



## Recent Police Operations and Arrests in the Borough

Police conducted a pro-active inter borough operation with one of the local Surrey colleges that has led to the arrest of a 16-year-old boy after an imitation firearm was found in his backpack.

A small amount of Cannabis was found alongside the weapon and the boy from Horley was arrested on suspicion of possession of an imitation firearm and suspicion of possession of class B drugs. He has been released on police bail.

Inspector Tommy Pearson, Borough Commander for Epsom and Ewell, said: "We work every day to keep drugs and dangerous weapons off our streets. This should be a warning to others that, if you carry weapons and drugs, you will be arrested as they have no place on our streets or education establishments."

If you are concerned about drug dealing in your area, contact us on 101 or via the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. In an emergency, always dial 999.

### What are the signs of potential drug dealing?

- Lots of visitors, who don't stay very long, arriving at all times of the day and night.
- People waiting in cars outside particular properties exchanging small packets or cash.
- Lots of visitors bringing items such as TVs or bikes but leaving empty handed.
- Lone/vulnerable neighbours suddenly having groups of young men living at their address.

### What we want to know:

- Time, date and place.
- Vehicle registrations and the make, model and colour.
- Descriptions of people and details of what they were doing.

### Two people have been arrested on suspicion of burglary after a vehicle was stopped on the M25 last week.

The vehicle, believed to be linked to several burglaries earlier in the day, was identified, tracked and then stopped near to Junction 7. This was a team effort between the local Reigate and Banstead Neighbourhood Team, Roads Policing Unit and Armed Response Team.

We're committed to tackling burglaries across the county and encourage you to report any suspicious activity in your area to us via the suspicious activity portal. <http://spkl.io/6184fXh2n>

### Foot patrols in Redhill this week have led to the arrest and charge of a man in relation to suspected drug offences.

On Monday night, officers detained a suspect and he was charged the following day with possession with intent to supply class A drugs.

This included possession with intent to supply cocaine, heroin and ecstasy. The suspect was also charged with possession of cannabis. The suspect has been remanded in custody awaiting his next court appearance.

[#SaferRedhill](#) - bringing partners together to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour including drug dealing.

**Thank you** – For your continued support. The next Newsletter will be published at the beginning of February 2025. May we wish you a happy Christmas holiday and a Peaceful and Safe New Year.



Reigate and Banstead Police,  
Safer Neighbourhood Team.

### Feedback

Your feedback on the Newsletter is important to us. Please contact me at [Simon.Morris@surrey.police.uk](mailto:Simon.Morris@surrey.police.uk)

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## Local Officers Go Back to School

Aside from 'catching criminals' it's really important children and young people understand the police are there to help them should they ever need us.

To build that trust and explain everything we do, officers often visit local schools and last Friday it was turn of Lime Tree Primary School, Merstham.



PC Robbie Heath and one of our Investigating Officers took some time out to speak to Reception pupils about their different roles. The children also got the chance to see some of our kit and explore a response car.

They had great fun switching on the lights and put us through our paces asking lots of good questions. Hopefully, they now feel confident about who we are and what we can be called to help with.

Adult Safeguarding Week



## Adult Safeguarding Week 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November

As part of Adult Safeguarding week members of Buckinghamshire/Surrey Trading Standards and Surrey Police were out in the Borough giving fraud awareness and prevention advice. A number of events were held in Co-op

stores throughout the County. Pictured are Co-op Staff at the Merstham Store joined by Trading Standards and Police staff and Volunteers. Events in our Borough also included a talk at the Banstead Community Centre and a drop session in at Merstham Community Centre. If you are interested in a talk or drop in session and would like to find out more please contact us at :

[SussexandSurreyFraudPreventionEngagements@surrey.police.uk](mailto:SussexandSurreyFraudPreventionEngagements@surrey.police.uk)



## 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 November

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

25/11/2024 Staying Safe during severe weather events. Neighbourhood Watch

21/11/2024 Fraud Newsletter. - Surrey Police

18/11/2024 Making Communities Safer : ASB Awareness Week – Surrey Police

11/11/2024 Keep yourself safe from financial fraud, scams and loan sharks – Surrey Police.

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



## Drink Driving. Together we can Stop It.

Motorists are being warned there are no excuses for drink or drug driving as Surrey Police launch their annual winter crackdown campaign today.

There will be increased drug testing of motorists on our roads, as well as additional patrols, as part of Operation Limit, the nationwide campaign to tackle drink and drug driving. Throughout December you will see officers on our roads carrying out increased drug tests, breath tests, stop checks, and patrols. While we cannot always prevent people from driving while over the limit, we will be relentless in pursuing those who do.

The drug driving focus follows a rise in the number of offences detected across the country and will sit alongside our continued efforts to catch drink drivers. Last year saw 199 arrests for drink or drug driving in Surrey during December.

Being over the limit can have fatal consequences, with drink and drug driving one of the main causes of death or serious injuries on our roads. It also has serious consequences for those who are caught, such as losing their driving licence and potentially losing their job as a result.

With Christmas parties and other festive activities underway we know that, for some, the temptation to get behind the wheel under the influence of drink or drugs is higher now than at any other time of year. This decision can and does cost lives, but these deaths are all entirely avoidable if people choose not to put themselves and others at risk.

The consequences of drink or drug driving include:

- Killing or seriously injuring yourself or someone else
- A minimum 12-month ban
- An unlimited fine
- A possible prison sentence
- A criminal record, which could affect your current and future employment
- An increase in your car insurance costs
- Difficulty travelling to countries such as the USA.

If you know someone is driving while over the limit or after taking drugs, call 999.

You can also contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or report online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

## Reporting Anti- Social Behaviour

Antisocial behaviour takes many forms, from aggressive, noisy or abusive behaviour to neighbourhood disturbances involving drugs or animals.

If you've witnessed antisocial behaviour, please report it to us.

Your neighbourhood can be an area where you live, work, or visit often.

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>





## Information Corner



### Plan for Winter

As winter weather has arrived and preparations for the Festive period begin, please do not forget to include securing your property in your plans, By taking a few easy steps you can prevent thefts and burglaries from spoiling your celebrations.

### Advice

- Don't advertise to thieves what you have in your home.
- Don't have your presents visible from outside your house.
- Don't store presents in sheds/outbuildings
- Don't leave discarded present boxes outside and in view. Peel off any addresses and names from the boxes to prevent identify fraud.
- Property mark and register your new gifts
- Don't leave delivered parcels outside of your property for any length of time. If you are away cancel any expected deliveries.
- If you are putting up festive lights outside, don't feed cables through windows that will be left open or ajar
- Try not to advertise your new gifts and/or trips away on social media.

With school holidays beginning this month, many residents will be going away over the Christmas period. Please make sure your property is secure even if you are just going out for a short time.

Remember, we provide lots of advice on our website for keeping you, and your property safe.

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/burglary/>

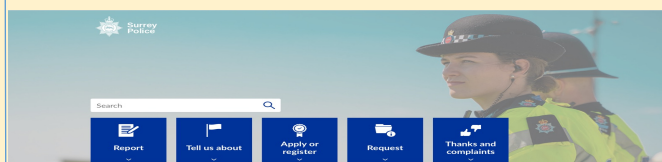
### Crime statistics –

#### September 2024 to November 2024

Offence	Sept-24	Oct-24	Nov -24
Residential Burglaries	18 (6)	26 (12)	20 (16)
Keyless Car Theft	2	5	7

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

The crime statistics for the last 3 months show an increase in the number of reported actual residential burglaries. After a recent decrease in the level of keyless car thefts, there has been a increase in the last two months. Although not shown, there were 12 reported incidents of Personal Fraud (Scams) in November in 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](http://www.surrey.police.uk)

To contact your local team (not for reporting purposes) email: [ReigateandBanstead@surrey.police.uk](mailto: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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