

Reigate and Banstead Police Newsletter

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Police arrest suspect with the support of the Local Community

At approximately 12.45pm on Saturday, 29 November, we were called to Redhill Town Centre following reports of a woman being sexually assaulted by touching.

A man was identified through fast time CCTV enquiries and facial recognition. Despite changing his clothing, the man was arrested at Redhill train station less than an hour after it was reported to police.

A 32-year-old man from Southwark was arrested on suspicion of sexual assault on a female. He has been released on conditional bail for this offence, but was returned to prison for a separate matter.

Reigate and Banstead Borough Commander Jon Vale said: "This was a great result where we have been able to identify and arrest a man quickly. I would like to thank the community who called us and kept the woman who was targeted safe. No one should be made to feel this way, and we are committed to protecting women and girls."

The StreetSafe service [online](#) allows the public to anonymously tell us about public places or locations where they have felt or feel unsafe, regardless of whether a crime has taken place in that area. This could be due to issues such as poor street lighting or vandalism and/or because of behaviours such as being followed or being pace matched by an unknown vehicle.

We use this data, along with our partner agencies such as Surrey County Council to help identify areas that need improving and to make the streets safer for everyone, particularly women and girls.

If you are in immediate danger, always call 999.



Report Fraud has replaced Action Fraud, for use in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Anyone searching for how to report cyber crime or fraud, or trying to use Action Fraud, will, from 4 December 2025, be redirected to the new service, which can be reached directly online at reportfraud.police.uk or by calling [0300 123 2040](tel:03001232040).

If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): report@phishing.gov.uk

Most phone providers are part of a scheme that allows customers to report suspicious phone calls and texts for free by forwarding it to **7726**.

Thank you – for your continued support. The next Newsletter will be published at the beginning of February 2026. May we wish you a happy Christmas holiday and a Peaceful and Safe New Year.
Safer Neighbourhood Team.



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Feedback

Your feedback on the Newsletter is important to us.

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Catalytic Converter Thefts

In Reigate and Banstead there have been two reported Catalytic Converter thefts since the 1st January 2025 and both were in November 2025. The make of both cars was a Lexus. Across Surrey in November 2025 there were 6 reports of Catalytic Converter thefts.

We are seeing a rise in catalytic converter thefts across east Surrey. This is a metal device that sits under your car near the engine and helps to clean exhaust fumes. Your car insurance isn't valid without one, and they're crucial to the smooth running of your vehicle.

Catalytic converters are stolen because they contain valuable metals such as platinum, rhodium or palladium. Hybrid vehicles such as Lexus are particularly at risk because their catalytic converters are less frequently exposed to hot exhaust gases and the metals stay in better condition for longer, making them more valuable when sold on.

To deter potential thieves, park close to building entrances or the nearest road in public car parks, so that your car is more visible to passers-by and less likely to be an attractive target for thieves. Consider investing in a video doorbell, CCTV and motion sensor lighting for the front of your property that can double as a burglary deterrent.

If you see what you think is a catalytic converter theft in progress (car jacked up on the street or in car parks, loud sound of metal being cut underneath), do not approach those involved. We have previously received reports of members of the public being assaulted by thieves and seriously injured when they tried to intervene. Call 999 from a safe distance and give us as much detail as you can instead.



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

'In the Know' in November 2025

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

- 28/11/2025 Crime gang who handled £1 million worth of stolen cars sentenced to prison - Surrey Police
- 20/11/2025 Roads Policing Unit tackling uninsured drivers. - Surrey Police
- 18/11/2025 Advice on how you can be protected from scammers after rogue trader duo sentenced - Surrey Police
- 18/11/2025 Beware of winter fuel payment scams - Action Fraud
- 07/11/2025 What is money laundering and how to spot it. – Surrey police
- 03/11/2025 Surrey Police lead multi-force operation to disrupt criminals using cross-border road networks to commit serious crime. – Surrey Police

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



On the 1st December Surrey Police joined forces nationwide in Operation Limit, a national campaign running from 1 December to 1 January 2026, aimed at reducing deaths and serious injuries caused by drink and drug driving.



Surrey Police has begun Op Limit, a national campaign aimed at tackling drink and drug driving during one of the highest-risk periods of the year.

Throughout December, officers from our Roads Policing Unit (RPU) and local policing teams will be carrying out increased patrols, targeted stops and roadside checks across the county. The operation aims to reduce serious injuries and fatalities caused by impaired driving on Surrey's roads.

The campaign forms part of a coordinated national effort led by the NPCC, with forces across the country joining to highlight the serious dangers of driving under the influence.

December regularly sees an increase in collisions and arrests linked to drink and drug driving, particularly around weekends, Christmas parties and the morning after alcohol consumption.

Chief Inspector Karen Coyne, Roads Policing Operational Command Lead said: "The festive period should be about spending time with friends, families and communities, and celebrating. However, we know that with all the Christmas parties and other festive activities about, some people make ill-advised choices to get behind the wheel under the influence of drink or drugs. This decision can and does cost lives, but these deaths are all entirely avoidable if people choose not to put themselves and others at risk. While we cannot always prevent people from driving when over the limit, we will be relentless in pursuing those who do."

A single moment of bad judgement can have devastating consequences, not only for the driver but for every road user around them. Drink and drug driving remain among the leading causes of serious collisions both locally and nationally. On average, over 1,800 people are killed or seriously injured on UK roads as a result of drink and/or drug driving. (STATS19 data)

Last year in December 2024, Surrey officers:

- Arrested 196 drink/drug drivers
- Carried out 2310 roadside breath tests and 474 drug wipe tests
- Completed 8,847 vehicle stops and checks.

This year, officers will be using both breathalyser and roadside drug wipe kits and will take immediate action where drivers are found to be impaired.

The consequences of drink or drug driving could include:

- Killing or seriously injuring yourself or someone else
- A minimum 12-month ban
- An unlimited fine
- A possible prison sentence
- A criminal record, which could affect your current and future employment
- An increase in your car insurance costs
- Trouble travelling to countries such as the USA

If you know someone is driving while over the limit or after taking drugs, call 999.

You can also contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or report online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

The campaign is being supported by Surrey RoadSafe.



Information Corner



Plan for Winter



As winter weather has arrived and preparations for the Festive period begin, please do not forget to include securing your property in your plans. By taking a few easy steps you can prevent thefts and burglaries from spoiling your celebrations.

Advice

- Don't advertise to thieves what you have in your home.
- Don't have your presents visible from outside your house.
- Don't store presents in sheds/outbuildings
- Don't leave discarded present boxes outside and in view. Peel off any addresses and names from the boxes to prevent identify fraud.
- Property mark and register your new gifts
- Don't leave delivered parcels outside of your property for any length of time. If you are away cancel any expected deliveries.
- If you are putting up festive lights outside, don't feed cables through windows that will be left open or ajar
- Try not to advertise your new gifts and/or trips away on social media.

With school holidays beginning this month, many residents will be going away over the Christmas period. Please make sure your property is secure even if you are just going out for a short time.

Remember, we provide lots of advice on our website for keeping you, and your property safe.

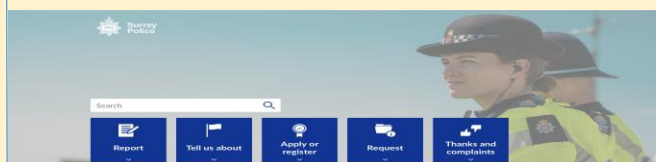
<https://www.surrey.police.uk/burglary/>

Crime statistics – September 2025 to November 2025

Offence	Sept-25	Oct-25	Nov-25
Residential Burglaries	23(9)	31(14)	24(12)
Keyless Car Theft	8	14	3

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

Following a recent increase in the number of actual residential burglaries, there has been a decrease in November. Again, following an increase in keyless car thefts there has been a decrease in November. Records show that there were 11 reports of Personal Fraud (scams) in November.



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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Please take particular care with online shopping and parcel deliveries at this time of year. Protect yourself from Fraud/Scams. You can find lots of advice in the :

[Little Book of Big Scams](#) (version 5)

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