

## Palmers Green Safer Neighbourhood Team News

Shed burglary has returned to the ward again this past month. Please have a look at what you keep in your shed and your shed's security. Power tools are a top item to steal. If your shed security isn't good maybe the shed isn't the place to keep them. If your shed is more of a garden office think about fitting a burglar alarm.

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/secure-shed-garage/>

The good news this month is that one car taken has been found and returned to its owner. Bad news is Range Rovers have been taken along with two Mercedes Sprinter vans. Please think about using extra security in your vehicles, i.e a steering lock or faraday security pouch for keyless vehicles.

Please keep an eye out for two ladies, one carrying a map and asking for directions distracting their victim and the other when the victim is distracted taking purses from trolleys and bags. One elderly lady became a victim outside the Post Office in the morning during February.

At court on 25<sup>th</sup> February, Adil Ozgazi pleaded guilty to fraud by false representation after bank cards were stolen from a victim's vehicle off of Green Lanes. He awaits sentencing for this along with a number of other cases he was arrested for.

During ward patrols this past month there have been various stops around the ward. On The Rowans after residents reported ASB two males were stopped and spoken to, advised and moved on. Four males were stopped and spoken to in Shapland Way after reports of drug activity in the area. Nothing was found when searched and they were moved on. A male and a female were arrested in Ashley Gardens for supply of drugs, a large quantity of cash and other items used in drug supply which were found with them. Investigation is ongoing.

We also completed some later shifts into the early hours and two vehicles were seized. One car drove off when signaled to stop and the occupants decamped in Munster Gardens leaving behind the car on false number plates and multiple number plates left inside the car. Had no insurance. The second was seen circling around Palmers Green and eventually stopped with a marked car's assistance in Asda Car Park in Southgate being driven on false number plates and was also seized for no insurance.

Thank you to those that took the time to fill out the Ward Panel survey. We will update you with the results and feedback soon. There will be another in the next quarter if you didn't have a chance to take part this time.



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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 February 2021.

## Crimes Recorded this month

There were 111 allegation of crime on the Ward during this period.

### Burglary

There was 3 attempted burglaries and 7 burglaries and during February.

**DEVONSHIRE ROAD**, between 12.01am, 8<sup>th</sup> February and 8.20am, 9<sup>th</sup> February. A number of garages have been forced open and others show signs of attempts at forcing them. Unknown what has been taken as only one victim has come forward.

**BROOMFIELD AVENUE**, between 7pm, 15<sup>th</sup> February and 11am, 16<sup>th</sup> February. Garage roller shutter was rolled up causing no damage to. Number of items were taken.

**NEW PARK AVENUE**, between 3am and 6am on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Porch and front door locks were slipped. Car keys were taken from coats at the bottom of the stairs and then one of the cars a VW Golf, reg KNZ 2333.

**THE LARCHES**, 8.35am on 19<sup>th</sup> February. Unknown male has climbed the ladder on the scaffolding outside the address after entering the open porch and looking through items. Nothing was taken.

**ECCLESBOURNE GARDENS**, between 6.20pm and 6.45pm on 20<sup>th</sup> February. Entry was via first floor window above the conservatory where a window has been forced open. A chair was used to climb from the neighbour's garden into the victim's. Large amount of gold and silver jewellery was taken.

**HAZELWOOD LANE**, between 4am and 5am on 21<sup>st</sup> February. Front ground floor window has been smashed with a wheelie bin. Alarm has sounded possibly as the curtain has been drawn aside and scared off the burglars.

**DOVERIDGE GARDENS**, between 6.30pm, 26<sup>th</sup> February and 9am, 27<sup>th</sup> February. Some type of chisel and wrench have been used to try and force apart the door from the frame on the victim's log cabin office in their rear garden and also damaged the lock. No entry was gained.

**NEW RIVER CRESCENT**, between 5pm, 26<sup>th</sup> February and 11.20am, 27<sup>th</sup> February. A rear UPVC door was forced open and a number of builder's tools were taken.

**NEW RIVER CRESCENT**, between 11pm, 26<sup>th</sup> February and 7am, 27<sup>th</sup> February. The window of the shed/office has been forced open, causing damage to the hinges, lock and window sill. The contents have been searched through. Power tools have been taken.

**DOVERIDGE GARDENS**, between 4am and 4.30am on 27<sup>th</sup> February. Wires to the flood lights on the shed have been cut which triggered the house alarm and possibly scared off the burglars. The residents opened a window to have a look and have seen no one.

**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 15 thefts from motor vehicles and 6 thefts of motor vehicles reported in February.

**HAZELWOOD LANE**, 8pm on 5<sup>th</sup> February. Catalytic converter taken from a Honda CRV.

**CHIMES AVENUE**, between 1am and 8.05am, 9<sup>th</sup> February. A Mercedes Sprinter van, reg PN67DPZ, was taken from location.

**Morrisons Car Park, ALDERMANS HILL**, between 2pm and 2.30pm, 9<sup>th</sup> February. Catalytic converter taken from a Honda Civic.

**CHIMES AVENUE**, 8pm, 9<sup>th</sup> February. Males driving a red car were seen taking hydraulics from cars on the road. One victim was identified.

**ASHLEY GARDENS**, between 12.01am and 6.30am, 12<sup>th</sup> February. Range Rover, reg LN69TSZ, taken from the location without car keys.

**HEDGE LANE**, between 3.30pm, 10<sup>th</sup> February and 11am, 12<sup>th</sup> February. Steering wheel has been taken from a BMW.

**HAMILTON CRESCENT**, 9.15pm, 13<sup>th</sup> February. Catalytic converter taken from BMW 120i.

**GREEN LANES**, between 5pm and 6pm, 15<sup>th</sup> February. The victim was loading his lorry and thought he had left it locked. Two mobile phones were taken from the cab.

**RYLSTON ROAD**, between 11.59pm, 15<sup>th</sup> February and 8am, 16<sup>th</sup> February. Car taken from location. Has since been found in Ilford with its tracker removed and returned to its owners.

**Morrisons Car Park, ALDERMANS HILL**, between 11am and 12pm, 16<sup>th</sup> February. Catalytic converter taken from a Toyota Corolla.

**ARNOLD GARDENS**, between 7pm, 16<sup>th</sup> February and 9am, 17<sup>th</sup> February. Kia Sportage, reg YE16HHO, taken from location.

**HARINGTON TERRACE, GREAT CAMBRIDGE ROAD**, between 12.01am and 12.10am, 19<sup>th</sup> February. Rear door of vehicle was opened and a number of locks were taken.

**ALDERMANS HILL**, between 8.50am and 2.15pm, 19<sup>th</sup> February. Catalytic converter taken from a Toyota Prius.

**DEVONSHIRE ROAD**, 10.30pm, 19<sup>th</sup> February. Car window was smashed and blue badge taken from inside.

**DEVONSHIRE ROAD**, between 12.30am and 12.40am, 20<sup>th</sup> February. Car window was smashed and blue badge taken from inside.

**CHIMES AVENUE**, between 1am and 11.25am, 21<sup>st</sup> February. Mercedes Sprinter Van, reg YG14XYA, taken from outside address.

**GREEN LANES**, between 1.30pm and 10.45pm, 21<sup>st</sup> February. Driver's side window smashed and blue badge taken from inside the car.

**CONISCLIFFE ROAD**, between 9pm and 9.30pm, 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Catalytic converter taken from BMW 1 series.

**GREEN LANES**, between 9.15pm and 9.30pm, 24<sup>th</sup> February. Driver's side window was smashed and blue badge was taken.

**PALMERSTON CRESCENT**, between 1pm and 2pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Entry gained to the car and blue badge was taken.

**CHIMES AVENUE**, between 8.30am and 9am, 20<sup>th</sup> February. Honda Motorbike taken from outside address.



## Robbery

There was 1 robbery reported this past month.

**ECCLESBOURNE GARDENS**, 8.25pm and 8.30pm, 8<sup>th</sup> February. The informant's and his friends were approached by three males asking if they wanted to buy drugs. When the informant and his friends said no, the three males punched the informant's friend and took his phone.

For advice in keeping your vehicle safe click

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/>

# HOW TO KEEP YOUR VEHICLE SAFE AND SOUND

Click the link above and follow a few simple steps to help keep your vehicle safe.



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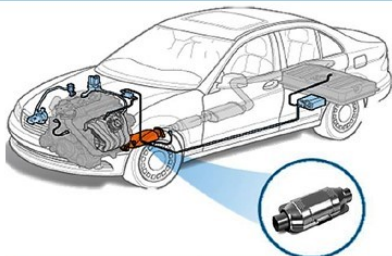


🚗 Contact your vehicle dealership on fitting an aftermarket product approved by the vehicle manufacturer to prevent your converter being removed. The dealership can advise on the most suitable way to secure the converter, depending upon the make and model.

🚗 A tilt sensor connected to the vehicle alarm system can activate if thieves attempt to jack the vehicle up in order to target the converter. Once again, speak to your vehicle dealership about a manufacturer approved product. Consider using a marking or etching system to identify your converter – if stolen this will make it harder for thieves to dispose of.

## CATALYTIC CONVERTER

### CRIME PREVENTION



🚗 How can you help keep your car safe? Try to make sure your vehicle is parked in a garage overnight. If you have a commercial vehicle park it in a secure compound. If this isn't possible, park in an area that is well-lit and overlooked. Try to park so that the converter cannot be easily reached by potential thieves. Vehicles that sit high above the road are particularly vulnerable. Park in areas covered by CCTV where possible.

🚗 What is a catalytic converter? A catalytic converter is part of a car's emissions control system. It is located close to the engine, it cleans up the exhaust gases before they are expelled from the car through the exhaust pipe. It has internal elements that react with the gases, breaking them down into less harmful substances and water vapour. All cars sold in Europe since 1993 have had to be fitted with catalytic converter by law.

🚗 Why are they a target for thieves? Catalytic converters can be expensive to replace, but they are required to keep a car road-worthy. This means that as cars get older and their value decreases, the cost of a replacement unit might become prohibitive. We have found that complete catalytic converters have been stolen either to keep older cars on the road, or for their scrap value – they contain precious metals such as rhodium, platinum and palladium.



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## ***“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](mailto: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 [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk) 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 [www.nextdoor.co.uk](http://www.nextdoor.co.uk) under Enfield Police**





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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 web 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.



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