

Reigate and Banstead Police Newsletter

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Clear, Hold and Build. Building more Resilient Communities

A National Police Framework is being used in the Borough. This work will be part of a wider community approach to improving safety in Redhill. Police, partners and the community have come together to adopt the College of Policing's 'Clear, Hold, Build' framework to reduce the harm caused by crime in the town.

This is a three-phased approach designed to tackle ASB and crime in Redhill. Targeted disruptions aim to 'clear' offenders from Redhill, followed by sustained intervention to 'hold' the area free from crime. The 'build' phase will focus on preventative work, driven by the community, to address the root causes of ASB and crime in the town. Much of the Safer Streets funding will support the ongoing preventative work.

New Plans for a Safer Redhill

Funding secured alongside [Love Reigate and Banstead](#), and [Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey](#) Lisa Townsend, is bringing together local organisations, businesses and residents to address crime and antisocial behaviour (ASB) in the town centre and take pride in Redhill.

A stakeholder event in November last year kick started the project and since then we've been working closely with partners to develop plans that address issues highlighted by residents. This week sees the announcement of [YMCA East Surrey](#)'s new youth bus which will take youth workers into the heart of local communities to build positive relationships with young people.



Reigate & Banstead Borough Commander Inspector Jon Vale said: "This a long-term commitment aimed at uniting the community to reduce crime in Redhill and helping everyone feel safer in our town centre. As part of this initiative, you will

be seeing an increase in targeted police activity in Redhill. For instance, in certain areas of the town and during specific times of the week, offences like anti-social behaviour (ASB) and shoplifting are more likely to occur. By addressing these behaviours with partners, we aim to prevent the escalation of these issues into more serious and organised crimes."

[#SaferRedhill](#)

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Feedback

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News from Our Area Teams

Central Team - Sergeant Rob Staplehurst

It has been a busy time for the Central R&B Team, with lots of continued hard work being carried out. You will no doubt be aware of the serious assault which took place in Redhill town centre on the afternoon of the 5th March 2024. The police response to this was heavily supported by the Safer Neighbourhoods Team on the day, and we continue to provide a presence in Redhill town in the afternoons and evening in an effort to provide reassurance to the community and to prevent any further offences of a similar nature.

Whilst this would no doubt have been a concern to many of you, I want to assure you all that this was an isolated incident involving people known to each other, and there is not believed to be an ongoing risk to the public at this time. This is still very much an active investigation, and we hope to keep you updated with relevant information as and when possible.

On a more positive note, thanks to funding secured by your local policing team, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey and Reigate and Banstead Council, we have seen the launch of the YMCA's new youth bus, which will take youth work in to the heart of our communities to build positive relationships with young people. I hope that you will see the bus out and about in the central area soon, and I'm sure that the youth workers would love to say hello should you see them!

This is just a small part of a larger piece of work we are carrying out with a number of our partner agencies aimed at making everyone feel safer in Redhill town, and you will see an increase in targeted activity in the town.

As always, thank you for your continued support.



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 March

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

- 08/03/2024 Surrey Police in top nationally for answering 999 Calls
- 08/03/2024 12 years in prison for gang who stole over 3 million pounds worth of cars
- 11/03/2024 What do you know about child financial exploitation?
- 13/03/2024 Partners join together with plans for a safer Redhill
- 14/03/2024 Surrey Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner launch national Police Anti-Corruption and Abuse Reporting Service
- 18/03/2024 21 arrested as we crack down on drugs in our County
- 22/03/2024 Do you know a teenager? Do you have ten minutes to talk to them about spiking this weekend?
- 25/03/2024 Surrey & Sussex Police Fraud Newsletter March edition



Stalking and harassment is when someone repeatedly behaves in a way that makes you feel scared, distressed or threatened.

There are different types of stalking and harassment and anyone can be a victim.

Stalking and harassment are offences under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997.

Harassment

Someone you know could be harassing you, like a neighbour, or people from your local area or it could be a stranger. It's harassment if the unwanted behaviour has happened more than once.

Sexual harassment

Sexual harassment is unlawful, as a form of discrimination, under the [Equality Act 2010](#).

The Act says it's sexual harassment if the unwanted behaviour:

- violates your dignity
- creates an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment (this includes the digital environment, online)

Some of these are also forms of sexual or indecent assault.

If you've experienced any of these it's not your fault and you don't have to put up with it.

You can [report it to us](#). If you don't feel ready to contact us, you can report anonymously to [Crimestoppers](#).

Stalking

Stalking is like harassment, but it's more aggressive. The stalker will have an obsession with the person they're targeting.

Someone you know could be stalking you; an ex partner or a person you were friends with, or it might be a stranger. If it's someone you know, or knew, it doesn't mean that it's your fault; it's still stalking and it's an offence.

Stalking may include:

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The four warning signs of stalking - If the behaviour you're experiencing is:

Fixated Obsessive Unwanted Repeated

You can [report the crime](#) or you can contact the [National Stalking Helpline](#) for more advice.

Online stalking and harassment

Social networking sites, chat rooms, gaming sites and other forums are often used to stalk and harass someone, for example:

- to get personal information
- to communicate (calls, texts, emails, social media, creating fake accounts)
- damaging the reputation
- spamming and sending viruses
- tricking other internet users into harassing or threatening
- identity theft
- threats to share private information, photographs, copies of messages

[report the crime](#)

Support for victims of stalking and harassment

If you are, or someone you know is, being stalked or harassed, we can put you in touch with other support organisations that understand your specific needs.

This is a link to the Surrey Police website of organisations who can assist you. [Stalking and harassment](#)



Information Corner

COMBATTING RURAL CRIME

Preventing crime on your allotment

There are a number of Allotments sites in Reigate and Banstead with many plot holders. As we enter Spring the allotments will get busier, including many new plot holders. Allotments are naturally peaceful and pleasant places, however, because they can often be left empty, especially over night, they can be targeted by thieves and vandals.

If your allotment has a gated entrance please make sure it is locked, especially if you're the last to leave.

Tips to grow a secure allotment

1	Tools should be marked by engraving or etching with your postcode and house number.	
2	Record serial numbers of all equipment and keep it safe.**	
3	Sheds should be positioned, where possible, so that the entrance can be seen from the road or neighbouring properties.	
4	Don't leave expensive machinery in your shed, even if it's locked.	
5	Always lock sheds using a good quality 'closed shackle' padlock. Using bolts, not screws for the lock.	
6	Fit a battery operated shed alarm / CCTV.	
7	Know your neighbours and keep an eye on their plot when they aren't there.	

Please inform your site steward of any suspicious activity you may see. It is important that if you see it, you report it, as without this information we can't effectively tackle crime. Incidents should be reported using the contact details.



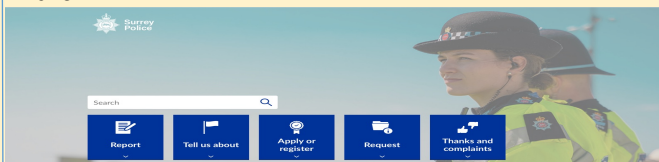
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Crime statistics – January 2024 to March 2024

Offence	Jan-24	Feb-24	March-24
Residential Burglaries	27 (16)	29 (13)	17 (9)
Keyless Car Theft	16	7	3

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

The crime statistics for the last 3 months show a sharp reduction in the number of reported overall residential burglaries, in March. The number of actual burglaries has also reduced. Keyless car thefts have continued to reduce to 3 in March, from a peak in January of 16. Although not shown, there were no catalytic converter thefts in the three months to March.



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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