



Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom Dedicated Ward Policing Newsletter - August 2016



Hello and welcome to the August edition of the ward newsletter. We use this as a way of delivering information about what is happening on the ward, provide crime prevention advice and let you know what we are doing to tackle issues in the area.

You can find your local team's details including a ward map and other useful information by entering your postcode in the "Find your local police" box on the www.met.police.uk homepage.

Holidays, warm weather and burglary

Burglary can have a long-lasting emotional impact on victims, leaving them feeling isolated and vulnerable. However, by taking a few simple measures, you can reduce the chances of it happening to you. When you go out it's important to leave your home as secure as possible. Getting into an exit routine can help ensure that you don't forget obvious, but important, things like not leaving valuables near windows.

Always remember to: Close and lock all doors and windows, even if you are only going out for a few minutes. Set your burglar alarm. Make sure the side/back gate is locked. Lock your shed or garage, putting away garden tools. Make sure valuables are out of sight. Keep keys out of reach of the letterbox. In the evenings shut curtains, and put on lights. If you are going to be away for days or weeks at a time, you will need to take additional action, such as cancelling deliveries. Consider asking a neighbour to close curtains, or park on your drive. Use a timer device to automatically turn on lights and a radio.

Alarms are undoubtedly the most effective deterrent against burglary, but making your home as difficult as possible to get into also helps, and that starts with your boundaries. Keep front boundaries low, so burglars can be seen from the street. Keep rear and side boundaries high, using trellis and prickly climbing plants to make climbing over difficult. Store wheelie bins, or other potential climbing aids behind locked gates, so burglars can't climb up on them. Doors and windows are the primary route of entry for most burglars, so even on warm nights ensure that any accessible windows- especially on the ground floor are shut and locked overnight. If your doors have multi-locking handles always lock the door with the key and remove it: LIFT - LOCK - REMOVE.





Ward Promises

The promises set at the most recent ward panel meeting were:

Road Safety, Chelsfield Village- We will carry out an assessment of the village with regards to it's suitability for speed enforcement work, identifying sight lines and locations for camera deployment. If we are able to locate a safe position we will carry out speed surveys to quantify the problem as this will enable us to measure the impact of any enforcement work and target activity appropriately. We will provide the results to the Chelsfield Village Society and the ward councillors to help inform decisions about traffic management and road safety measures.

Road Safety, Windsor Drive- We will carry out speed surveys and analysis on Windsor Drive to quantify the problem as this will enable us to measure the impact of any enforcement activity and target the activity appropriately. We will discuss the results with the ward councillors to help decide what further road safety measures could be used. We will continue to keep the local community informed of the results of this by means of the newsletter and local street briefings. Road Safety continues to be an issue of concern to many residents. If you would like to be involved in tackling these issues please send an email to

CommunityRoadwatch@met.police.uk stating the borough you live in, and a member of the local Transport Team will contact you.

Our third promise is Personal Safety, Elderly or Vulnerable residents- Our ward is home to a large number of older or otherwise vulnerable people. In order to reduce the risk of them becoming a victim of crime we will be using local knowledge, information from the community, and an interrogation of our records, to identify people who may benefit from our input. We will visit them and provide advice around doorstep traders; phone, postal and internet scams; burglary and theft prevention; and personal safety. We will ensure referral to partner agencies where necessary, and inform them of local groups they may benefit from attending, including the Saxon Centre, the Pop In, and local church groups. You can help us protect some of the most vulnerable people on the ward by letting us know if there is anyone you are concerned about, or feel would appreciate our advice.

Virtual Ward Panel Survey

We conduct an online survey every three months to seek the views of our residents. The concerns raised through these surveys help the panel decide what issues should be prioritised, and this gives more of our community a voice in local policing decisions. If you would like to take part in the survey please email us. The next survey will be in September, to inform the decisions made at the October Ward Panel Meeting.





Good News

Since our last newsletter we have attended a number of community events across the ward.

At the St Christophers Hospice Summer Fair in Green Street Green on 04/06/16 we spoke with hundreds of people and gave out a huge amount of crime prevention literature. More than 5000 people attended the event which raised in excess of £16,500.

There were many street parties across the ward on 12/06/16 celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday, and we tried to spend time at all of them chatting to residents, discussing their concerns, and providing information and advice.

We visited Rushmore House Montessori in Pratts Bottom on 05/07/16, where we spoke with the children about road safety and stranger danger. We also took a variety of police uniform items for them to try on, and answered their questions about policing.

We had a stall at the Chelsfield Village Fete on 16/07/16 which still had a spectacular flying display despite the increased CAA restrictions currently in place. As with the Hospice Summer Fair, we provided help and advice to a huge number of people, ably assisted by PCSO Julia Smith, our colleague from Farnborough and Crofton Ward who wanted to see why we constantly sing the praises of the wonderful community events we have on our ward.

We were also very pleased to be able to attend a beautiful farewell event in Pratts Bottom for Penny and Thelma (and Barnaby) on 17/07/16. This was Rev. Canon Penny, and Evangelist Thelma's last service at All Souls Church before retiring to the seaside. Those of you who do not know these fine ladies (and their dog) will not realise how important they were to the Pratts Bottom community, but rest assured they will long be remembered, and the huge turnout is testament to how many lives they have touched in their time here. The event was a wonderful coming together of people from across the village and beyond, and we were honoured to be involved.

Upcoming Events

We will be conducting street briefings at the following locations:

Worlds End Lane, outside St Marys Church at 15:00 on 30/07/16.

Roseberry Gardens, junction with Cromford Close at 14:00 on 20/08/16.

Chelsfield Park Cricket/Tennis area at 14:00 on 27/08/16.

Arne Grove, junction with Stapleton Road at 14:00 on 28/08/16.

We will also be at the following events:

The Pop-In at The Greenwood Centre on 03/09/16.

The next ward panel meeting will be on 05/10/16.





Useful Contacts

Bromley Borough Council

To report a wide range of issues visit www.bromley.gov.uk/report

Noise issues

- Outside office hours: 03003038671

Confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline

- If you suspect it, report it. 0800789321

Crime Stoppers

- 0800555111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

London Fire Brigade:

- Fire advice and safety visits www.london-fire.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

- For information on NHW in Bromley visit www.bnwa.co.uk

RSPCA

- Animal welfare concerns 03001234999 or online www.rspca.org.uk

Trading Standards

- Report rogue traders on 07903 852090

Immobilise Property Register

- www.immobilise.com

Official Police Security Website

- www.securedbydesign.com

Master Locksmith Association

- www.locksmiths.co.uk

Action Fraud, UK fraud and internet crime reporting centre

- 03001232040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read through this newsletter. If you wish to talk to us for any reason, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail us.

In an emergency call 999.

The non-emergency number is 101.

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