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Reigate and Banstead Surrey Community Speedwatch

The County of Surrey has some of the busiest roads in the UK, and it is fair to say that any minor misjudgement by a driver can have catastrophic effects: those most vulnerable include pedestrians (in particular the elderly and children / toddlers), cyclists, and pets.

Apart from all the anguish, pain and grief, every fatal road collision costs the state £2 million* from impact to closing of the inquest. Speedwatch saves lives first - and money second.

Within 4 months of setting up a local scheme last autumn, over 700 vehicles have been logged, with the fastest recorded speed being 61mph, over twice the speed limit. Of these vehicles, 9 didn't have an MOT, 10 weren't taxed, and 2 vehicles were registered SORN. (Statutory Off Road Notification)

Encouraging drivers to respect the speed limit is what Community Speedwatch is all about. The volunteers who participate are individuals who care passionately about their environment, and the people that live within their locality. Their participation, even within a relatively short time, has had a definite effect in lowering the amount of speeding that takes place, and the feedback from local Residents has been unequivocally supportive. Having an environment that is safe to walk with family and pets and reducing the risks to cyclists will benefit everyone.

So if you enjoy fresh air, being outdoors, the sense of camaraderie, and making your neighbourhood a safer place, why don't you consider volunteering: you can find out more about Community Speedwatch by accessing <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org>, and if interested, register following the prompts on the menu. *Source - Community Speedwatch Bluesky



Table - Surrey Roadsafes, Posted on Friday 28th February 2025 in [Community Speed Watch](#), [Speed](#)

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Feedback

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

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ID Appeal

Redhill

We are re-appealing for the public's help to identify the man in this CCTV image who we believe may be able to help with our investigation into a report of voyeurism in Redhill.

The offence occurred inside the changing rooms of H&M at the Belfry Shopping Centre on Thursday, 9 January between 1:30 to 1:50pm. A woman reported seeing a mobile phone held over a cubicle, and a photo was taken.

Do you recognise the man in this CCTV image? If you have any information which could help further our enquiries, contact us via direct message, quoting PR/45250003266.

Banstead

We are appealing for the public's help to find 48-year-old Scott Matthews of Sutton, who is wanted on suspicion of shoplifting.

Scott is described as a White man, around 5ft 11' tall and of a slim build, with brown hair. He has links to Banstead, Caterham and Wallington.

If you see Scott, or have any information that might help us locate him, please contact us quoting PR/45250020221.



Redhill

Over the past year, our targeted work with partners in [#Redhill](#) has addressed resident concerns to help make Redhill safer and reduce anti-social behaviour and crime in the area. Here's a snapshot of what we've achieved:

- 155 arrests for various offences
- 93 charges with 81 remanded
- 25 years of combined prison time for offenders, with more to awaiting trial
- £89,000 cash recovered and weapons taken off the streets
- 86 drug seizures including 10kg of suspected cocaine

Borough Commander Jon Vale said: "I'm incredibly proud of the efforts of all our partners to address crime in Redhill and help people feel safer in the town. It's a team effort and I'm grateful to all the businesses, organisations, and residents who are supporting this project to take pride in Redhill." [#SaferRedhill](#)



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 February 2025

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

- 24/01/2025 Protect Yourself from Holiday Fraud. – Action Fraud
- 24/02/2025 Fraud Newsletter. - Surrey Police
- 03/02/2025 February 2025 Edition 'Our News' – Neighbourhood Watch

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



Support for victims and witnesses of crime Surrey Police



As a victim of crime or someone who has witnessed a crime, there are things you can expect from the police and criminal justice system.

What to expect as a victim of crime

The [Code of Practice for Victims of Crime](#) lays out what happens from when a crime is reported through to what happens after a trial, if there is one. The Code of Practice explains what your rights are.

The Code of Practice for Victims of Crime is also available in other formats:

- [Code of Practice for Victims of Crime - Easy Read](#)
- [Code of Practice for Victims of Crime - Large Print](#)
- [Code of Practice for Victims of Crime - British Sign Language](#)
- [Code of Practice for Victims of Crime is also available in some of the most commonly spoken languages in England and Wales](#)

Under the Code of Practice, a 'victim' is someone who:

- has been harmed, physically, mentally, emotionally, or financially by a crime
- is a close relative of someone who has died as a result of a crime.

You may also have rights under the Code of Practice if you are:

- the parent or guardian of someone under the age of 18 who has been a victim of a crime
- the person representing someone who is a victim of a crime who cannot communicate for themselves either because of a disability or because they have been injured as the result of the crime

As the victim of a crime you have the right to:

- be treated equally, fairly and with respect by everyone
- make informed choices that are respected
- have your privacy respected
- be offered help to understand the criminal justice process

What to expect as a witness to a crime

Witnesses of crime are protected under the [Witness Charter](#). The charter explains the support you can get and how you should be treated.

All witnesses of crime have the right to:

- be treated equally, fairly and with respect by everyone
- a main contact who'll update you about the case and support you
- an assessment to check what your needs are, including special measures if you're a vulnerable or intimidated witness
- be given information about the court and court processes

To find out more about how witnesses and victims of crime are treated and other services available, visit the [UK government's website](#).

If you're a victim or witness to a crime that hasn't been reported to the police

It's important to report all crimes to the police. It helps us to bring offenders to justice and stop more crimes from happening.

If you don't report a crime to us you can still get help from [Victim Support](#).

More advice and information can be found at the Surrey Police website Link:

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/>



Information Corner



South-East Cyber Crime Unit

Working together to protect communities from cybercriminals.

The Police Cyber Crime Units of the South-East Regional Organised Crime Unit (SEROUCU), Thames Valley Police, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Constabulary, Surrey Police and Sussex Police work in collaboration to protect you from cyber criminals.

From arresting criminals and building court cases, preventing people from becoming cyber criminals and providing cyber crime prevention advice through presentations and tabletop exercises, the Cyber Crime Units provide a range of services to the public of the South-East of England.

South East Cyber Crime Unit run webinars covering a range of topics. They usually take place at 6:00pm. The next event is on 13th March "Cyber Security for Business" and it's free.

[South East Police Cyber Crime Unit Events - 1 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite.](#)

The website offers a range of advice and links:

<https://southeastcyber.police.uk/>



Fraud/Scam awareness and prevention talks

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

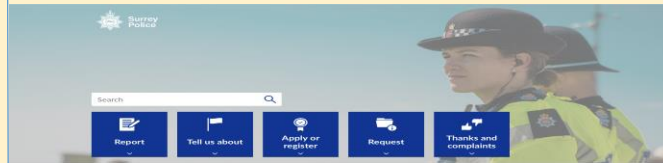
Crime statistics –

December 2024 to February 2025

Offence	Dec -24	Jan -24	Feb -25
Residential Burglaries	22 (11)	16 (10)	16 (9)
Keyless Car Theft	4	0	3

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

The crime statistics for the last 3 months show a decrease 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 the February. Although not shown, there were 14 recorded incidents of Personal Fraud (Scams) in February 2025 for the Borough.



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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