



Epsom & Ewell Beat Newsletter

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A few words from Sgt Pankhurst

I am Acting Police Sergeant Georgia Pankhurst from your local Safer Neighbourhood Team. I have been in the team for over a year now and have been involved in some really good work with the team. Prior to joining the team I was a response officer in Epsom and Ewell, this allowed me to understand the Borough and the crime types that occur within. Neighbourhood Policing is about engaging with partner agencies to get the best outcome to tackle ongoing and chronic issues in the Borough. We have regular meetings with the representatives from the agencies to focus on the problems and execute interventions to tackle the issues.

The most recent issues we have been faced with in Epsom and Ewell is County Lines and Cuckooing. This has led to the team carrying out warrants at a number of address, arrests, charges and remands. ASB will often go hand in hand with Cuckooing which has an impact on the wider community as well as the occupant themselves. To tackle this problem we have put a number of partial closures in place at addresses which allows only the occupant to be in the address. We have seen a large success with this but we continue to work hard to protect those who are targeted due to their vulnerabilities.

Everyday brings a new challenge for team and I but we are enthusiastic to get stuck in and work together.

MEET THE BEAT DATES

Thursday 6th June ASHLEY CENTRE – 1330–1600 – PC 41542 Mansfield & PC 40276 Evans-Jones – Safer Streets with EEBC Fran Hyde.

Thursday 29th June – ASHLEY CENTRE 1800-2000 – PCSO 13853 Wells, PC 41470 Webb, PC 42076 Evans-Jones

Thursday 27th July - Location TBC keep an eye on our social media page - 1800-2000 – PCSO 13692 Naeem, PC Crosbie

Thursday 17th August Location TBC - 1430-1630 – PCSO 17343 Dublin- Cumberbatch, PC 41538 Humphreys



Is your moped or motorbike secure?

Before you leave your bike, remember to:

LOCK – your bike using a disk lock to secure the front brake disc or a D lock on the front wheel

CHAIN – your bike (through the back wheel) to an immovable object

COVER – your bike to make it less attractive to thieves. A cover is also another time-consuming obstacle for a thief.

Anything you can do to make your moped or motorbike less attractive to thieves can help to keep it safe and secure.



**THERE ARE
REGULAR
POLICE
PATROLS IN
THIS AREA**

ABOUT TOWN - PCSO's Wells and Hosseinkhani have been busy in Epsom Town Centre with ASB patrols in known hot spot locations. They have also been working on some scam prevention work and held recent talks in Santander and Barclays where they gave advice and handed out leaflets. There will be further dates on scam prevention talks.

EQUESTRIAN SAFETY - Rural PCSO's Claire Owen and Chris Dell have been in the Ashley Centre, Epsom today (18th May 2023) with Alan Hiscox, director of safety, British Horse Society. This was to speak with passers by about the new highway code and equestrian safety. Horse riders or carriage drivers are encouraged to download the British Horse Society app – 'Horse i' and report any incident or near miss for British Horse Society stats. Where stats are higher – joint working between the British Horse Society and police can be done.



STREET SAFE - Did you know StreetSafe is available to download as an app? The service allows the public to anonymously tell us about public places or locations where they have felt or feel unsafe. This could be due to environmental issues such as street lighting or vandalism and/or because of behaviours such as being followed or verbally abused. We use this data, along with our partner agencies, to help inform our policing response and put appropriate measures in place that will help improve the public's feeling of safety. From the 960 reports we've received so far, we have sent targeted patrols to problem areas & worked with local councils to improve lighting, CCTV & cut back overgrown shrubbery. You can download the app on Apple & Android devices. For more information visit our website.

**Street
Safe**

EPSOM DERBY - Did you know? Our officers and staff prepare for the Epsom Derby throughout the year. This week, they had a briefing at the racecourse to continue this planning. Your safety at the event is our priority, which is why this is just one of the many activities the teams are involved in during the lead up and planning for the event.





Burglary update

"I've been caught bang to rights. I ain't getting out of this one."

Two men and a woman have been sentenced for a burglary that took place just over a year ago in Epsom. On Saturday, 5 March 2022, an intruder alarm sounded at a property on Ashdown Road in Epsom. Police hurried to the scene, where they found Mia Elson, Mark Andrews & Luke Andrews sat in a car outside the address. On seeing police Luke tried to flee & was tasered. Officers searched the house and the car. A side window of the house had been smashed, and a search had been carried out in three of the rooms. The three suspects were in possession of jewellery, watches, medals, and a purse with cards linked to the burgled address.

All three suspects were arrested, and Luke told his arresting officer, ***"I've been caught bang to rights. I ain't getting out of this one."***

It transpired that Luke and Mark Andrews had also attempted to break into a house on Downs Wood in Epsom earlier the same evening. The occupier called police after spotting two men on their CCTV camera attempting to break into the house with a pitchfork and spade stolen out of their garden shed. They didn't manage to get in but damaged a window before fleeing the scene.

All three were charged with burglary and theft in relation to Ashdown Road, and with attempted burglary in relation to Downs Wood. They pleaded guilty and were sentenced at Guildford Crown Court on Friday, 10 March as follows:

Luke Andrews, 26, of Pelman Way, Epsom, was sentenced to 4 years & 6 months in prison.

Mark Andrews, 29, of Dunstable Road, West Molesey, sentenced to 3 years & 9 months in prison.

Mia Elson, 30, also of Dunstable Road, West Molesey, received a sentence of 16 months' imprisonment suspended for 18 months.

Luke's sentence also reflects an additional charge of burglary from September 2020, where he was found to have stolen a grey Vauxhall Moka following a break-in at an address on Hook Road in Epsom. The vehicle was later recovered, and forensics linked Luke to the offence. When questioned by officers as to why his DNA was in the stolen vehicle, he claimed that he couldn't even drive, but had been sleeping in the vehicle for a couple of nights. When asked if he knew that it was stolen, he replied *"I'm not stupid, of course I knew it was stolen."*

PC Brown, who investigated Luke Andrews' case from September 2020, said:

"Luke Andrews was brazen enough to scale a drainpipe and climb in through the window of a family home, creeping past the victims and their young children whilst they slept to steal a purse and car keys, before taking the car from the drive. This intrusion left such a lasting impact that the family simply couldn't live in their home any longer and have since had to move.

"I hope this sentence sends a clear message to those thinking of committing burglary in Surrey that we will do everything possible to investigate these offences and bring offenders to justice."

DC Kinkade, who investigated the March 2022 burglaries, said:

"On 5 March 2022, Mark Andrews, Luke Andrews, and Mia Elson went out specifically to target unoccupied houses with the intention to steal valuable items. They showed no regard for the owners of these homes or the impact their actions would have on their lives.

"I hope this sentence gives the defendants the time to understand the consequences of their actions and deters any other individuals thinking of committing burglaries in Surrey."



News



GOOD NEWS - Thanks to the determination of Surrey officers, a prolific burglar from Epsom has found himself sentenced to over three years behind bars.

Frank Smith, 27, from Rutland Close was sentenced at Guildford Crown Court at the end of March after he pleaded guilty to 19 offences over the last year making the lives of many in the borough of Epsom and Ewell a misery.

Victims spoke about being left “traumatised and anxious” after being targeted by Smith & how they found it hard to trust people after what he did.

A further nine offences committed by Smith were also taken into consideration, including four burglaries, three thefts of motor vehicles, one offence of fraud by false representation and one theft of a pedal cycle.

Detective Constable Sam Wightman, who led the investigation, said: *“Smith is a serial offender & over time, escalated from opportunistic acquisitive crime, to targeted burglaries and fraud - targeting primarily elderly women. He has caused untold distress to his victims leaving them feeling unsafe in their own homes & costing them thousands because of the way he preyed on their vulnerabilities. This case has involved a lot of hard work & tenacity from officers across several units to track down the evidence needed to link these offences to one person & because of this work, Smith is now where he deserves to be - **behind bars.**”*

Could these recovered items be yours?

Our colleagues at Kent Police have recovered a large number of items believed to have been stolen in burglaries across the South East.

We're sharing images of the items with the hope they can be reunited with their rightful owners.

If you believe that any items are yours, please contact us quoting PR/45230002332 via:

- Webchat on the right hand side of the page
- Online <https://www.surrey.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/>
- Calling us on 101





Keep your dogs safe – Rural PCSO Claire Owen

We continue to urge the public to keep their dogs SECURE, IN SIGHT and SEARCHABLE.

SECURE - Pets can be easily stolen from a garden when left unattended, even if for a few minutes. Front gardens are vulnerable. Secure your garden boundaries & make use of defensive planting. Be careful of sharing or publicly posting on social media details of where you live, the type of dog you have & where you walk.

IN SIGHT - Never leave your dog unattended in a car – especially on warm days – as it is not just dangerous for their health but allows them to be easily targeted by thieves. Leaving your dog alone outside a shop is another easy opportunity for a thief, even if you are only away for a minute.

It's important your dog will return when called; if it is not trained to do this, be very careful of allowing them off the lead, especially in unfamiliar areas. You may wish to keep them on an extending lead instead.

Be aware of your surroundings - Livestock worrying is a criminal offence. 'Worrying' is where a dog attacks or chases livestock causing injury or suffering.

This isn't just a threat to a farmer or land owner's livelihood, it's also a dangerous situation for the animals involved & could lead to more risk if the animals get onto the road. A farmer is allowed to kill the dog if it's worrying their livestock. Always keep your dog under control around other animals. We have had recent incidents of livestock worrying in Epsom that is being investigated.

We have also had two recent reports of dogs being out of control on Epsom Downs and on both occasions caused horse riders to fall. As a result of one of these incidents, a local dog owner has been issued with a CPW – Community Protection Warning with conditions specifying the dog should be kept on a lead in public.

PROTECT YOUR POOCH
Keep them:



- 1. SECURE**
- 2. IN SIGHT**
- 3. SEARCHABLE**

**SHARE THESE 3 THINGS
WITH 3 FRIENDS**

Find out more ways to protect your pooch on
www.ourwatch.org.uk/ProtectYourPooch

Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered
in England & Wales, CIO no: 173349



SEARCHABLE - Make sure your dog is microchipped & the details are correct on any of the recognised pet registration databases. Your dog must be microchipped by the time it is eight weeks old. For further information about the process & potential databases visit the UK government webpage on microchipping your dog.

Fit your dog with a collar which should have a your surname & contact details. Make sure you take pictures of your dog from various angles, especially if they have distinctive markings or features.

If you have information about those behind organised dog theft or illegal breeding and wish to remain anonymous. you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers on the phone or online – just call 0800 555 111 or using their online form on their website - you'll stay 100% anonymous. Always.

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

Report via Facebook – Surrey Police



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