

Palmers Green Safer Neighbourhood Team News

Now the clocks have changed the days are shorter and burglary is on the rise again please look out those timer switches or make sure lights are switched on after dark. During patrols around Halloween quite a number of houses were in darkness some hours after dark.

Catalytic converter thefts continued into October for the first week and then it has been mostly number plates and tools from vans and the odd bonnet of a car. It seems the BMW steering wheel thieves are back as there has been one just into November where the window was smashed to get at it. There's again been a couple of relay attacks on stealing expensive cars. So please think about purchasing a Faraday security pouch (signal blocker) and a good quality steering lock to protect your pride and joy.

Robbery has been lower in October. Most have been around Green Lanes.

Please be aware of your surrounding as we have had a number of phone snatches by thieves on foot, bicycle or on mopeds. Having seen some recent CCTV we are all pretty bad at standing and using our phones and not being aware of what is going on around us until it is too late.

Please watch out for a bogus plumber going around where there is roads works involving

water or drains nearby. An elderly resident on Hazelwood Lane was convinced by him that as there were water works going on nearby that his drains were the cause of it and that he needed to pay for the equipment hire of £2000. The resident handed over some cash and went to the bank to withdraw the rest. The bank smelt a rat and called police.

There was one bank follow off where an elderly lady withdrew cash from a bank on Green Lanes and got on the W6. While surrounded by people on the crowded bus and then distracted by a handbag in the face an unknown person has cut the front of her shopping trolley and taken the money from inside.

The second bank follow off was where a lady entered Morrisons lift with two females, one who promptly fell over while the other is suspected of taking the holiday money from the lady's bag.

Please make sure you have hold of your bag while shopping in our supermarkets. As we have had two bags taken from trolleys while the owners were shopping in Morrisons and Poundland.

There have also been a number of phones and wallets being left on tables in cafes which have been taken when the owner has become distracted.

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

Crimes Recorded this month

There were 137 recorded crimes on the Ward during this period.

Burglary

There were 6 residential burglaries, 4 garage burglaries and 3 shed burglaries this month.

PARKSIDE TERRACE, GREAT

CAMBRIDGE ROAD, between 10am, 14th October and 6pm, 2nd October. Garage door forced was open. Bicycle and electric saw were taken.

MINTERN CLOSE, HEDGE LANE, between 8am and 10am on 10th October. Garage padlock has been broken off and tools have been taken.

OAKTHORPE ROAD, between 9am, 9th October and 11am, 11th October. Front door has been damaged around the locks breaking the wood and allowing entry. Unknown if anything was taken as victim had moved out.

HEDGE LANE, between 6pm, 15th October and 9am, 16th October. Ground floor front window has been forced open and builder's tools have been taken. The rear door has also been damaged but not opened.

CALLARD AVENUE, between 10pm and 10.03pm on 16th October. Ground floor front window was forced open after an attempt to force the front door open failed. All locked internal doors have been forced open. Untidy search. Credit cards were taken and used.

Barrowell Green Allotments, **FARNDAL AVENUE**, between 6pm, 18th October and 7.30am, 19th October. Unknown person has broken into the main shed and taken cash. Ten other sheds have been broken into. Unknown what was taken. Entry doors on all sheds were damaged.

ECCLESBOURNE GARDENS, between 7.15am and 10am, 21st October. Lock on side door into the garage was forced open and removed. Unknown what was taken.

DOVERIDGE GARDENS, between 7am, 1st October and 10am, 21st October.

Bicycle was taken from the garden shed and also a heavy metal boot cleaner.

CHIMES AVENUE, between 9pm, 24th October and 12.44am, 25th October. Plastic bottom panel in UPVC door has been pushed through. Property has been searched through. Unknown what was taken.

RIVERWAY, between 6pm, 24th October and 9am, 25th October. Entry has been gained to the garden over the rear fence from the river bank. Office cabin door has been prised open and items searched through. A watch was taken.

BROOMFIELD AVENUE, between 10pm, 27th October and 4am, 28th October. Ground floor window was forced open and an internal glass door was smashed. Builder's tools were taken.

RIVER AVENUE, between 5.20pm and 11.30pm, 28th October. Small ground floor front window was smashed and larger window opened. House searched through. Unknown what was taken as owner was away.

HARINGTON TERRACE, GREAT CAMBRIDGE ROAD, 6pm, 28th October and 7am, 30th October. Work is being carried out on the victim's house. His garage door has been forced open and tools and two portable stoves have been taken.

LIFT - LOCK – REMOVE

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.

Motor Vehicle Crime

There were 21 thefts from motor vehicles and 7 thefts of motor vehicles reported in October.

HEDGE LANE, between 4pm, 1st October and 10.55am, 2nd October. Driver's window was smashed and blue badge taken.

GREEN LANES, between 12.30pm and 1.30pm, 4th October. A Honda Jazz car left in car park (probably Lodge Drive) had the catalytic converter taken from underneath.

LIGHTCLIFFE ROAD, between 12.30pm and 1.30pm, 5th October. A Honda Jazz car had the catalytic converter taken from underneath.

CONNAUGHT GRANGE, CONNAUGHT GARDENS, at 6pm, 5th October. A Lexus car had the catalytic converter taken from underneath.

LIGHTCLIFFE ROAD, between 2pm and 3pm, 5th October. A Honda Jazz car had the catalytic converter taken from underneath.

MINTERN CLOSE, HEDGE LANE, at 12.54pm, 5th October. A Honda Jazz car had the catalytic converter taken from underneath.

NEW PARK AVENUE, between 10.30pm, 4th October and 7.45pm, 6th October. Front and rear number plates were taken.

MINTERN CLOSE, HEDGE LANE, at 1pm, 5th October. A Honda Jazz car had the catalytic converter was taken from underneath.

CONNAUGHT GARDENS, between 12.01am and 10pm, 5th October.

BMW car was taken from outside a house.

OAKTHORPE ROAD, between 5am and 6pm, 8th October. A Honda Civic car was taken from location.

HEDGE LANE, between 11pm and 11.30pm, 9th October. A car has been entered and the log book and a bottle of aftershave were taken.

PARK AVENUE, between 5pm, 11th October and 2pm, 12th October. Front and rear number plates were taken.

BROOMFIELD AVENUE, between 11.55pm, 13th October and 7am, 14th October. Car was entered and a sat nav, lamp and sunglasses were taken.

GREEN LANES, between 4pm and 4.30pm, 5th October. Car was entered and blue badge and instruction manual for car were taken.

NEW RIVER CRESCENT, between 7pm, 8th August and 9pm, 9th August (reported in October). Saab car was taken from location.

MYRTLE ROAD, between 8.30pm, 10th October and 3am, 11th October. Number plate was half snapped off and the area drilled through to get to the lock. Multiple tools were taken.

CONNAUGHT GARDENS, between 9pm, 15th October and 9.15am, 16th October. Car bonnet was taken from a car.

RIVERWAY, between 7.10pm, 16th October and 7am, 17th October. Ford B Max car was taken from location.

ULSTER GARDENS, between 3.53am and 9.18am, 20th October. Mercedes car taken from driveway by relay attack.

THE LARCHES, at 9am, 20th October. Front and rear number plates were taken.

LIGHTCLIFFE ROAD, between 7pm, 22nd October and 8am, 23rd October. Front and rear number plates were taken.

BROOMFIELD AVENUE, at 11.30am, 26th October. Van has been entered and plumber's tools were taken.

NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD, between 11.30am and 12.10pm, 26th October. Victim has advertised their vehicle for scrap on Gumtree. Suspect turned up with tow truck and a price in cash was agreed in cash. The car was loaded on to the truck and the suspect then only handed over half the amount in cash saying he would transfer the rest in the next hour. The suspect then drove off as he was blocking the road and the rest of the amount was not transferred.

CONNAUGHT GARDENS, 10.25pm, 27th October. Range Rover Evoque car was taken off the drive possibly by relay attack.

LODGE DRIVE, between 3.45pm and 3.50pm, 28th October. Two men stopped in the road next to the victim's van and opened the door which had been left locked and took tools before driving away.

FIRS LANE, between 11pm and 11.30p, 19th October. Stolen vehicle left at location had front and rear number plates taken whilst parked there.

FARNDALE AVENUE, between 4pm, 29th October and 6am, 30th October. Door was opened on car and a bag and contents have been taken leaving the door ajar.

GREEN LANES, between 12pm and 1.15pm, 30th October. The metal has been cut away on the van's door to gain access to the lock. But luckily they didn't gain access to the van.

Robbery

There were 5 robberies reported in October.

GREEN LANES, 4pm, 29th September. Two friends were stopped by three suspects who asked them for money and took their debit cards and went to the cash point but failed to withdraw cash as the PIN didn't work. They returned the debit cards and asked for their phones of which one was handed over and they walked off with it.

HAZELWOOD LANE, 5.26-5.28pm, 3rd October. Suspect snatched the victim's van keys out of his hand and drove off in his van. Van was traced via tracker to Hamilton Crescent. Victim also had his wallet and house keys taken from the van.

WINDSOR ROAD, 2,15am, 5th October. Victim was found in the street with a cut to his hand. He was at a house party where males came through

the door with knives and in dodging them he got cut and had his bag and phone taken from him before running out of the house.

Near The Alfred Herring, **GREEN LANES**, between 1.45pm and 1.50pm, 5th October. The suspects stopped the victim when she had her phone in her hand and took it and told her to follow them up the road so it didn't look suspicious. Further up the road they demanded her money and she handed over £20. She pleaded for her phone and it was handed back. The suspects then walked off. Two females were arrested nearby.

Near Palmers Green Mosque, **OAKTHORPE ROAD**, between 12.20pm and 12.21pm, 19th October. The victim was approached by two young suspects, one with a knife who asked to look into the victim's bag. The victim refused and walked off home.

Thieves and fraudsters look to scam or steal from people who they think are vulnerable, elderly or have valuables in their home.



Beware of bogus callers

Bogus callers pretend to be reputable tradesmen to try and convince you to have unnecessary work carried out at your home, or to accept a service they offer.

They may ask for payment up front or offer to assist you in withdrawing money, even taking you to a bank. Once the money is received, the promised work or service will rarely be delivered.



Don't be duped by distraction burglars

Distraction burglars pretend to be someone they are not in order to enter your home to steal. Some common methods include:

- Pretending to be from a care agency, or a utility company investigating a gas or water leak.
- Asking for help to leave a note for a neighbour or even a drink of water.
- Claiming to be in a hurry or emergency and needing to get into your home quickly.
- Working in teams, with one person distracting you while the other searches your home.

Follow our tips to help protect yourself and your property from bogus callers or distraction burglars:



Always check their identity

- Use your door viewer to see who's there. If you open the door put the chain on first.
- Always ask for ID and check it with the company before letting somebody into your home.
- Use the phone number advertised in the phone book or online, as the number on their identity card could be fake. For a utility company, call the customer service department. Close the door while you do this.
- Remember that genuine callers won't mind checks. If you feel at all unsure, schedule a time for the caller to come back when a friend or relative is there.
- For pre-planned appointments with utility companies, a password scheme can be set up.

Remember...

- **Never feel pressured into accepting an offer of work or service. Politely refuse.**
- **Never accept any offer to be taken to a bank to withdraw money.**
- **If someone forces you to withdraw money, make the bank staff aware. Bank staff are trained to look out for signs of people who may be withdrawing money under duress, they will deal with this appropriately in branch.**



“Cuppa with a Copper....”

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



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 www.met.police.uk by clicking the Report button.

Up coming events

Our next contact points will be on:

Saturday 9th November, 9am-10am, Parkrun contact point, Groveland Park N21

Sunday 17th November, 3pm-4pm, contact point, Morrisons Café, Aldermans Hill N13

Thursday 21st November, 6pm-7pm, contact point, Costa, Green Lanes N13

Wednesday 27th November, 11am-12pm, contact point, Kiva, Green Lanes N13

Thursday 5th December, 2pm-3pm, contact point, Morrisons Café, Aldermans Hill N13

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

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

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

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 palmersgreen.snt@met.police.uk

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

In emergencies always call 999.

Twitter is not staffed 24/7

We are also now on www.nextdoor.co.uk under Enfield Police



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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.

