

## Palmers Green Safer Neighbourhood Team News

Hope you all had a nice Christmas and Happy New Year.

Burglary halved in December compare to November. Quite a number were sheds and garages which were entered for a number of different items including a fridge freezer (later found) and food and drink. Didn't notice any large boxes next to dustbins after the big day so it seems residents took the advice and folded them down so not advertising what was received.

Motor vehicle crime increased again in December. The catalytic converter thieves made themselves known and appear to have moved on again. A number of residents have had their cars entered and small items taken. There's a 50/50 chance you have either locked your vehicle before walking away or not. Please check you have locked your car if possible by pulling the door handle before walking away. If that is not possible make sure the lights and hazards flash before you turn away by locking with your fob. Don't rely on your car automatically locking as this is where they are possibly disrupting the signal to get in it.

Please be aware of your surroundings in the Green Lanes, Ecclesbourne Gardens and Elmdale Road area as we've had a couple

of robberies where bags have been snatched.

There has again been a bank follow off from Santander where the victim withdrew a large amount of money and at the earliest opportunity in Poundland the thieves have taken from the victim's shoulder bag. It also appears the distraction thieves at cash points are in the area again as money was snatched from the machine at The Post Office as the victim got their money out.

There was a distraction burglary on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 8.30-9pm on Hazelwood Lane. A male knocked on the victim's door claiming to have seen someone trying to force their rear door of the maisonette in order to gain entry. He possibly with an accomplice then took money and jewellery after asking if anything was missing. Described as white male with short brown hair in his 30s with a London accent. Wearing a light brown jacket, dark trousers and ankle boots.

Please have a chat with elderly neighbours and relatives and print out the attached leaflet to help them understand why they need to be very careful about who they let in. "If in doubt keep them out! Fraudsters and thieves prey on people they think are vulnerable. Don't let them trick their way in."

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

## **Crimes Recorded this month**

There were 139 recorded crimes on the Ward during this period.

### **Burglary**

There were 2 attempted residential burglaries, 8 residential burglaries, 1 attempted shed burglary and 4 shed/garage burglaries this month.

**ECCLESBOURNE GARDENS**, between 12.10pm and 12.30pm on 4<sup>th</sup> December. Centre glass panel in front door was smashed to gain entry through it as the locks held. Bedrooms have been searched. Unknown if anything was taken.

**BARROW CLOSE**, 8.15pm on 4<sup>th</sup> December. Tool marks were found on rear UPVC French doors, rear first floor toilet window where the glass was broken and first floor bedroom window. Entry was possibly via the bedroom window and exit via the French doors. Victim has come home to lights on in the house and found four males inside who have run from the property. A couple have run to a car parked further down the road which has driven off at speed towards Barrowell Green. Jewellery was taken.

**ASH GROVE**, 3.30am on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Three males have been seen walking down the road checking houses and one has come to check the front windows were locked before checking the front door was double locked. Has then walked off again down the road. Two expensive cars were parked on the drive.

**NEW RIVER CRESCENT**, between 12.01am and 11.59pm on 29<sup>th</sup> November. Shed roof levered off to gain access. Power tools and a child's boogie board were taken.

**MADEIRA ROAD**, between 9.30am, 8<sup>th</sup> December and 11.30am, 8<sup>th</sup> December. Hole was cut in the Hazelwood Rec fence. Double doors were bent to gain access after a failure to false the lock open. Power tools, an iPad and welders were taken.

**NEW RIVER CRESCENT**, between 12.01am, 1<sup>st</sup> November and 12.01am, 7<sup>th</sup>

December. Shed roof was levered off to gain access. Nothing was taken.

**HEDGE LANE**, between 6pm, 9<sup>th</sup> December and 9am, 10<sup>th</sup> December. Sensor flood light has been tampered with and taken down and placed on the floor. The wooden garden chair used to reach it has broken and been left. Shed is untouched.

**NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD**, between 5.50am and 5.50am on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Resident left leaving the UPVC porch and front door shut but not double locked. Suspect has slipped the locks and taken the car key from a security box in the hall. Car has then been driven off.

**THE GROVE**, between 11am, 12<sup>th</sup> December and 4pm, 13<sup>th</sup> December. Panel in front door has been pushed through and door opened. Unknown if anything was taken as house is under renovation.

**FIRS LANE**, 11.05pm on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Window in garage has been smashed to gain entry. Fridge freezer and contents have been taken. Fridge freezer was later found with some alcohol near the alley gate.

**THE LARCHES**, 9.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> December. Front door was left not double locked. Suspect has slipped the lock and gone up to search the bedrooms. Victim has come home and gone straight through to the kitchen without double locking the door. Suspect has covered himself with a duvet and let himself out the door. The victim has caught him exiting and challenged him chasing down the path with a broom. Jewellery was taken.

**NEW PARK AVENUE**, between 12am, 15<sup>th</sup> December and 12am, 21<sup>st</sup> December. Rear first floor window was forced open breaking off the window handles. Bedrooms have been searched. Unknown if anything has been taken.

**BROOMFIELD AVENUE**, between 9.35pm and 9.40pm on 21<sup>st</sup> December. An attempt was made to force open the front door finding the mortice lock not engaged. A pane of glass has then been smashed in the door and the Yale lock has been opened. The victim has made her way down from the loft room and hearing this the burglar has made off before she has reached the ground floor. Nothing appears to have been taken.

**CRAWFORD GARDENS**, between 1.30pm and 11.30pm on 29<sup>th</sup> December. Rear door window smashed to gain entry. Flat untidily searched and jewellery was taken.

**CRAWFORD GARDENS**, between 3pm, 28<sup>th</sup> December and 3pm, 29<sup>th</sup> December. Shed lock clasp was forced off the shed and door opened. Nothing appears to 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](#)

## Motor Vehicle Crime

There were 25 thefts from motor vehicles and 4 thefts of motor vehicles reported in December.

**HAZELWOOD LANE**, between 5.45pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> December and 8.05am, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Car was entered and flute was taken.

**LODGE DRIVE**, between 2.25am, 28<sup>th</sup> November and 1.10am, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Number plates were taken.

**HEDGE LANE**, between 6pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> December and 9.50am, 4<sup>th</sup> December. A Fiat 500 was taken from location. Was later recovered from Kingsley Road where it had been dumped.

**Morrisons Car Park, BRIDGE DRIVE**, between 2.15pm and 2.55pm, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Catalytic converter taken from a Toyota Auris.

**Morrisons Car Park, BRIDGE DRIVE**, between 3.45pm and 4.55pm, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Catalytic converter taken from a Lexus.

**CHIMES AVENUE**, between 11pm, 1<sup>st</sup> December and 3pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Front number plate taken.

**CRAWFORD GARDENS**, between 11.59, 4<sup>th</sup> December and 6am, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Catalytic converter taken from a Toyota Auris.

**Outside Subway, NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD**, 2.04am, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The victim left his vehicle on the forecourt and does not know if he locked the doors or not. Someone pushed him as he made his way back to his vehicle and he then



**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.

noticed someone was in his car pressing the accelerator and then speeding off. Another vehicle left as well following his vehicle.

**Morrisons Car Park, ALDERMANS HILL**, between 10am and 11am, 10<sup>th</sup> December. Catalytic converter taken from a Honda Jazz.

**Morrisons Car Park, ALDERMANS HILL**, between 10.15am and 11.15am, 10<sup>th</sup> December. Catalytic converter taken from a Toyota Auris.

**HEDGE LANE**, between 8pm, 9<sup>th</sup> December and 4.30pm, 10<sup>th</sup> December. A green VW Golf, reg T38JDT was taken from location. No broken glass seen.

**NEW RIVER CRESCENT**, between 9pm, 11<sup>th</sup> December and 5.30am, 12<sup>th</sup> December. Van was entered and tools taken.

**LIGHTCLIFFE ROAD**, between 8pm, 11<sup>th</sup> December and 7am, 12<sup>th</sup> December. Boot was broken into on a Fiat 500 and rear lights taken.

**CONNAUGHT GARDENS**, between 10am, 11<sup>th</sup> December and 11.30am, 12<sup>th</sup> December. A Toyota Yaris, reg NL03MXN was taken from location.

**THE RISE**, between 3am and 11am, 12<sup>th</sup> December. Car window smashed and blue badge was taken.

**HEDGE LANE**, between 7am and 8am, 13<sup>th</sup> December. Catalytic converter taken from car.

**HAZELWOOD LANE**, between 9am, 12<sup>th</sup> December and 8pm, 13<sup>th</sup> December. Catalytic converter taken from a Toyota Auris.

**THE ROWANS**, between 4pm, 13<sup>th</sup> December and 9.30am, 14<sup>th</sup> December. Car was entered and loose change taken.

**WINDSOR ROAD**, between 7pm, 14<sup>th</sup> December and 10am, 15<sup>th</sup> December. Van was entered and wallet, phone and tablet were taken.

**CHIMES AVENUE**, between 6pm, 15<sup>th</sup> December and 6.30pm, 17<sup>th</sup> December. Rear number plate was taken and front one broken in half leaving some on the car and rest on the floor.

**PILGRIMS CLOSE**, between 5pm, 17<sup>th</sup> December and 9.30am, 18<sup>th</sup> December. Front and rear number plates were taken from car.

**NEW RIVER CRESCENT**, between 9.15am and 6.45pm, 20<sup>th</sup> December. Front and rear number plates were taken from car.

**HAMILTON CRESCENT**, between 12.01am and 11pm, 20<sup>th</sup> December. Front and rear number plates were taken from vehicle.

**GREEN LANES**, between 12.30pm and 12.35pm, 21<sup>st</sup> December. Phone was taken from vehicle.

**PILGRIMS CLOSE**, between 8am, 21<sup>st</sup> December and 2.42pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Front and rear number plates were taken from vehicle.

**NEW RIVER CRESCENT**, between 2am, 25<sup>th</sup> December and 12pm, 26<sup>th</sup> December. Locked vehicle entered and dash cam and phone holder were taken. Vehicle was then found unlocked.

**DEVONSHIRE ROAD**, between 11.50pm, 26<sup>th</sup> December and 7am, 27<sup>th</sup> December. Car has been entered via the boot and a bag with money and paperwork in has been taken.

**HAZELWOOD LANE**, 6pm, 24<sup>th</sup> December. Car was entered, glove box emptied and torch and some change were taken.

**MUNSTER GARDENS**, between 1.30pm, 28<sup>th</sup> December and 2pm, 31<sup>st</sup> December. Front number plate was taken from the car.

## Robbery

There were 4 robberies reported in December.

**Near THE NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD**, 8.05am, 12<sup>th</sup> December. The victim was walking down Hedge Lane towards the Great Cambridge Roundabout and into the subway bridge towards the westbound carriageway and past three males hanging around in there. One of the males grabbed him and demanded property. They searched him and found nothing but chewing gum and this angered them. One of the males then punched the victim before letting him go. The victim returned home and called police.

**GREEN LANES**, between 4.30pm and 4.35pm, 29<sup>th</sup> December. The victim and his girlfriend were followed on to Broomfield Lane by a male who asked him if he wanted to buy drugs. The victim ignored him and the male was joined by a second male. The victim was punched in the face and his bag containing money and his girlfriend's phone were taken.

**ELMDALE ROAD**, 5.45pm, 30<sup>th</sup> December. A male grabbed the victim from behind and another male put what felt like a sharp object on the victim's back. The males then snatched the victim's bag and ran off towards Palmerston Crescent.

**HAZELWOOD LANE**, between 7.20pm and 7.30pm, 30<sup>th</sup> December. Four people threw themselves in front of the victim's motorbike and knocked him off. They then took the motorbike.

**HAVE A GO HERO**  
**STOPS LOCAL**  
**CRIME SPREE.**

**SIMPLY SHUTTING YOUR DOOR WON'T PREVENT BURGLARIES.** DOUBLE LOCK THE DOOR EVERY SINGLE TIME YOU GO OUT.







# “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](mailto: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](http://www.met.police.uk) by clicking the Report button.**

## Up coming events

Our next contact points will be on:

**Thursday 9th January**, 7.30pm-9pm, Ward Forum, Ruth Winston Centre, Green Lanes N13 (upstairs room)

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January**, 9am-10am, Parkrun contact point, Grovelands Park N21

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**, 3pm-4pm, contact point, Morrisons Café, Aldermans Hill N13

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January**, 6pm-7pm, contact point, Costa, Green Lanes N13

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, 11am-12pm, contact point, Chi Chi's, Green Lanes N13

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**, 5pm-6pm, contact point, Morrisons Café, Green Lanes N13

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**, 9am-10am, Parkrun contact point, Grovelands Park N21

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](mailto:palmersgreen.snt@met.police.uk)

Palmers Green page can be found on the Metropolitan Police website by visiting [www.met.police.uk](http://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](http://www.nextdoor.co.uk) under Enfield Police



Many people we visit are asking for ID when we visit them. However, would you know what a real Met Police warrant card looks like?

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

