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Tandridge Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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Dear Residents

We may have fast-forwarded the clocks at the end of March, but there's no need to rush when it comes to some simple burglary-prevention steps as the days start to get longer.

Lighter evenings can mean more days out in the sun but it also does mean more opportunities for burglars. A few quick checks can make a big difference:

- 🔒 Lock up - Always double-check windows and doors before you head out, even if you're only gone a short time.
- 💡 Use timer lights - Create the impression that someone's home as daylight hours change.
- 👁️ Keep valuables out of sight - Don't leave laptops, keys, or handbags visible from the street.
- 🌿 Plant defensive hedging - Make it that step more difficult for criminals to access your windows.

➡️ Look out for neighbours - A connected community is a safer one.

Inspector Rob Staplehurst
Tandridge Borough Commander

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.



Court result

A group of car thieves have been jailed for their part in the thefts of high-performance vehicles in both Surrey and Sussex last year. All four were charged and pled guilty to conspiring to steal motor vehicles.

The gang targeted grey Audi RS model vehicles at addresses in Stoneleigh in Surrey and Cophthorne in Sussex - breaking into the owners' houses as they slept specifically to steal their car keys and then driving off in the vehicles.

They were caught when officers on patrol spotted an unattended grey Audi RS4, on the same day as one of the offences, parked up in Chipstead. They conducted some checks and discovered the registration plates were cloned. Whilst they were there, the four offenders came back to the car but on seeing the officers, ran off, and were captured after a brief foot chase.

PC Joe Brown said: "During the foot chase they tried to throw away car keys connecting them to this vehicle, but these were recovered along with another set belonging to a second stolen car.

"We know vehicle theft has increased but we are working hard every day to identify and catch the offenders who are targeting them."

At Guildford Crown Court on April 17th three of the group were sentenced to the following:

- Romaine Simpson, 27 (DOB 10/02/1999) from Sutton, was sentenced to two years and seven months.
- Charlie Hart, 24 (DOB 22/09/2001) from Croydon, was sentenced to two years and three months.
- Kayden Brown, 20 (DOB: 01/04/2006) from Carshalton, was sentenced to 16 months in a Young Offenders Institution.

• A 17-year-old boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was sentenced in an earlier hearing at Staines Magistrates' Court in February and received a Youth Referral Order for 12 months, a three-year Criminal Behaviour Order and was disqualified from driving for 16 months.



There were 36 Arrests in the period April 20th 2026 to May 3rd 2026 : Domestic Abuse / Violent Domestic Abuse 12 , Violent Crime Other 3 , Theft 1 , Drunk/Drug in charge 1 , Child at Risk 1 , Public Order 5, Knife/Blade Possession in Public 1, Prescribed Limit Offence 2, Alcohol Related 1, Drug Related 1, Robbery 1, Violent Crime Public Place 7 .

On April 25th officers were called in the early hours of the morning by a member of the public to a car parked at Blindley Heath with the engine running and the male driver slumped over the wheel. It transpired the car had been stolen from the MET police area. On searching the vehicle registration plates from other vehicles, and a large pair of bolt cutters were discovered. The male was arrested for going equipped to steal, handling stolen goods and hate related public order.

ON April 29th in Godstone a vehicle was stopped as it was suspected of being overweigh. The male driver was subsequently arrested after failing a drug test.

On May 6th a car was stopped in Smallfield after checks indicated it was not taxed and because the nearside rear brake light was not working. After detecting a strong smell of cannabis a roadside drunk swipe was conducted and the male driver was arrested after he tested positive.

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

Forge Close, Lingfield – Theft. Between 14.00 April 25th and 12.20 April 26th a grey Fiat Fullback pick up index CH11PBB was stolen (PR45260048065).

SOUTH GODSTONE

Criminal Damage

Tilburstow Hill Road, South Godstone. Around 00.30 May 2nd a police helicopter spotted a barn on fire and it was subsequently considered that it had been caused deliberately (PR45260050818).

OXTED, LIMPSFIELD CHART AND HURST GREEN

Vehicle Crime

Deltiens Lane, Oxted – Theft. Between 00.37 and 00.38 April 27th a suspect came onto the driveway, approached a black Wrangler Overland Jeep index RX21KWA, opened the door and drove it away (PR45260048305).

Snatts Hill, Oxted – Theft. Between 10.15 and 10.30 April 27th a dark grey Jeep Wrangler index XX11EMH was stolen (PR45260048354).

Bluehouse Lane, Oxted – Keyless theft. Overnight April 29th to 30th a white plain Porsche Macan index C18AJC was stolen. It was last seen on cloned plates at the Dartford Crossing (PR45260049824).

Ridlands Lane, Limpsfield Chart – Keyless Theft. Between 10.00 May 4th and 11.15 May 5th a white BMW 116i Sport index HK64BNX was stolen (PR45260052172).

Theft

Chestnut Close, Hurst Green. Overnight April 28th to 29th a grey Jaso X50 electric cycle was stolen. It had been secured with a Grifema GA1201-12 bike lock which was also stolen (PR45260049416).

CATERHAM, CATERHAM ON THE HILL AND WHYTELEAFE

Burglary Residential including Sheds and Garages

Godstone Road, Whyteleafe. Around 01.40 April 24th an attempt was made to break into a garage and the locking mechanism was damaged (PR45260047592).

Burglary Business and Community

Croydon Road, Caterham. During the early hours of April 29th a school was entered through a rear window and at least 14 laptops were stolen (PR45260049336).

Vehicle Crime

Salmons Lane West, Caterham On The Hill – Theft. Between 09.00 and 11.40 April 22nd index plate KF12NZP was stolen from a van (PR45260046525).

Westway, Caterham On The Hill – Theft. Overnight April 25th to 26th a grey five door Peugeot 2008 Active Blue HDI was stolen (PR45260047951).

Eldon Road, Caterham On The Hill – Theft. Between 21.10 and 21.35 April 25th a blue Ford Transit van index GV21CPE was stolen (PR45260047984).

Westway, Caterham On The Hill _ Theft. Between 08.15 and 15.50 May 1st a grey double cab Ford Ranger with a canopy and tow bar index AV20VBM was stolen (PR45260050541).

Stanstead Road, Caterham – Theft. Around 22.00 May 6th three males were spotted hitching a digger to a trailer and then driving off. Following a pursuit the digger became detached from the trailer and was recovered in the Bletchingley area. The red 4x4Subaru towing the trailer was last seen travelling towards Smallfield (PR45260052740).

WARLINGHAM

Vehicle Crime

Searchwood Road, Warlingham – Theft. Between 06.00 and 17.00 April 27th index plates HG64NNL was removed from a car (PR45260048595).

Bond Road, Warlingham – Theft. Between 12.00 April 27th and 10.30 April 28th index plates GV09NXXF were stolen from a car (PR45260048857).

Tower Place, Warlingham – Theft. Around 04.30 April 29th a male was seen in a balcony on the driveway of a house and open the passenger door which was unlocked. Keys, aftershave and sun glasses were stolen (PR45260049341). Another cat also probably unlocked was targeted and credit cards and a driving licence stolen (PR45260049386). A third car was also entered and a small bag containing make up, jewellery and medication was stolen (PR45260049769).

Bramber Way, Warlingham – Criminal Damage. Around 23.05 April 29th the windows of a vehicle was broken and its wing mirrors smashed. Three other vehicles were damaged but not reported (PR45260049746).

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>

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- Calling us on 101

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