

Reigate and Banstead Police Newsletter

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Arrest and Conviction



A drug dealer involved in the distribution of Class A drugs has been jailed. On Saturday, 26 October 2024, officers on proactive patrols in Merstham noticed a Ford Focus parked in Brook Road. An interaction between the driver and a pedestrian – who made off on seeing police – aroused suspicions that they'd just witnessed a drug deal, and they stopped and searched both the driver and his car.

Officers found mobile phones – one of which was ringing constantly – cash, and items believed to be used in the supply of drugs. They also later uncovered text messages relating to county lines drug dealing.

The driver, Dequane Cunningham, (02/04/1997), was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs and released on conditional bail while the investigation continued.

Just over two weeks later, on Wednesday, 13 November 2024, officers were carrying out proactive patrols in Redhill when they spotted Cunningham, in the same Ford Focus, in breach of his bail conditions. He was stopped and a vehicle search uncovered numerous phones and SIM cards, cash, and a package suspected to contain crack cocaine and heroin concealed within the frame of the car.

Cunningham was arrested – again – and thanks to the combined efforts of teams from both Surrey Police and the Metropolitan Police, he was convicted of possession with intent to supply crack cocaine and heroin and being concerned in the supply of crack cocaine and heroin, at Isleworth Crown Court on Friday, 22 August.

Cunningham, 28, of South London, was sentenced to five years and nine months behind bars.

PC Roberts-McCaig from Reigate Safer Neighbourhood Team said: "These sentences are part of our continued effort into dismantling the organised crime networks and drug supply lines within Surrey. We urge anyone who has information regarding the supply or use of drugs in their local area to report it to us."



Please remember we provide lots of advice on our website for keeping you, and your property safe,
Link:

[Keep burglars out of your property | Surrey Police](#)

Autumn is on it's way!

For greater home security you can consider the following:

- Leave lights on to make your home look occupied
- Invest in timers that will automatically switch lamps and devices on and off
- Gadgets are available that turn your main lights on and off
- Help lower your bills with energy saving bulbs
- Thieves target homes that look empty
- Shut and lock all windows and doors when going out
- Only tell people you trust when going away
- Now you've protected your home, share our advice with family and friends

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Feedback

Your feedback on the Newsletter is important to us. Please contact me at Simon.Morris@surrey.police.uk

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Introducing our new PCSO

I'm PCSO Kenneth, and I'm proud to have joined Surrey Police as a Police Community Support Officer for Reigate and Banstead. I'm new to the area, and I've already been warmly welcomed by both colleagues and the local community. I'm part of the Safer Neighbourhood Team, and it's been great to join such a supportive and dedicated group. I'm looking forward to getting to know the Borough and the people who make it such a vibrant place to live and work.



I'm here to support the community—not just by listening to concerns, but also by celebrating the positive moments that make our neighbourhood special. Sometimes, finding a solution takes time—it may be days or even weeks—but one thing is certain: our team will be working on it. Whether you're facing a challenge or simply want to share something positive, I'm always happy to listen.

While I'm excited to start this new chapter, I'd be lying if I said I didn't miss my fantastic team at Guildford HQ—they were a brilliant group to work with and helped shape my journey into this role. That said, I'm already feeling at home here and can't wait to build new connections.

If you see me out and about, please feel free to say hello. Whether it's a quick chat, a share a concern, or just a friendly wave, I'm always happy to listen.

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Police Community Support Officer

Central (Borough)

Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

Jon Vale (Borough Commander),
Sergeant Chris Madlley,

PC Anna Klemmer Luck, PC Dan Hebborn,
PC Daniel Roberts-McCaig, PC Gemma Atkinson,
PC Harriet Grant and PC Olly Dujardin,

PCSO Debbie Nicholls, PCSO Steve Fairs and
PCSO Zuzana El Mellas.

Central Area – Merstham, Redhill, Reigate and Woodhatch

Police (SNT) priorities for Woodhatch2025

Priority:	Action taken:
Retail Crime. This has a significant impact on both businesses and consumers. Retail workers often find themselves in harms' way and subject to abuse and violence. This is unacceptable and must be stopped. Repeat locations and offenders will be targeted. Issued 23 May 2025	Regular engagement with retail premises in Woodhatch. The deployment of plain clothes officers into shops which have been targeted repeatedly, alongside security, to catch and convict repeat shoplifters. Intelligence sharing meetings with neighbouring forces. Actioned 23 June 2025
Violence against Women and Girls. This is a broad crime type which encompasses a wide range of offences, including harassment, stalking, rape, sexual assault, honour-based abuse and coercive control. Issued 23 May 2025	Regular deployments under Operation Shield. This involves specialist, covert Behavioural Detection Officers and overt intervention teams. They target persons present who demonstrate predatory behaviours towards women and girls. This includes street bases harassment of female runners, and also on local bus networks. Domestic abuse related calls for service will be prioritised to ensure that any risk is mitigated. Use of Domestic Violence Prevention Orders to increase survivor engagement and support, whilst targeting perpetrators. Local teams supporting specialist officers and partner agencies with interventions. Actioned 23 June 2025
Burglary. The impact of this crime type on victims and wider communities is significant. Such offences will be investigated to the highest standard. Local policing teams will work in partnership with neighbouring forces to target offenders. Issued 23 May 2025	All residential burglaries are attended and investigated by police. Local policing teams work closely with specialist teams to develop lines of enquiry and identify offenders. Intelligence sharing meetings with partner forces. Identification of targeted locations for crime prevention activities. Actioned 23 June 2025
Town Centre Anti-Social Behaviour. This can take a number of different forms, however, this behaviour decreases feelings of safety and discourages visitors to the area. Issued 23 May 2025	Regular patrols of Reigate and Woodhatch, including local green spaces, by PCSOs El-Mellas, Fairs and Nicholls, and PCs Grant, Wheeler and Dujardin. Identification of repeat offenders and consideration around relevant ASB disposals. Actioned 23 June 2025



'In the Know' in August 2025

Apart from our Weekly Police Update and Monthly Newsletter, these are the Surrey Police reports posted on 'In the Know' during August 2025. If you missed any of the reports, shown below, then please go to the Surrey Police Website. See page 4 for contact details.

27/08/2025 Check out this month's latest fraud newsletter - Surrey Police

13/08/2025 Make tomorrow your launchpad to a new career in Policing - Surrey Police

04/08/2025 Prioritising safety in Public Places. – Surrey Police

In addition updates from: Fraud Team, Trading Standards, Neighbourhood Watch and the Crime Commissioner

Be In the Know!

You can sign up to [In the Know](#) to find out what is happening in your area: witness appeals, crime updates, crime prevention advice and news. This also includes the weekly Crime Update from Reigate and Banstead, Safer Neighbourhood Team

Personal Fraud (Scams)

Reporting Suspicious Emails

Report
phishing

Action Fraud
0300 123 2040

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Phishing scams
reported by the
public



STOP
THINK
FRAUD

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As of April 2025, the total number of phishing scams reported to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) reached over 41 million since its launch in April 2020. This has resulted in 217,000 scams being removed from across 393,395 websites pages by the National Cyber Security Centre.

Superintendent Amanda Wolf, Head of the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau at the City of London Police, said:

“We know it can be difficult to spot fake messages or tell if a call is genuine. Criminals can change tactics fast and use the technology available to constantly create genuine looking emails and messages or facilitate calls that feel authentic - all designed to trick us and try and steal personal and financial information.

Every phishing email reported helps us gain a better understanding of the tactics being used and enables us to tackle it head on by identifying malicious URLs trending in phishing emails and texts - they can be taken down and disrupted, preventing further activity. The more reports received, the more people we can protect, preventing them from becoming victims.

Don't get caught out, Stop, Think Fraud, and make sure you report suspicious-looking emails or messages if you receive them. You can forward emails to report@phishing.gov.uk, or forward spam text messages to 7726.”

What is phishing?

'Phishing', 'quishing' or 'smishing' is when criminals use fake emails, text messages, QR codes, or phone calls to trick victims.

The goal of a phishing message is to encourage the victim to click a malicious link, or scan a fraudulent QR code, which usually leads them to a genuine-looking website, designed to make victims part way with their financial and/or personal information. Criminals will use well-known brands or organisations the victim already has a connection with, like a bank or tradesperson, to make fake emails seem genuine and more convincing.

How can you protect yourself?

If you've received an email that doesn't feel right, STOP!

- break the contact – don't reply, click on any links, call any phone numbers or make any payments
- check if it's genuine: contact the organisation directly using an email address or phone number you know is correct, e.g. from your utility bills, via a search engine, on the back of your card or by [calling 159](tel:03001232040) for banks
- before you delete the email, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk

If you've received a text message that doesn't feel right, STOP!

- break the contact – don't reply, click on any links, call any phone numbers or make any payments
- check if it's genuine: contact the organisation directly using an email address or phone number you know is correct, e.g. from your utility bills, via a search engine, on the back of your card or by [calling 159](tel:03001232040) for banks
- forward the message for free to 7726

If you've received a call that doesn't feel right, STOP!

- hang up
- check if it's genuine: contact the organisation directly using contact details you know are correct, such as those on a utility bill, official website, the back of your card or by [calling 159](tel:03001232040) for your bank
- don't trust the Caller ID display on your phone – it's not proof of ID
- report it by sending a text to 7726 with the word 'call' followed by the scam caller's number

For more advice on how to protect yourself from fraud: <https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk/>

If you've lost money or provided financial information as a result of a phishing scam, notify your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.



Information Corner



Crime Vehicle Statistics for August

During the month of August 35 reports were received and recorded as Crime - Vehicle, in the Borough. The list below shows that there were 8 vehicles stolen, not including Keyless Car theft. There were 7 vehicle break ins and some of these resulted in the theft of items, tool theft from vans is reported separately.

Of the 35 reports -

- 7 Stolen Vehicle (Cars and trucks)
- 2 Keyless Car theft
- 1 Attempted theft of a car
- 8 Vehicle break ins, some resulting in theft
- 4 Vehicle interference, some with damage.
- 4 Number plates stolen
- 3 Theft of spare wheel/tyre
- 2 Attempted Break in
- 3 Theft of motorbike/moped/ bicycle
- 1 Tool Theft from van

Further crime prevention advice can be found at:

[Car crime](#) | [Neighbourhood Watch Network \(ourwatch.org.uk\)](#)
[Preventing car and vehicle theft](#) | [Crime Prevention](#) | [Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](#)
[Secured by Design - Vehicle Crime](#)
[Prevent theft from a vehicle](#) | [Crime Prevention](#) | [Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](#)
[Secured by Design - Vans & Tool Theft](#)

StreetSafe is an online tool that enables you to anonymously pinpoint on a map the location where you felt unsafe.

We are encouraging local residents to use the tool to help identify areas where there are fears caused by anti-social behaviour and environment issues including lack of street lighting, abandoned buildings and vandalism. The information provided will be considered alongside the extensive evidence base already gathered by police forces and used to inform the community safety activities of police and partner agencies such as local authorities.

Link: [StreetSafe](#) | [Surrey Police](#)

No crime needs to have been committed in order to indicate where local people feel unsafe. It is important to remember that the StreetSafe tool **should not be used to report crimes**.

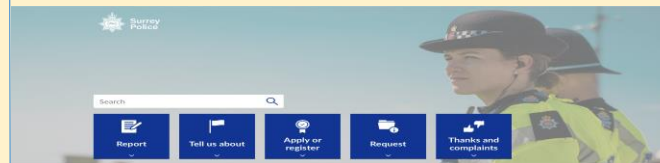
Crime statistics –

June 2025 to August 2025

Offence	June-25	July-25	July-25
Residential Burglaries	26 (11)	24 (6)	15 (9)
Keyless Car Theft	3	2	2

(-) Actual residential burglaries only, not including - Attempted, Garage and Outbuilding Burglaries

The crime statistics for the last 3 months show an increase in the number of actual residential burglaries. The number of keyless car thefts are the same as the previous month. Records show that there were 17 reports of Personal Fraud (scams) in August.



The Surrey Police Website has lots of information and advice. It is there to support you.

<https://www.surrey.police.uk>

How to report a crime or incident:

Emergency: call 999

Non Emergency: call 101 or report online or via live chat at: www.surrey.police.uk


To contact your local team (not for reporting purposes) email:

ReigateandBanstead@surrey.police.uk

You can pass information to us directly via 101, online

via <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/> or anonymously via Crimestoppers 0800555111, <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

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