

1 Reigate and Banstead Police Newsletter



Issue 18
November 2024

Have your say on Policing priorities 2025 -28

Surrey's Police and Crime Commissioner needs your help in deciding what the policing priorities should be for the county over the next three years.

Lisa Townsend is calling on residents to fill in a short survey for her Police and Crime Plan, which will help to shape the Force's focus between 2025-28.


The survey takes just minutes to do, and your views will influence policing in Surrey in the years to come. You can fill out the survey [here](#).

Lisa said: "My job is to represent the views of the residents of Surrey. It is the single most important part of my role. I want your priorities to be my priorities, that is why I now ask for your help as I create my next Police and Crime Plan.

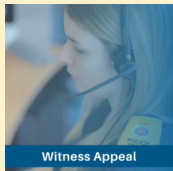
"I urge everyone to take just a few minutes to fill in this consultation and tell me what crimes and issues you think Surrey Police should be concentrating on where you live."

For more information, visit [here](#)

You can receive regular Updates

Follow us: Our Facebook is Reigate and Banstead Beat (Surrey Police) and our  is [@ReigateBeat](#).

You can receive more regular updates by following us online at Reigate Beat. Here are the two most recent posts -



We are appealing for witnesses following an assault in Banstead on Sunday (27 October) afternoon. The incident took place at some point between 3.10pm and 3.30pm near All Saints Church on the High Street. The victim was approached by a man on a bike and punched in the face. The suspect has been described as a white man, aged between 16-17-years-old, around 5'8" tall, with dark hair shaved at the back and longer at the front, a skinny face and 'tash style facial hair'. He was wearing a black balaclava, black jacket and black tracksuit bottoms.

If you have any information that might assist our investigation, please contact us quoting PR/45240123490 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Back in August officers arrested 42-year-old Daniel Carew whilst on proactive patrols in Redhill town centre. He was wanted for being concerned in drug supply locally and had been identified through phone work. Carew was charged with two counts of being concerned in the supply of class B drugs and pleaded guilty at court the following day.

In this Months Edition

- Page 1 - Introduction and Have your say on Policing
- Page 2 - Community Update – Diwali Celebrations
- Page 3 - Community Update – Remembrance Day
- Page 4 - Securing your garage and shed
- Page 5 - British Transport Police new app.

Feedback

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

Simon Morris 20789
Community Engagement Volunteer
Reigate and Banstead Police SNT





Celebrating Diwali in Redhill

The local policing team in Redhill were honoured to help inaugurate the Diwali Celebrations at the Belfry Centre on Saturday.

Borough Commander Jon Vale said “this was a fantastic celebration which was very well attended by many local communities. The colours, traditional dress and dancing were spectacular”.

Chief Inspector Alex Maguire added “it was great to speak to so many people who were having an amazing time. The food was delicious!”.

Thank you again to the Asian Social Group and Reigate & Redhill Hindu (Sanatan) Group who so warmly invited us to celebrate with them over the weekend.

Inspector Jon Vale
Borough Commander
Reigate and Banstead Police



Now Available in the Borough – Fraud/Scam awareness and prevention talks

As part of our campaign on fraud / scam prevention and awareness, we are now offering in person talks / discussions on how to stay safe from various types of scams / fraud, including telephone, social media, banking & doorstep amongst others.

These talks are aimed at any groups who would like to learn more including community groups, colleges, scout and guide groups, business groups, sheltered accommodation, religious groups, and Rotary groups. The talks are free. One of our Fraud Prevention Police volunteers alongside Police, where available, will attend in person to deliver the talk.

If you are interested and would like to find out more please contact us at :
SussexandSurreyFraudPreventionEngagements@surrey.police.uk



Please keep a look out for events, taking place in the Borough during ‘Adult Safeguarding Week’, beginning on Monday 18th November



Sunday 10 November - Remembrance - Reigate and Banstead

Remembrance Day Parades and Service will take place on Sunday 10 November 2024 at

- Redhill, Shaw's Corner War memorial
- Banstead War memorial
- Horley War memorial gardens

On the evening of Sunday 10 November and Monday 11 November the Town Hall will be lit up to commemorate Remembrance Day and Armistice Day. More information about the [Remembrance Programme for Horley](#)

We remember a local Police family



John Edmund Bailey Sergeant 23854

Royal Welsh Fusiliers 1st Bn (Headstone) 3rd Bn (CWGC)

Awarded the Military Medal

Died 9-January-1918 aged 26 (Note Garton Memorial shows 12 January)

Son of John and Emmiline Bailey, of Ferndale Rd, Banstead. John Edmund Bailey's birth was registered in the March quarter of 1891 in Croydon. His birthplace was given as Thornton Heath. His father was a police constable at Thornton Heath police station but transferred to

Banstead, in 'W' Division of the Metropolitan Police, in the mid-1890s. The young family lived in a cottage next to the police station, which in those days was on the opposite side of the High Street to the current station. When the new station was built in 1906-7, the Baileys moved to Elm Cottages, Ferndale Road.

John received his fatal wounds on the Somme in July 1916, he died in hospital in 1918.

Thank you to Lewis Wood



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 October

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

24/10/2024 Fraud Newsletter. Surrey Police

18/10/2024 Have your say on Neighbourhood Alert (In the Know). In the Know (VISAV)

18/10/2024 Keep burglars at bay this autumn – Surrey Police

08/10/2024 Hate Crime: Don't assume others will report it. – Surrey Police.

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



Keeping your shed or garage safe and secure



In August and September of this year a third of all reported burglaries in Reigate and Banstead targeted residential garages, sheds and outbuildings. These burglaries resulted in the theft of Motorbikes, bicycles, tools (including power tools) and sports equipment. Please give consideration to the security of your garage and shed.

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/>

Advice

Many people don't secure their shed or garage in the same way they do their homes - often using an easy-to-break lock or padlock to protect valuable contents such as a car, bike or lawnmower.

An opportunistic burglar will try a shed or garage first because they can find the tools they need to break into the main house.

Shed and outbuilding security: first steps

First off, check that your insurance covers the contents of your shed or outbuildings from theft.

Think like a thief

Take a look at your shed and consider how you would break in. It's worth having a good padlock on the door with no exposed screws. Pay attention to hinges, as these are sometimes easily removable. If you have windows then these could be vulnerable unless they're secured with wire mesh or grills. And keep it locked at all times.

Alarm it

Consider a battery-operated shed alarm. They look low key but they respond to movement or door contact with an extremely loud siren.

Lock it, hide it or mark it

Don't give them the opportunity or the tools to commit a crime. Lock everything away securely. Tools can be locked inside a locker or box or secured with a chain.

Secure your bike to the ground or a lockable stand within a locked shed or garage. Visit [Sold Secure](#) to search for ground anchors and other locks designed to fix to floors and walls.

It's always worth draping an old sheet or blanket over the top of mowers or bikes to keep them covered from view.

Although it might sound like stating the obvious, **never leave your garage or shed door unlocked** if you're not around. Keep the door closed between uses so that no one can see what's inside.

Property mark your items and take photographs of them. Some tools can be painted with your name or postcode and forensic marking is also an option. You can also register any item that has a serial number with [Immobilise](#).

A locksmith belonging to the [Master Locksmiths Association](#) can advise you on the most secure shed and garage door security. They can also help you install it. Most also provide full home security surveys.



Information Corner




Small actions make a BIG DIFFERENCE

Have help at hand when you travel. Report any concerns or crime on the [Railway Guardian app](#).

Download Railway Guardian Safest Together




Safest Together. Download the Railway Guardian app.

Download the British Transport Police app today.

[Viewing on mobile? Click here to download for iPhone or Android](#)

The free Railway Guardian app is an all-in-one safety app from the British Transport Police. The app allows you to report crimes or concerns on the rail network, share your journeys with trusted contacts, and get access to news, guides, or support.

We want you to feel safe and empowered when you travel, and by downloading the Railway Guardian app, help is always at hand if you need it.

Your small actions can all play a part in making everyone's journey a good one, such as:

- downloading the app
- reporting crimes and concerns
- learning about acceptable behaviour on the network and setting an example
- being an active bystander

How does the geo-location work?

You can share your journey with chosen contacts. To do this, you'll need to give access and permission for the app to use the location feature and you can opt in or out at any point.

The location function allows you to share your journey with trusted contacts, send messages if you get into difficulty, and notify your trusted contacts when you have arrived at a location.

British Transport Police does not retain or have access to any Railway Guardian app location data.

What can I report on the app?

You can report any crimes or concerns via the Railway Guardian app. Under the 'Report' function, you will find methods of reporting to British Transport Police, Train Operators, or anonymously to StreetSafe.

If you require emergency assistance, always call 999.

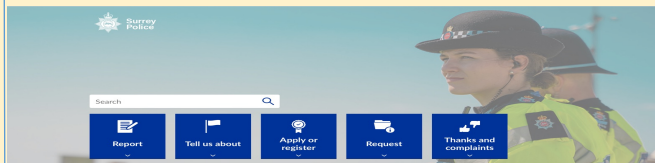
Contact: Simon Morris 20789
Community Engagement Volunteer
Reigate and Banstead Police
Email: Simon.Morris@surrey.police.uk

Crime statistics – August 2024 to October 2024

Offence	August-24	Sept-24	Oct-24
Residential Burglaries	32 (17)	18 (6)	26 (12)
Keyless Car Theft	5	2	5

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

The crime statistics for the last 3 months show a variation in the number of reported actual residential burglaries. After a recent decrease in the level of keyless car thefts, there has been an increase in October. Although not shown, there were no catalytic converter thefts in the three months to September.



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/>

Follow us:

Our Facebook is Reigate and Banstead Beat (Surrey Police) and our twitter  is

[@ReigateBeat](https://twitter.com/ReigateBeat)



SURREY POLICE
With you, making Surrey safer
www.surrey.police.uk