

Safer Neighbourhood News



Operation Spyder is an initiative focusing on the reduction of motor vehicle crime in the borough of Enfield.

Most vehicle crime is opportunistic and therefore preventable. Many cases of theft from vehicles on the borough involve the theft of power tools, number plates or catalytic converters. To prevent becoming a victim, please take some basic crime prevention measures.

- Always lock your vehicle
- Never leave anything on display, even jackets and loose change
- Take everything of value out of your vehicle
- Leave your glove box open to show there's nothing inside
- Register your valuables for free at www.immobilise.com

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Cluster Inspector News

Inspector Nicki Reynolds

The content of your garden shed and garages a very attractive prospect for thieves.

Don't make a burglar's life any easier by leaving gardening tools available to act as the perfect tool with which to force his entry. Always lock tools away securely after use. Likewise, do not leave ladders to provide easy access to otherwise inaccessible parts of your house. They should be chained and padlocked to a strong post or wall.

Garden sheds are a very popular target with burglars and are often overlooked when security is being considered. The value of the contents, such as garden mowers, strimmers and cycles can often add up to many hundreds of pounds. It is therefore wise to secure the shed door with at least one heavy duty hasp and closed-shackle padlock

Garages are frequently used for storing not only cars, motor bikes and cycles, but also property similar to those found in garden sheds, as well as DIY power tools and sporting equipment. Considering the value of the property contained therein, security precautions are often found to be wanting, and for this reason they are identified by burglars as easy targets. Ensure that you have registered all items of value on www.immobilise.com



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Team News

Your Dedicated Ward Officers (DWOs) on Palmers Green ward are:

PC Daniel Morris

PCSO Jennifer Arkwright

Ward Sergeant: A/PS Jenny Martin

Ward promises: 3 ward promises will be set each month. Monthly promises and their impact will be reviewed and set at panel meetings, made up from local community and attended by Police.

- Motor vehicle crime hotspots will be monitored for another month.
- Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) patrols in the no drinking zone along Green Lanes corridor and specific areas due to residents complaints.
- Cash machine patrols and theft from person in shops.

Arrests	2
Stop/Search	10
Cocooning Visits	75
Victim follow up visits	6
Neighbourhood meetings	2

Up coming events

Our next drop in surgeries will be on:

Wednesday 21st May 2014, 3pm until 5pm the mobile police station will be in Connaught Gardens N13

Tuesday 22nd April 2014, 2pm until 4pm the mobile police station will be in Firs Lane N13

Please come along and have a chat about crime or any other issues concerning policing in Palmers Green.

Crime Prevention Advice

Details have been taken from recorded crimes for Palmers Green Ward between 1st April and 30th April 2014. There were 96 crimes recorded on Palmers Green Ward between the above dates. There were 4 residential burglaries with 1 attempt and 1 attempted non-residential.

Locations for last month's burglaries are:

Green Lanes, Hazel Close which were broken into via the front doors. Connaught Gardens the suspect climbed up on to the kitchen's flat roof and forced open a bedroom window. Kenmere Gardens the alley gate was left unlocked and the suspect forced entry into the garden and back door setting the alarm off.

Attempted burglaries have been: Crawford Gardens where the suspect has attempted to force open the kitchen door and window next to it via an unlocked garden gate.

There have been 10 theft from motor vehicles and 3 theft of motor vehicles.

Theft from motor vehicles have taken place in the following roads: Firs Lane, New Park Avenue, Kingsley Road, River Avenue, North Circular Avenue, The Larches, The Fairway, River Avenue, Oaktree Avenue and Morrisons Car park.

Theft of motor vehicles have taken place in the following roads: Palmerston Crescent, Coniscliffe Road and Riverway.

PREVENTING PERSONAL THEFT

Know the Facts about Personal Theft

Even in a crowded city as busy and crowded as London, incidents of mugging and pickpocketing are still quite low. Knowing how and where criminals who commit these crimes operate will help you avoid falling victim to them.

KEEPING YOUR POSSESSIONS HIDDEN HELPS YOU KEEP THEM SAFE

1. Never leave your bags or other valuables unattended in public places.
2. Plan your journeys in advance. Avoid dark or deserted areas late at night and always be aware of who is around you.
3. Spread your valuables about. If you keep your keys, wallets and ID in the same bag or pocket it will increase the risk of your identity being stolen, or your home being burgled.
4. Be discreet with belongings; displaying expensive jewellery or electronic devices, like mobile phones or cameras, could attract unwanted attention.

How to avoid pickpockets and thieves

A robbery is more likely to happen in a dark or quiet location, with fewer witnesses. Pickpockets on the other hand work in very busy or crowded locations where they can be in close proximity to people without being noticed. Pickpockets often operate in pairs and use distraction techniques to avert your attention while they steal from you.

Be aware of your situation

Being aware of what's happening around you is the first step in preventing personal thefts, especially when you are in new locations or situations.

Thieves frequently operate:

- At tube and train stations
- At cash machines
- In car parks
- Getting on and off buses
- In overcrowded areas, especially at rush hour

AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF THIEVES BE AWARE. BE VIGILANT. BE SAFE.

1. Carry your bag close to you and so that it opens facing you, not away from you. If you carry your bag over your shoulder, or on your back, you could be more of a target.
2. Make sure your wallet or purse is not visible.
3. At night, walk in the middle of the pavement facing the traffic, so cars can't follow you.
4. Electronic goods like mobile phones, laptops and games consoles attract thieves. Be careful where you use them and be aware who is around you. Register at www.immobilise.com
5. If you use a wheelchair, motorised scooter, or you are pushing a pram, keep bags containing valuables in front of you.
6. Have your house keys close to hand - especially at night - so you can get into your home quickly. Carry them on you, not in your bag.
7. In restaurants or bars, never leave your bags hanging on the back of your chair. Keep them on your lap, or touching your feet.

KEEP YOUR MONEY ALL TO YOURSELF

Using cash machines safely

- If you need to use an ATM machine, try to do so in the daytime rather than at night. If you have the choice, use a machine within a bank, rather than on the street. If not, use one on a well-lit or busy street.
- Stand as close to the machine as possible with your free hand so that nobody can see the PIN you use.
- If anyone stands too close to you or tries to distract you, cancel the transaction and walk away. If you notice anything unusual about the way the ATM is working, report it to the bank.

Protect your credit cards from misuse and theft

Credit card theft or misuse can happen before you've realized anything is wrong. Obeying these four golden rules can help keep criminal hands off your money.

1. Keep cards and PINS separate
2. Know where your cards are at all times.
3. Never give out your PIN
4. Be aware of what sales staff are doing with your cards - they could be taking a copy of your details to use later.

What to do if your credit cards are stolen

Thieves will use your cards as quickly as possible to steal the maximum amount of money they can. If your cards have been stolen, call your bank or credit card company immediately and ask for them to be cancelled. Do not wait until you get home.

CALL TIME ON MOBILE PHONE THIEVES

How to prevent thieves running away with your mobile

If you want the best chance of recovering your phone, mark it with your house number and postcode and register it with Immobilise at www.immobilise.com. Your phone also has a unique 15 digit IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) number which is an essential anti-theft device. Type *#06# into your mobile phone. Make a note of it for yourself, register it with your service provider and, if your phone is stolen,

they will be able to bar its use across every network, immediately.

Reduce the risk of theft by following these simple tips:

- Don't leave your phone on tables in pubs or restaurants.
- When you leave a train or tube station don't use your phone immediately, leave it a while.
- Don't walk and text at the same time, you will be less aware of what is happening around you.
- Keep calls in public places as brief as possible, the longer you talk, the more likely you are to be spotted by a potential thief.

Think: is it safe to use your mobile?

Thieves can sell stolen mobile phones very quickly, so they have preferred locations that they operate in. Don't give them an easy opportunity; think before you use your phone in public. Be careful:

- On train and tube stations
- On buses
- In car parks
- In very crowded locations or venues

What to do if your phone is stolen

If your phone is stolen report it to your service provider as soon as possible so they can prevent anyone else from using it. Report the theft to police. Finally, if you have insurance, call your provider and give them the crime number the police will have given you.

Useful Contacts

24/7 Police Station

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

Front Counters

Monday to Friday 10am-6pm

- Enfield Police Station
41 Baker Street, Enfield, EN1 3EU

Contact Points

Wednesday and Thursday evenings 7pm-8pm. Saturday afternoon 2pm-3pm.

- Hertford Road SN base
864-866 Hertford Road, Enfield, EN3 6UD
- Morrisons Supermarket
Aldermans Hill, N13 4YD
- North Middlesex Hospital, main Entrance
Sterling Way, N18 1QX
- Southgate Police Station
25 Chase Side N14 5DW

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