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Tandridge Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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Dear Residents

Summer draws us all out of our homes. We get such a short window of good weather that it feels like our duty to squeeze every last drop of Vitamin D-related joy out of it.

Whatever you have in your diary this summer, it's likely that you will be out of your house for longer than at any other time of year. Unfortunately, this is good news for opportunist burglars looking to make a quick win.

Burglaries don't just happen at Christmas, so we wanted to remind you of some key burglary prevention tips to guide you through the coming months:

Lock windows and doors when leaving home, even for a short while. If you don't and you get burgled, your home insurance could be invalidated because you left your home insecure. If you have windows open at any time of the day or night due to high temperatures, make sure your keys and valuables aren't within sight or reach of those windows. How much do you share online? Think about how public your profile is before posting your holiday highlight reels when you're away from home. How well do you know the people who follow you, and how much do you really want them to know? Up your security settings and enjoy a summer holiday social media detox. Doing a spot of DIY? Lock away ladders and tools after use so they can't be stolen or used to break into your home. Good neighbours are worth their weight in gold. If you like and trust your neighbour, ask them to keep an eye on your home and pop round on a regular basis to water plants and take in deliveries and post.

Even the smallest pieces of evidence can help build a bigger intelligence picture. If you have CCTV footage or images of suspicious behaviour that you think we should know about, submit it to be reviewed through our [suspicious activity portal](#). You can report a burglary to us online. In an emergency, always call 999

Inspector Rob Staplehurst

Tandridge Borough Commander

PLEASE NOTE THAT BULLETIN 14 WILL BE ISSUED ON JULY 13TH

AND BULLETIN 15 ON JULY 30th

CRIME REPORTS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Our Response Team and Safer Neighbourhood Team deal with a variety of incidents. Here are a few they dealt with since the last Bulletin.



Good work from officers and shop staff has resulted in a custodial sentence for a prolific shoplifter targeting Sainsbury's in Oxted.

Stephen Watson, 39 (DOB: 18/08/1986) from Croydon has been sentenced to 12 weeks in prison after committing eight separate thefts, helping himself to a range of items including meat, alcohol and desserts. In addition, he has been ordered to pay compensation for the goods he stole, totalling just over £800.

While it might have seemed like 'a few bits here and there', the reality is that repeated offending adds up quickly, and in this case, it's landed him with a stay somewhere far less appealing than the dessert aisle.

Retail crime has a real impact on businesses, staff and the wider community, and we will continue to pursue offenders and put them before the courts.

If you see shoplifting or have any concerns, please let shop staff know or report it to us.

SUSPECT UPDATE

Charged

A 42-year-old man has been charged with multiple offences, including sexual assault and exposure, following an incident at a park in Warlingham on Friday evening (19th June).

Scott Dickson (DOB: 19/04/1963), of Croydon, was charged with two counts of sexual assault, exposure, outraging public decency, common assault, criminal damage, two counts of assaulting a police officer and four offences under Section 4 of the Public Order Act.

He was remanded to appear in court on 22 June. He was released on bail following the hearing.

Police were called to Whyteleafe Recreation Ground around 7pm following reports that a man had chased a group of children, exposed himself and then made multiple threats towards them and other members of the public.



There were 21 Arrests in the period June 15th 2026 to June 21st 2026 : Domestic Abuse / Violent Domestic Abuse 8 , Violent Crime Other 1 , Crime Vehicle 1 , Child at Risk 1, Prescribed Limit Offence 1 , Alcohol Related 3, Burglary Residential Business and Community 5, Criminal Damage 1.

On June 23rd a young male was arrested after a short pursuit in Caterham and his E Bike was seized under Section 165 of The Road Traffic Act and will not be allowed back in circulation.

On May 25th a male was arrested after failing a roadside breath test after being seen driving past Caterham Police Station.

In Caterham on June 28th a prolific shop lifter was arrested by three off duty officers. He has been charged with a number of outstanding offences.

In Whyteleafe on June 29th a male was arrested after failing a breathalyser test. He had been sitting in a car doing balloons using Nitrous Oxide and playing loud music with the engine running. He will be charged with being drunk in charge of a motor vehicle.

In Godstone on June 29th officers stopped a car and the male driver was arrested for possession of and intent to supply Class B drugs and possession of an offensive weapon after a large quantity of drugs and a baseball bat were found in his vehicle during the search.

If your area is NOT referred to below it is because we have not been informed of the crime or it has not been affected by reported crime in the categories below. Feedback from you will help to achieve the most appropriate circulation of information.

LINGFIELD

Vehicle Crime

Saxbys Lane, Lingfield – Criminal Damage. Between June 25th and 28th the rear two panels of a car were keyed (PR45260077443).

NUTFIELD

Burglary Residential including Sheds and Garages

Coopers Hill Road, Nutfield. Around 15.43 June 29th a secluded and derelict property was entered via an unlocked window on the first floor. CCTV revealed two suspects walking away from the property a short time later but nothing was stolen (PR45260077390).

OXTED, HURST GREEN

Burglary Residential including Sheds and Garages

Bluehouse Lane, Oxted. Around 05.32 June 28th two suspects entered a building under renovation and stole copper wire and piping (PR45260076768).

Vehicle Crime

Hurst Green Road, Hurst Green – Criminal Damage. Overnight June 17th to 18th the window of a vehicle was smashed and it is believed the intention was to steal it having gained entry. The vehicle was fitted with a Ghost Immobiliser and failed to start (PR45260072339).

Coldshott, Hurst Green – Criminal Damage. Between 22.50 and 23.39 June 21st two tyres on a car were slashed and two tyres deflated (PR45260073637).

Oak Close, Hurst Green – Criminal Damage. Between 10.00 June 24th and 13.00 June 26th the front tyre of a car was stabbed and punctured (PR45260076030).

CATERHAM, CATERHAM ON THE HILL ,CHALDON AND WHYTELEAFE

Burglary Residential including Sheds and Garages

Foxon Lane, Caterham On The Hill. Around 05.32 June 28th two suspects entered a house under renovation and stole copper wiring and tubing (PR45260076768).

Vehicle Crime

White Knobs Way, Caterham – Criminal Damage. Around 20.37 June 19th unknown youths who had been running around in the road due to a house party getting out of hand are believed to have damaged a car after hitting it with a " For sale " sign (PR45260073068).

Croydon Road, Caterham – Criminal Damage. Around 21.40 June 21st a male described as white aged approximately 18, 5' 8" tall, shaggy black hair and wearing a white top, dark coloured shorts and black trainers was observed hitting a car with a wooden bat (PR45260073778).

Chaldon Common Road, Chaldon – Keyless Theft. Around 23.00 June 25th a blue Alfa Romeo Stelvio Estate was stolen from a driveway (PR45260075733).

Birch Avenue, Caterham On The Hill – Keyless Theft. Around 23.30 June 27th a grey Toyota Hilux Invincible D-4D 4 light 4x4 Utility index LF73Y1W was stolen (PR45260076962).

Godstone Road, Whyteleafe – Keyless Theft. Overnight June 28th to 29th an Eco blue Ford Ranger Wildtrack index KP70FFA was stolen (PR45260077127).

WARLINGHAM, WOLDINGHAM AND TATSFIELD

Burglary Business and Community

Chestnut Avenue, Tatsfield. Around 05.20 June 26th an angle grinder was used to break the padlock on a door at Park Wood Golf Club and approximately £10,000 of golf equipment was stolen (PR45260076097).

Distraction Theft

Limpsfield Road,Warlingham. Around 14.00 June 25th the victim was distracted by a short grey haired man with a foreign accent whilst loading shopping into a car at Sainsbury's car park. The male said someone had bumped the victim's car. Whilst distracted either the male or a tall lady with short dark hair stole a wallet with a bank card and mobile phone. The male asked for directions to Waitrose and pointed a phone at her face so it opened up. It became obvious to the victim soon after that it was her phone but the suspects had walked off. (PR45260075615).

Between 12.35 and 12.55 June 25th a male stood behind another victim at the self-service checkout in **Waitrose, Caterham**. The victim was followed by the male to the lift and they spoke in the lift. A short time later the victim realised that a mobile phone and bank cards had been stolen. CCTV indicated that a female accomplice may have also been involved (PR45260075924).

The final incident occurred at **Tesco in Caterham On The Hill** between 13.30 and 14.00 June 25th. The victim took money from a cash point and as they walked into the store was prevented by a male in front who was holding a bag of charcoal. After finishing shopping the victim discovered that a purse containing loyalty cards, a bank card and cash were missing. CCTV showed two other males taking a purse from the victim's bag at the store entrance. Four unsuccessful attempts were made to use the cards (PR45260075631).

Vehicle Crime

Park View Road, Woldingham – Theft. Between 09.30 and 19.00 June 22nd front index plate GJ08WSL was stolen from a car (PR45260074348).

If you have to contact us about a non urgent matter or to provide information on non-urgent suspicious matters or unusual behaviour you have observed which may be useful intelligence for us at a future date please email

Tandridge

Safer Neighbourhood Team: tandridge@surrey.police.uk

The information you provide will be read and treated in confidence when the staff are next on duty.

We have a portal for circumstances where no crime has been reported, but the suspicious behaviour could potentially be related to a burglary, theft of a vehicle, or catalytic converter, for example. We have a different unique link we provide to victims and witnesses when a burglary has occurred.

To find out more about the portal and submit your footage visit this link: <https://surrey.police.uk/suspiciousactivityportal>

How to contact us with information when we issue Witness Appeals or Appeals for information

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

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Don't forget you can also tweet us on X: @TandridgeBeat

Just a gentle reminder that our Safer Neighbourhood Team mail box, Facebook and X account are not monitored 24/7. To report incidents please call 101 or in an emergency 999.

If you wish to report a NON URGENT crime visit: <https://www.surrey.police.uk>

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