

### **Palmers Green Safer Neighbourhood Team News**

There have been a number of different ways burglars have entered premises during December. Good news is the number of burglaries have dropped. Bad news is residents are still failing to double lock UPVC doors with a key making it easy for burglars to slip their locks. Have also on speaking to neighbours after burglaries found that many are not using their alarms overnight. Which seeing the amount that are now taking place overnight may be a good idea to start using if fitted.

Over the last two months we've had a couple of Jaguar E-Pace cars taken overnight. These now seem to have been added to the liked high end vehicles. So if you own one consider a faraday pouch, steering lock and installing CCTV and drop posts if parked on a driveway.

Catalytic converters thefts are again high. If you own an older Honda Jazz, Toyota Prius or Lexus please be aware these have been the most targeted the last year. As well as any age Toyota Auris and Lexus CT. It is a worldwide theft problem. There are a number of ways to protect your car. A lock or cage fitted around the catalytic converter and a tilt alarm amongst the most popular.

We seem to have had a return of the phone snatchers during December riding mopeds along the pavement and the passenger snatches unsuspecting victim's phones from their hands while they've been using them. Please be aware of your surroundings when using your phone. It may be advisable to not have it in your hand while walking along the street.

In the last few months victims have answered a call from a person claiming to be a police officer and giving them their supposed name and shoulder number. The caller then goes on to say that either a person has been arrested with the victim's bank cards or the bank have a criminal element and are putting through fake notes and the victim is then asked to help the investigation. There are many more. The call then goes on to ask for the victim's bank card number and PIN before asking the victim to put their cards in an envelope and leave them on the doorstep or under their doormat for the police to collect to further their investigation.

Some victims have fallen for the above and left their cards out to lose sometimes thousands of pounds after being kept on the phone for hours wearing them down. Others have realised and left the phone line open while going to neighbours for help. All victims I have spoken to have said the caller sounds so genuine.

So please make your elderly relatives and or neighbours aware that the police or your bank will never ask you for your PIN, password or transfer money to another account. Never assume a phone call is authentic just because someone knows your basic details such as name and address. If something feels wrong, then it's usually right to question it.





## Spot the signs of courier fraud

#FraudFreeXmas



Someone claiming to be from your bank or the police call you to tell you about fraudulent activity but is casing you for personal info or your PIN to verify who you are.



They try to offer you peace of mind by having somebody pick up the card for you to save you the trouble of having to go to your bank or local police station.



They're offering you to call back so you can be sure they're genuine, but when you try to return the call there's no dial tone.

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Welcome to the latest Palmers Green Ward Safer Neighbourhoods Newsletter. This edition covers the crime figures on Palmers Green Ward for December 2020.

# Crimes Recorded this month

There were 131 recorded crimes on the Ward during this period.

#### **Burglary**

There was 6 residential burglaries during December.

**HEDGE LANE**, between 3am and 8.30am on 4<sup>th</sup> December. Porch and front door were not double locked and possibly the point of entry. Number of items including laptop and wallet taken from the ground floor while victims slept upstairs.

**FIRS LANE**, between 4pm and 8.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Fridge found emptied and

house searched through. Entry into the house was via a rear window in the living room where the glass had been removed and exit via the back door as found open.

**NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD**, between 5.20pm and 9.25pm on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Entry to the rear garden over side gate. Patio door forced open. Untidy search of bedrooms and items taken including handbags, jewellery and iPad.

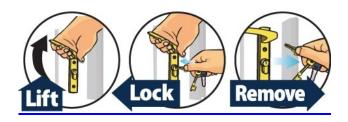
**NEW PARK AVENUE**, between 8am, 3<sup>rd</sup> December and 2pm, 14<sup>th</sup> December. Rear patio doors were forced open and house searched through.

**GREEN LANES**, 5am on 14<sup>th</sup> December. Front door was forced open and burglars fled when confronted by the residents.

**CHIMES AVENUE**, 2.50am on 31<sup>st</sup> December. Two suspects have forced open the porch door and been disturbed by the victims when they turned lights on after being woken by the banging. Suspects have possibly left in a car.

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 14 thefts from motor vehicles and 7 thefts of motor vehicles reported in December.

WINDSOR ROAD, between 8pm, 29<sup>th</sup> November and 3pm, 1<sup>st</sup> December. Car was left at a friend's house after the key was lost. Returned to find it gone. Car has been recovered in Luton where it was involved in an accident.

**ASH GROVE**, 11pm, 1<sup>st</sup> December. Catalytic converter taken from Lexus.

**ENSIGN DRIVE**, between 5pm, 1<sup>st</sup> December and 7.45am, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Catalytic converter taken from a Lexus.

**PALMERS GREEN**, between 2pm and 2.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> December. The victim took a business opportunity and drove into London with the prospective partner in the car and leaving £20000 in cash in the glove box while she went to buy a drink. On return found the prospective partner was gone and so was the money.

**HEDGE LANE**, between 9pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> December and 9.30am, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Honda Motorbike taken from location.

#### Morrisons Car Park, ALDERMANS HILL,

between 4pm and 5pm, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Catalytic converter taken from a Honda Jazz.

**NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD**, between 7.30pm and 8pm, 7<sup>th</sup> December. After an altercation with another driver. The other driver took the keys

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.

from the ignition and threw them into the other carriageway where they couldn't be retrieved.

#### Morrisons Car Park, ALDERMANS HILL,

between 2pm and 5pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Catalytic converter taken from VW Polo.

#### Morrisons Car Park, ALDERMANS HILL,

between 10am and 10.30am, 11<sup>th</sup> December. Driver's door and boot found open. Log book and car documents taken.

**FELSTEAD CLOSE**, between 11am, 13<sup>th</sup> December and 8.40am, 14<sup>th</sup> December. Blue badge taken from inside car and also searched through.

**BRIDGE DRIVE, BROOMFIELD LANE**, between 11am and 12am, 15<sup>th</sup> December. Catalytic converter taken from a Honda Jazz.

**NEW RIVER CRESCENT**, between 8.40pm, 15<sup>th</sup> December and 7.20am, 16<sup>th</sup> December. Lock damaged on driver's side. Untidy search found of interior. Loose change taken.

**LIGHTCLIFFE ROAD**, 8am, 15<sup>th</sup> December. Moped hired to a resident has not been returned at the end of the hire period.

**HEDGE LANE**, between 11pm and 11.58pm, 10<sup>th</sup> December. Vehicle was taken without permission and involved in an accident.

**CONNAUGHT GARDENS**, between 5.30pm and 10.40pm, 18<sup>th</sup> December. Jaguar taken from location.

**FIRS LANE**, between 11pm, 22<sup>nd</sup> December and 6.15am, 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Door lock was broken and van entered. Tools were taken.

**PALMERSTON CRESCENT**, between 9pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> December and 7am, 24<sup>th</sup> December. Honda Motorbike taken from driveway.

**THE FAIRWAY**, 2am, 26<sup>th</sup> December. Ford Mondeo taken from driveway.

**WINDSOR ROAD**, between 7pm, 26<sup>th</sup> December and 1.30pm, 27<sup>th</sup> December. Van entered and tool taken.

WENTWORTH GARDENS, between 4pm, 26<sup>th</sup> December and 4pm, 27<sup>th</sup> December. Number plate taken from vehicle.

**NEW RIVER CRESCENT**, between 8am and 5pm, 29<sup>th</sup> December. Number plates taken from vehicle.

#### **Robbery**

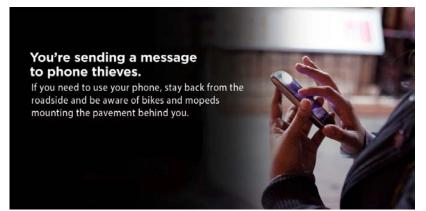
There were 6 robberies reported this past month.

**CHIMES AVENUE**, 8.20pm, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Two males on a black moped stopped next to the victim's car and pulled out a knife and told the victim to hand over his keys or get stabbed. The victim handed over the keys and the passenger of the moped drove the victim's car away.

**ALDERMANS HILL**, between 9am and 10pm, 30<sup>th</sup> November. Victim alleges she was put in a car and driven around and her phone was taken.

**PALMERSTON CRESCENT**, 6.02pm, 16<sup>th</sup> December. Victim was punched in the face and had her iPad taken by her boyfriend.

**FIRS LANE**, between 6pm and 6.05pm, 18<sup>th</sup> December. The victim was dragged out of a vehicle he had come to collect and the suspect drove off with the vehicle.



**THE LARCHES**, 8.20pm, 22<sup>nd</sup> December. As the victim delivered some food he noticed two males on a black moped stopped nearby. As he returned to his moped they approached him and the victim thinking he was going to be robbed ran off down the road with the suspects behind him shouting to him to drop the keys. They blocked him off and grabbed him holding a knife to his neck and the victim dropped his moped keys to the floor. The passenger picked them up and ran back to the victim's moped and rode off.

**GREEN LANES**, 4.30pm, 28<sup>th</sup> December. Male shoplifting from venue has thrown a member of staff on the floor.

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Help protect yourself from street robbery on your way home. Be aware of your surroundings and your valuables.



# "Cuppa with a Copper....."

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



#### Up coming events

Our next contact point will be on:

OUR CURRENT CONTACT POINTS AND MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19. AS SOON AS RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED WE WILL SEND OUT A NEW LIST OF DATES.

WE CAN STILL BE CONTACTED VIA THE CONTACT DETAILS ON THIS NEWSLETTER IF YOU NEED TO TELL US SOMETHING OR DISCUSS A PROBLEM.

#### **Team Members**

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

PC Jon Howarth

PC Shannon Shears

PCSO Jennifer Arkwright

We can be contacted via the telephone on:

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

Or via email:

Palmersgreen.snt@met.police.uk

#### **Useful Contacts**

#### 24/7 Police Station

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

**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. Please Report via @MettCC

In emergencies always call 999.

Twitter is not staffed 24/7

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



Get alerts from your local policing team and Neighbourhood watch. If you've not already sign up today at https://www.owl.co.uk/met/

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 web 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.



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.

