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JUNE 3rd was World Bicycle Day



Following World Bicycle Day, it's worth considering the security of your bicycle, these tips may help to keep your bike safe and secure.

- 1. Double lock it.** Using two locks like a D-lock and a lockable cable reduces the chances of your bike being taken as thieves are less likely to carry multiple tools for the job.
- 2. Lock the lot and take the parts.** Lock the frame and both wheels to a secure cycle stand. If you can remove the seat or accessories, take them with you to make your bike a less appealing target.

- 3. Secure it** Lock your bike to a bike stand as tight as possible to give any thieves little or no room to manoeuvre, and try to use spots which are well lit, packed with other bikes and have CCTV if you can.
- 4. Mark & register it.** Register your frame number on a national bike registration database and keep a copy of the number for your records. If your bike is ever stolen and recovered by the police, it can be traced back to you. Also consider using a bicycle or forensic marking kit to add a further level of security.
- 5. Be consistent.** Get into a routine of locking your bike up, even when you store it at home. The more used to security you get the safer your bike will be.
- 6. Remove the battery** If you have an e-bike, remember to remove the battery pack when at home or out-and-about. Bikes are often taken for the expensive battery units and removing it make your bike less of a target.

What to do if your bike is stolen

There are various courses of action open to you if your bike goes missing. Whichever you take, make sure you do it as soon as possible. Time really is of the essence.

[Stolen Bikes in the UK](#) will help to spread the word on the theft of your bike and offer you advice to help get it back.

[Find that bike](#) lists adverts for bikes placed on online marketplaces, which you can check frequently to see if yours has been listed for sale.

Adverts are usually placed within 24 hours of the theft but if not, keep looking as they sometimes take a few months to pop up.

It might also be worth visiting and posting on the following forums:

- [Ride.cc Bike Forum](#)
- [CycleChat.](#)
- [Bikeradar](#)

For more ADVICE - <https://www.surrey.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/>

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Feedback

Your feedback on the Newsletter is important to us.

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Drugs Recovered

On Thursday night, 30th May, officers executed a search warrant at a property on Hooley Lane in [#Redhill](#) following a proactive and intelligence-led operation. This resulted in the recovery of 30+ bags of suspected class A drugs, an estimated £20,000 in cash, a knife and a baseball bat.

Our team is working hard to examine the evidence to ensure those involved in drug dealing in the town are held responsible.

This targeted operation comes as part of our work with community partners to improve safety in Redhill and tackle serious and organised crime. [#SaferRedhill](#)



Horley

We are appealing for witnesses following a knife-point robbery in Horley last Thursday (23 May).

The incident took place at around 9.30pm on Albert Road near the Constitutional Club. Two suspects walked towards the victim carrying what were believed to be kitchen knives. They asked the victim what he had on him, and he threw his mobile phone on the floor which they picked up. The suspects then made their way towards the A23 before turning back on themselves and walking past the Constitutional Club. The suspects have been described as two men in their early 20s, of slim build, wearing balaclavas and dark clothing with their hoods up.

A 15 year old male from the Horley area has been arrested in connection with this incident. He has been released on bail whilst enquiries continue.

If you have any information, dashcam or smart doorbell footage that might help our investigation, please contact us via DM [@SurreyPolice](#) quoting ref PR/45240058388



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 May

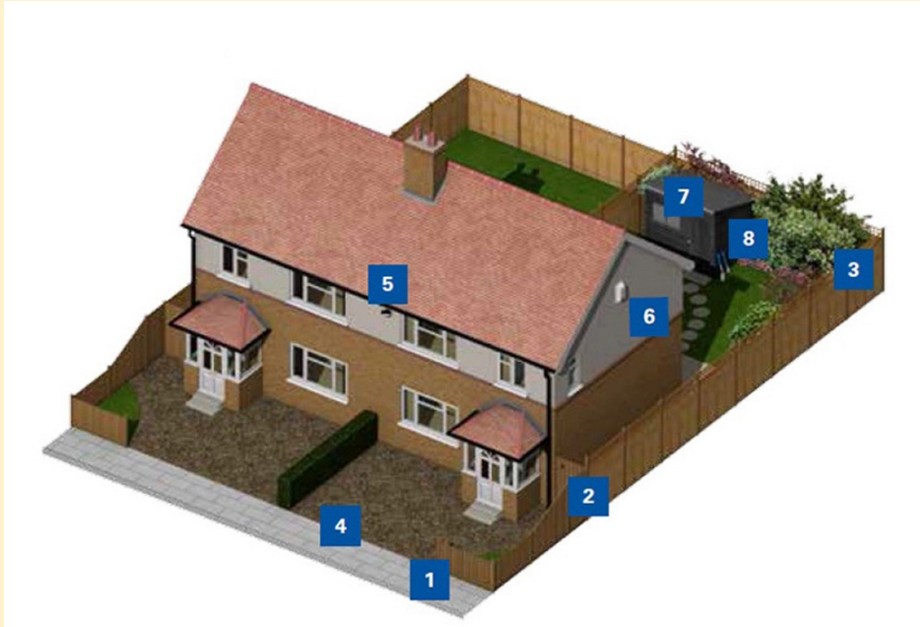
Apart from our Weekly Police Update and Monthly Newsletter, these are the Surrey Police reports posted on 'In the Know' during May. If you missed any of the reports, shown below, then please go to the the Surrey Police Website. See page 4 for contact details.

- 03/05/2024 On line Password Tips
- 08/05/2024 Deaf awareness Week
- 10/05/2024 WhatsApp group chats are targeted by fraudsters.
- 22/05/2024 Man behind bars following autumn crime spree in East Surrey
- 31/05/2024 Surrey & Sussex Police Fraud Newsletter May edition

Crime Prevention – Securing the Outside of your Property



It may not seem obvious, but protecting your garden and outbuildings like sheds not only keeps bikes and other valuables safe, but can also stop burglars accessing tools to get into your home.



- 1. Low front boundary;** keep hedges and walls at the front of your house low (under one metre) so burglars have nowhere to hide.
- 2. Secure side gate;** keep side gates locked at all times. Open gates mean burglars can easily access your home without being seen by passers-by or neighbours.
- 3. High side and rear boundaries with trellis and spiky defensive planting;** keep hedges, walls and fences around your back garden high (over 1.8 metres). Add lightweight trellis to gates and fences and plant some prickly plants to make it harder for burglars to climb over.
- 4. Gravel driveway and path;** gravel driveways and paths make it harder for burglars to go undetected.
- 5. Security light;** install an outside security light so that intruders can't approach without being seen.
- 6. Intruder alarm system;** install a burglar alarm system.
- 7. Secure your shed;** always keep your shed locked and secured, and make sure it is anchored down to prevent it from being lifted in order to gain access. Often sheds contain valuables such as power tools and bicycles.
- 8. Never leave tools lying around;** never leave tools lying around as they can be used as a way of breaking into your home.

Stay secure in summer

Leaving ground floor windows, doors and patio doors open in the summer can give burglars the perfect opportunity. If you're upstairs or out of the room, even just for a few minutes, close them and help shut burglars out.



Information Corner



Spotlight



Neighbourhood Watch is about people getting together with their neighbours to take action to reduce crime.

They're community initiatives owned and run by their members which are supported by the police but not owned by them, although we sometimes run them. They work by developing a close relationship between community members and the local police. Neighbourhood Watch schemes can:

- cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- help and reassure those who live in the area
- encourage neighbourliness and closer communities

How to join a Watch scheme

Go to [Neighbourhood Watch](#) to find out what groups are active in your area and to register to join.

You can also find and contact your local Neighbourhood Watch Association or Scheme Coordinator via the same website for:

- more information on how the scheme works
- the benefits of the scheme
- advice on running a scheme in your local area

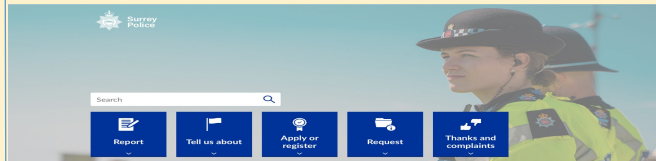
Crime statistics –

March 2024 to May 2024

Offence	March-24	April-24	May-24
Residential Burglaries	17 (9)	24(13)	10(6)
Keyless Car Theft	3	9	12

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

The crime statistics for the last 3 months show a recent decrease in the number of reported overall residential burglaries. After recent falls in the level of Keyless car thefts during the last 3 months the trend has been upwards. Although not shown, there were no catalytic converter thefts in the three months to May.



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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