

# NEWS

## Arnos Grove Safer Neighbourhood Team April and May 2023

Welcome to the latest Arnos Grove Ward Safer Neighbourhoods Newsletter. This edition covers the crime figures on Arnos Grove Ward for April and May 2023.

Now that summer is on the way people can become complacent about home security. The most common cases of opportunist summer burglary involve offenders that:

Enter an insecure front door while residents are in the back garden

- enter doors that are closed but unlocked at night while residents are asleep
- reach through windows to take valuable items

Crime reduction advice

- Ensure that windows and doors are closed and locked when you are out. Don't leave small windows open believing them to be safe.
- If you want to leave windows open while you sleep, fit window restrictors so they cannot be fully opened, or make sure they are not large enough to allow access to a burglar.
- When out in your garden ensure that windows and doors to the front of the house are secure. It only takes a second for someone to get into your

home and take things without you noticing.

- Do not leave valuables on display in front of windows or in reach of open windows or doors.
- Ensure that all barbecue and garden equipment and tools are securely locked up in a shed and out of sight. Tools can be used by the potential offender to break in to your home.
- Consider fitting outside security lighting or a visible alarm to help deter burglars. Even using pea shingle or gravel on a driveway and spiky plants in garden beds can help.
- Don't leave any keys near entry points where they can be 'fished' or 'hooked' out through the window, letter box or cat flap.
- Ensure any internal handle operated locks on UPVC doors are fully secured with a key.

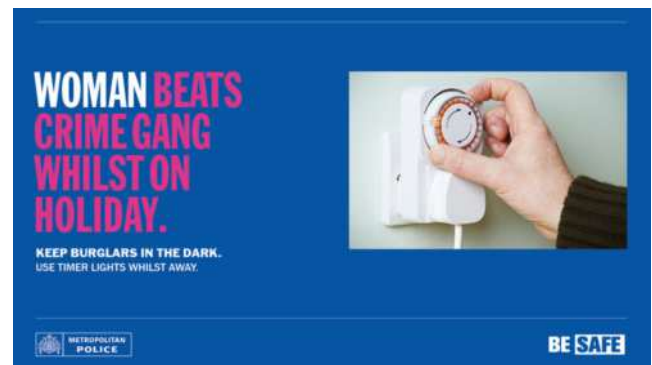




## Sheds – Easy pickings?

Offenders see sheds as easy pickings because they are unprotected and lack basic security measures. The buildings often contain property that can be sold on or implements that can be used to force entry into the owner's home.

- Many sheds whilst being of good construction fall short on basic security.
- It is easy to unscrew the ironmongery, steal contents and in some cases replace the screws to make it look as if the shed has not been tampered with.
- By using tamper proof screws or coach bolts together with a good quality pad bar or hasp and staple and close shackled padlock, the shed owner will make it harder for the would-be thief.
- It is also a good idea to bond any window glass in, with mastic to prevent easy removal.
- Ensure all tools and equipment are locked away when not in use.
- High-quality locks should be used on doors.
- A shed alarm can also be installed.
- Post-coding or indelibly marking all property such as lawnmowers, bikes, and tools using ultra-violet pens, Smartwater or engravers.
- Installing security lighting as a deterrent, and plants such as thorny shrubs to act as a barrier at potential access points.

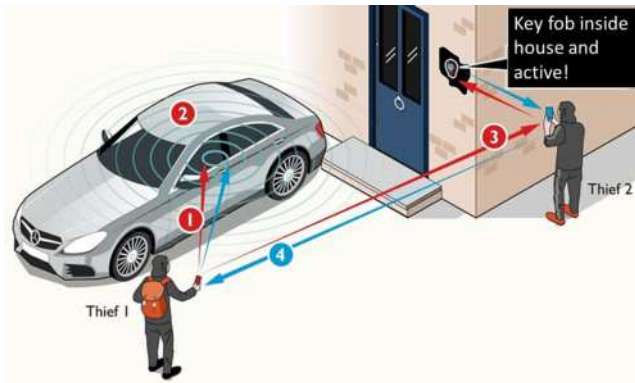


## Going on holiday?

- Make your home look occupied.
- If you're out or going away, ask a trusted neighbour to open and close your curtains for you.
- Ask a neighbour if they don't mind parking their car on your driveway and trimming your garden to make your home look occupied.
- Cut the front and back lawns before you go away and trim any plants that burglars could hide behind.
- Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries.
- Before your holiday, don't advertise that you are going away on Facebook, Twitter etc.



# Crime Reports for April and May 2023.



## Motor vehicle crimes.

Vehicle crime makes up a significant number of all recorded crimes across the Arnos Grove ward.

### Theft of motor vehicles:

#### APRIL 2023

**ARNOS GROVE ROAD N14**, on 06APR23 at 00:50 hours 2 suspects tried to steal a Black Land Rover, suspects smashed the left window to gain entrance to vehicle, suspects damaged the vehicle to block alarm system and started to cut through steering wheel, victim heard the noise and realised that suspects were trying to steal the vehicle. Victim went outside and disturbed the suspects that run off.

**MORTON WAY N14**, on 06APR23 between 5:04 and 5:10 hours, a **Black Range Rover** was stolen from location. Vehicle was recovered using tracking system at 15:00 hours on 06APR23 by owner.

**BOWES ROAD N11**, on 14APR23 between 3:13 and 3:20 hours, 2 suspects wearing dark clothes and face covered tried to steal a Ranger Rover at location. Ring doorbell alerted owner of people trespassing, victim knocked on window and disturbed suspects before they touch the vehicle.

**CANNON HILL N14**, on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 1:00 am. Silver Lexus was stolen from location. Vehicle was recovered using

vehicle's tracking system damaged as suspects tried to block tracker system.

**BETTSTYLE ROAD N11**, between 15:00 hours 18APR23 and 10:55 hrs on 19APR23 a white Peugeot Boxer van, VRM SJ17Wkk was stolen from location.

**ARNOS GROVE ROAD N14**, 28APR23 at 3:30. Black Jaguar stolen from location, car was recovered using tracking system at CRESCENT ROAD N9. Car was badly damaged as suspects were looking for the car tracker.

#### MAY 2023

**TOWNSEND AVENUE N14**, 10MAY23 between 3:00 and 3:30 am. A Black Land Rover, Range Rover VRM YB19JKJ was stolen from location.

**BROOMFIELD LANE N13**, 23MAY23 13:45hrs a Blue Lexus VRM GX17WHT. Unknown suspects stolen vehicle from location by accessing the wires at the front left light/ wheel arch.

**POWYS LANE N13**, 23MAY23 between 13:00 and 15:00 hrs. A Silver Lexus VRM AY16VVO. Unknown suspect has stolen vehicle from outside venue location.

### How does a Faraday bag work?

The signals sent by keyless keys are electronic, and work by sending out electrons. A Faraday pouch is effectively a metal mesh inside a fabric or leather bag, and the layers of metal absorb the electrons being sent out by the key, stopping or greatly reducing their emission, and thus giving would-be thieves no signal to clone.







**Don't Leave Valuables on Show.** It might sound obvious but leaving items on show is an invitation to the opportunist criminal - mobile phones, satnavs and mounts, power leads, money, wallets, handbags, sunglasses, coats, jackets and bags should always be removed from the vehicle or hidden well out of sight.

**Lock Doors & Close Windows!** Always lock and close the windows of your vehicle when you leave it unattended - be this on the drive, the petrol station forecourt, when de-icing your vehicle in the winter or when getting a ticket to park. An unlocked vehicle is the easiest to steal or steal from. A great number of Theft from motor vehicles reported to police is committed when owners leave vehicles unlocked.

## **APRIL 2023**

**THE MALL N14**, on 01APR23 between 00:01 and 10:50 hours. Catalytic converter was stolen from vehicle.

**BROOMFIELD AVENUE N13**, between 04APR23 23:00 hrs and 05APR23 18:00 hrs. Vehicle broken into by unknown suspect, untidy search over the glove compartment and pockets of vehicle. Nothing was stolen.

**THE MALL N14**, on 13APR23 at 23:25 hours. Catalytic converter stolen from vehicle.

**MORTON WAY N14**, on 15APR23 between 2:45 and 3:30 hours. Vehicle broken into. Two Sat Nav Systems and currency stolen from vehicle.

**WESTMINSTER DRIVE N13**, on 16APR23 at 3:20 vehicle was broken into by suspect that arrived on pedal bike. Property stolen from vehicle.

**POWYS LANE N13**, on 15APR23 between 1:00 and 7:00 hours, vehicle broken into by unknown suspect SATNAV and Screen joystick were taken from vehicle, several wires were cut causing damage to vehicle.

**HASLAM COURT, WATERFALL ROAD N11**, between 20APR23 17:00 and 21APR23 18:30. Number plates were stolen from vehicle.

**MORTON WAY N14**, on 23APR23 at 00:15 hours. Vehicle broken into. Property stolen from it.

**BOWES ROAD N13**, 25APR23 between 14:00 and 17:00 hours. Van broken into by unknown and tools stolen from it.

**SELBORNE ROAD N14**, 27APR23 between 12:00 and 13:00 hours. Van Broken into tools and other property stolen from it.

## **MAY 2023**

**WATERFALL Road N11**, 12MAY23 between 11:00 and 12:45. By unknown suspects broken into Van by drilling side door of vehicle. Personal property, computer and wallet containing bank cards and currency stolen from it.

**RAVENS CRAIG ROAD N11**, between Tuesday 09MAY23 and Friday 12MAY23. A Catalytic converter was stolen from vehicle at location by unknown suspects.

**DAWLISH AVENUE N13**, Between 11:00 of 11MAY23 and 16:30 of 12MAY23. By unknown suspects damaging the passenger side door, sunglasses stolen from vehicle.

**DAWLISH AVENUE N13**, Between 00:00 of 26APR23 and 9:00 of 15MAY23. Unknown suspects broken into vehicle by unknown method. Untied search conducted on vehicle. Nothing was stolen.

**RAVENS CRAIG ROAD N11**, between 23:50 of 14MAY23 and 05:00 of 15MAY23, front number plate stolen from vehicle.

**CRANFORD AVENUE N13**, 21MAY23 between 16:00 and 18:30. Disabled blue badge stolen from vehicle.

# Burglaries

## APRIL 2023

**WESTMINSTER DRIVE N13**, on 31MAR23 between 20:04 and 20:20 hours. Four suspects wearing gloves and balaclavas decamp from a vehicle forced entrance into the address using what was believed to be a crowbar and smashing the second glass door, an untidy search has been done and jewellery and tools was taken from property.

**WILMER WAY N14**, on 31MAR23 between 15:00 and 16:00, unknown suspects gain entrance to property by smashing the window in the kitchen, victim was in holiday when incident took place, neighbours heard the noise and knocked the door and that may have disturbed suspects. Nothing was stolen.

**BROOKDALE ROAD N11**, 03APR23 between 20:00 and 21:00 hours, unknown suspects broken into the property by damaging the hinges of back kitchen window. Passports, ID card and bank passbook were stolen from location.

## MAY 2023

**ARNOS ROAD N11**, 19MAY23 between 3:05 and 3:10 am. A black BMW drove up to victim's house, two masked suspects came out and tried to steal vehicles from other houses. They came to victim's house and broken into porch door, they tried to break the main door but heard the victim's dog barking and ran away.

**POWYS LANE N13**, 23MAY23 at about 9:00. Attempted break in to garage- Entry was not gained into the garage and no items had been stolen.

**FORESTDALE, N14** 31MAY23 at 3:40 Am. Unknown suspect gain entrance via back garden door that was left unlocked, suspect

exit same way. Vehicle, keys, laptop and iPhone stolen. (Vehicle recovered via tracker system)

## Robbery and personal theft

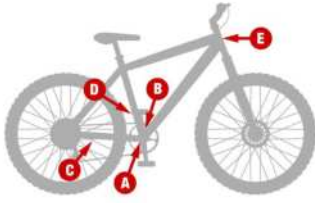
On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 17:30hrs. Victim got off the W6 bus at **Cannon Hill parade N14**, two males age between 16 and 18 years old got off the bus following the victim, the suspects intimidated victim that they were armed with a knife and robbed victim's mobile phone.

On Saturday 22nd April 2023 at approximately 18:20hrs .Two teenagers were walking along **BOWES ROAD N11** towards ARNOS GROVE station when they were approached by three suspects outside DESPINA FOODS BOWES ROAD N11. The suspects put their arms around the victims and threatened to stab them if they did not hand over the phones.

## Why to Reporting a crime?

We had information that theft from motor vehicles are happening in Arnos Grove and victims are not reporting it to police. If you've been a victim of crime, you'll need to decide whether or not to tell the police. "Is it worth reporting?" "We won't hear back." "It's too difficult to get through on 101." "I don't understand how to report." These are common perceptions on reporting crime and Anti-Social behaviour to the Police. While sharing an incident of crime on a WhatsApp group does help to make others aware of criminal activity, this is not enough to combat crime in society and so it is also imperative to report an incident. It is important to report crime to create a proper database according to our crime threat and crime pattern analysis, to address crime accordingly. If crime is not reported, statistics will not be accurate and police will not be able to address crime correctly. Inaccurate crime statistics cannot show where more resources are needed or where fewer resources are needed as a community grows safer. No crime is too small to be reported and every one of us can play a role in curbing crime in this country by reporting crime. The only value a crime has is that when it is reported it becomes intelligence for police and other security resources to use to fight criminals and get them off our streets," For us to be able to do something, we need to know about it. If you don't tell us, don't assume someone else will.

**IMMOBILISE**   
THE UK NATIONAL PROPERTY REGISTER



Check these locations:

- (A) Bottom bracket (underside crank)
- (B) Top of bottom bracket (upper crank)
- (C) Chain stays (left or right)
- (D) Seat tube
- (E) Headset

## Finding Your Bike Serial Number

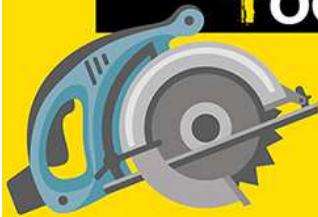
Register your bike on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) all you need is the frame number. It's completely FREE forever. If your bike goes missing, you can log in and change its status to stolen, making it easier for police to track the owner.

**STOLEN TOOLS = LOSS OF INCOME**

**GET TOOL S.M.A.R.T**



**SECURE  
MARK  
AND  
REGISTER  
TOOLS**



Register your tools on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) all you need is the serial number.

**SAFER  
NEIGHBOURHOODS**  
**LOCAL POLICE, LOCAL KNOWLEDGE**

***“Cuppa with a  
Copper.....”***

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



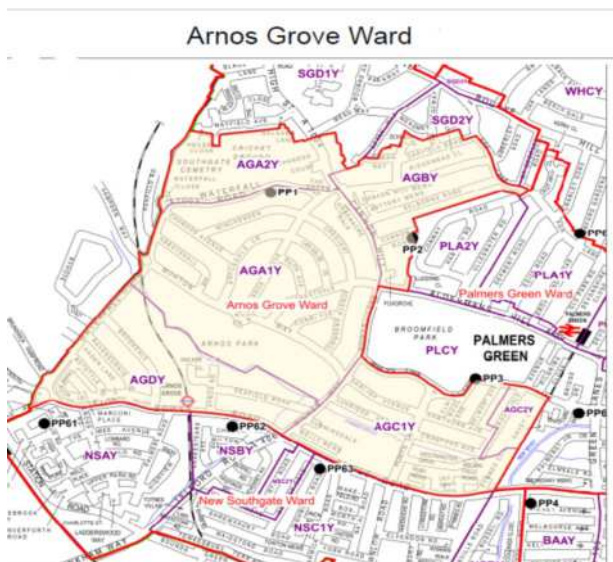
## Up coming events

**Our next contact point will be on:**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 5:00pm,  
Eagles Hill Café.**

**49 Cannon Hill, N14.**





## Ward CAPE

With the new ward boundaries changes we have lost a number of our previous CAPE panel members.

Do you live, work or study on Arnos Grove Ward? Are you representative of an organisation in Arnos Grove? Would you like to represent your road?

We are looking for new members to attend ward CAPE meetings.

**What is a CAPE panel you may ask?** A ward CAPE is a group of community members and partner agencies that meets with a representative of the Safer Neighbourhood Team to set local SNT ward priorities and to talk about and problem solve issues affecting the community.

If you are interested and haven't already done so please send us an email.

[ArnosGrove@met.police.uk](mailto:ArnosGrove@met.police.uk)

## How to report a crime or Anti-social behaviour.

**Please follow this advice.**

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

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

**[www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)** you can now report crime online by clicking the Report button.

**0208 7212680** – Arnos Grove Ward - residents, wishing to contact their Local

Policing Team for advice/arrange a visit/ongoing 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**

**[Crimestoppers-uk.org](http://Crimestoppers-uk.org)** , **0800 555111** help you tackle crime in your community - by phone and online, 24/7, 365 days a year.

They're an independent charity that gives you the power to speak up and stop crime, 100% anonymous.

Should you wish to speak to an officer about any issues that you may be experiencing please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team on 0208 721 2680 or

[ArnosGrove@met.police.uk](mailto:ArnosGrove@met.police.uk)

## Team members.

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**We are also on**  
**[www.nextdoor.co.uk](http://www.nextdoor.co.uk)** 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 [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.



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 (front and rear), and the signature of the Commissioner NOT the holder.

