame and lock. No entry was made to the flat. **THE FAIRWAY**, between 6.30pm and 6.35pm on 5th November. Noises were heard by neighbours in the house and two young males came from the rear wearing dark clothing and one wearing a grey hat. Side gate had been opened and rear door forced open to gain entry. The bedrooms have subjected to an untidy search.

CONNAUGHT GARDENS, between 8am, 2nd November and 10am, 6th November. Front window was smashed and then opened with a key left nearby. Unknown if anything has been taken.

NEW RIVER CRESCENT, 6.40pm on 9th November. Kitchen door was forced open. Bedroom has been searched and a silver tea set has been taken. Chain was put across the front door so the victim could not get in.

BROOMFIELD AVENUE, between 12.30pm and 8.35pm on 10th November. Tool marks were found on rear patio door and the UPVC has been bent. No entry was gained.

CRESTBROOK AVENUE, between 2.3pm and 2.40pm on 11th November. Front door has been forced off the hinges and a suspect found in the address by the victim. He ran off towards Riverway and jumped into a black VW Golf and drove off. Two females who appeared to be helping the victim came into the victim's house and then left shortly afterwards. It appears they may have gone through drawers and taken sunglasses. Untidy search of both floors and gold stolen. **HUXLEY PLACE**, between 8.30pm and 9pm on 11th November. Victim heard what sounded like someone going over the fence at the time. On checking the next day found a large section of fence had been removed and tool marks where an attempt to force his garage doors has been made but was not successful.

FIRS LANE, between 7am and 6.40pm on 12th November. Damage found to near the lock. No entry was gained.

HEDGE LANE, between 2.30pm and 10.57pm on 12th November. Window of the back door was smashed. Bedrooms searched and possibly jewellery and watches were taken.

ECCLESBOURNE GARDENS, between 8.30pm and 8.50pm. The victim was watching TV and heard a noise from the kitchen and found three males in there. Two searched the house while one held her in the living room. She managed to escape when he went into the hall through the front door and alerted police via neighbours. Bottom pane of glass in kitchen door was smashed and bedrooms were searched taking cash.

Broomfield Bowls Club, **HEDGE LANE**, 9am on 27th October (reported late). Padlock to the rear door has been bent though shank has not been broken. Shed in Orchard shows signs of being levered around the door lock and the lock handle broken off. No entry gained to either.

DAVEY CLOSE, between 11.55pm, 13th November and 12am, 14th November. Communal door lock was broken and boots were taken from outside flat door.

DAVEY CLOSE, between 6pm, 13th November and 4am, 14th November. Communal door was hanging off its hinges on block of flats. No entry was gained to any of the flats.

DAVEY CLOSE, between 3am and 3.30am on 14th November. Communal door lock and electric entry has been broken off. No entry was gained to any flats.

THE GROVE, between 2pm, 13th November and 12.25pm, 16th November. Side gate was forced open and then the back door lock. House has been searched and jewellery and rare coins were taken.

NEW PARK AVENUE, between 12.30am and 9.30am on 16th November. Door and frame have been found with tool marks on. No entry was gained.

NEW PARK AVENUE, between 2.30am and 9am, 16th November. Tool marks have been found on the front door. Door now longer locks or closes. No entry was gained.

NEW PARK AVENUE, 4am on 16th November. Damage has been found to front aluminium door and wooden frame. Won't now close properly. No entry was gained. **FARNDALE AVENUE**, between 2.10pm and 10.40pm on 16th November. Bathroom window was forced open and lights were found on. Flat searched and jewellery and documents were taken.

BARROWELL GREEN, between 10pm, 16th November and 12pm, 17th November. Tool was used to force open the garage door. Two TVs, some cloths and a couple of drills were taken.

HEDGE LANE, 2.07pm on 14th November. Unknown person has tried to get in the house possibly with a key before driving off in a car.

ULSTER GARDENS, between 8.20pm and 8.23pm on 17th November. Rear patio door window was smashed. Bedrooms have been searched and jewellery taken.

BARROW CLOSE, between 12.01am and 6am on 28th November. Shed was entered via a hole made in the roof from the river bank behind. Corded power tools were taken. Battery powered ones left behind. FIRS LANE, 5.20pm on 27th November. Suspects have climbed through neighbours gardens to access the rear garden. Rear kitchen window has been forced open and cupboard dismantled around the safe. Safe has then been taken back across the two neighbour's gardens to a gated alleyway. NEW RIVER CRESCENT, 7.49pm on 29th November. The victim looked out the window and saw a male with a torch trying to break into her shed. Her husband shouted out the window and the suspect

made off over the rear fence to the river bank footpath. Shed padlock has been broken. Unknown if anything has been taken.

NEW RIVER CRESCENT, between 9am, 1st October and 8am, 30th November. Shed broken into and extension lead taken.

LIFT - LOCK – REMOVE

Motor Vehicle Crime

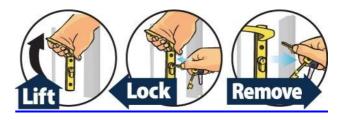
There were 13 thefts from motor vehicles and 5 thefts of motor vehicles reported in November.

FIRS LANE, between 3.30pm, 9th November and 12.30am, 10th November. Car taken from location.

WAUTHIER CLOSE, between 10pm, 9th November and 9am, 10th November. Car has been entered and wallet and mobile phone were taken. Please remember to double lock your front doors whether you have a UPVC door or have a Yale and mortice. If you also have a UPVC porch door then double lock that too. If you have the security installed, then please use it.

Please also consider the use of timer switches to light your houses up after dark if you are not yet home.

We still offer all residents the opportunity of having a crime prevention survey carried out on their home. Simply contact us via the details on this newsletter to arrange an appointment



PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOUBLE LOCKING A UPVC (THREE OR FIVE POINT LOCKING SYSTEM) DOOR.

If a UPVC door is not locked with a key the door handle goes down when tried and is left very weakly secure with a very small piece of triangular metal going into the frame. This point on the doorframe near the lock is where the suspects target with their screwdrivers or crowbars and can pop your door open sometimes with very little effort.

FIRS LANE, between 5pm and 5.50pm on 11th November. Car taken from location. **BROOMFIELD AVENUE**, 2.15am on 2nd November. Driver's window was smashed and the centre of the steering wheel was taken. **NEW RIVER CRESCENT**, 10pm, 31st October and 11.30am, 2nd November. Passenger door found slightly open and vehicle had been searched.

RYLSTON ROAD, between 7pm, 4th November and 8.30am, 5th November. Driver's side window was smashed and steering wheel was taken. **PEMBROKE ROAD**, between 12.05pm and 12.07pm on 29th October. Rear windscreen was smashed and electric drill taken from inside by suspect in a vehicle which pulls up alongside. **GREEN LANES**, between 3pm and 4pm, 15th November. Van was parked in Morrisons Car Park with the rear doors facing Travis Perkins. A car pulled away as the victim returned. Van was still secure. The next morning the victim realised his tools and other items had been taken.

North London Van Centre, GREEN LANES, between 5.30pm, 19th November and 9.30am, 20th November. Van was taken off the forecourt. **PILGRIMS CLOSE**, between 2pm and 2.30pm on 20th November. Van was taken from location.

ASHLEY GARDENS, between 9pm, 20th November and 5.30am, 21st November. Car was entered and sunglasses and cologne were taken. **GREEN LANES**, between 1pm, 21st November and 2.50pm, 22nd November. Front and rear number plates taken.

OAKTHORPE ROAD, between 1201am and 12.02am on 22nd November. Vehicle was taken by suspect without owner's permission. Was then stopped for drink and drug driving.

ASH GROVE, between 9.20pm, 26th November and 6.50am, 27th November. Car was entered and searched. Satnav was taken.

CONNAUGHT GARDENS, between 6.52pm and 7.02pm on 27th November. A Toyota Prius had its catalytic converter taken while parked on the drive.

FIRS LANE, 3.10pm on 28th November. Property was taken from the victim's van while working at a customer's house.

LIGHTCLIFFE ROAD, A Toyota Auris had it catalytic converter taken. Rear passenger side door and wing were damaged in the process. **PEMBROKE ROAD**, between 12.05pm and 12.07pm on 29th November. Rear windscreen

was smashed and a drill taken from the boot.



Robbery

There were 5 robberies reported in November.

Near **BRIDGEWATER HOUSE, GREEN LANES**, between 3pm and 3.15pm on 8th November. The victim was stopped by two males who asked him where he lived and which school he went to. They've then asked what phone he has and threatened to stab and punch him if he didn't hand it over. The victim handed the phone over and was told to unlock it and the suspects reset the phone before taking the victim's earbuds and walking away.

BARROWELL GREEN, between 11.30am and 11.34am on 16th November. The victim got in her car and started it then got out to put some rubbish in the bin leaving it running and a suspect pushed her out of the way jumped into the car and drove it off towards Green Lanes. The car was later found by the victim's husband parked on Stonard Road.

THE LARCHES, between 7.30pm and 7.42pm on 16th November. The victim was parking his car when a group of males with knives approached him, punched him and he tried to run away on the drive but they grabbed him and knocked the car keys out of his hand and his phone broke. He called out for help and his family came out of the house. The suspects ran off towards Barrowell Green and his eldest son chased after them. The victim's car was not taken. The suspects drove off in their own car.

PARK AVENUE, 2pm on 23rd November. The victim was pulled into a car and robbed. His watch, bracelet and tracksuit bottoms were taken before he was allowed to leave.

Near Morrisons Car Park, **BRIDGE DRIVE**, 6pm on 4th November. The victim was approached as he walked away from Morrisons on Bridge Drive where he was kicked and punched. He felt the tip of a knife through a bag and the suspects managed to remove his phone and his iCloud from his phone. They then got on a scooter and rode off.



"Cuppa with a Copper....."

Come and say Hello, for help and advice on local issues



Up coming events

Our next contact points will be on:

Saturday 14th December, 9am-10am, Parkrun contact point, Grovelands Park N21

Friday 20th December, 11am-12pm, contact point, Chi Chi's, Green Lanes N13

Saturday 28th December, 5pm-6pm, contact point, Costa, Green Lanes N13

Friday 3rd January 2020, 11am-12pm, contact point, Kiva, Green Lanes N13

Saturday 18th January 2020, 9am-10am, Parkrun contact point, Grovelands Park N21

Sunday 26th January 2020, 3pm-4pm, contact point, Morrisons Café, Aldermans Hill N13

Please come along and have a chat about crime or any other issues concerning policing in Palmers Green.

Team Members

Based at Southgate Police Station your Dedicated Ward Officers (DWOs) on Palmers Green ward are:

PS Matt Bloomfield

PC Jon Howarth

PC Usman Siddiq

PCSO Jennifer Arkwright

We can be contacted via the telephone on:

0208 721 2835 (please leave a message if no answer – name, number, address)

Or via email:

Palmersgreen.snt@met.police.uk

Useful Contacts

24/7 Police Station

- Edmonton Police station
 - 462 Fore Street, Edmonton N9 0PW

Contact Point

Wednesday 6pm - 7pm and Saturday 2pm - 3pm

• Dugdale Centre

39 London Rd, Enfield, EN2 6DS

999 – URGENT attendance required – Response time of under 15mins.

101 - Police required but not as an emergency Response and also to report crime

0208 721 2835 – Palmers Green Ward residents, wishing to contact their Local Policing Team for advice/arrange a visit/on going neighbourhood problems, etc. Slow time or appointment driven police attendance or communication required. Please do not use this number to report crime as this phone is not answered 24/7

You can now report crime online at <u>www.met.police.uk</u> by clicking the Report button.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter for crime prevention advice, local events and meetings.

@MPSEnfield and Palmers Green Twitter @MPSPalmersGreen

Do not report crime on Enfield Twitter accounts. Report via @MettCC

Twitter is not staffed 24/7

We are also now on <u>www.nextdoor.co.uk</u> under Enfield Police

In emergencies always call 999.

If anyone would like a crime prevention survey please contact us via 0208 721 2835 or if you have access to a computer email us at <u>palmersgreen.snt@met.police.uk</u>

Palmers Green page can be found on the Metropolitan Police website by visiting <u>www.met.police.uk</u> scrolling down the page and typing Palmers Green in the find your area box.



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The one BELOW is the real one. Check for the hologram on the warrant card, and the signature of the Commissioner NOT the holder.

