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Tandridge Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

Bulletin 4 February 12th – February 25th 2026

Dear Residents

We are seeing a rise in catalytic converter thefts across East Surrey. There was another theft in Caterham last week and we have reported a number of others in our Bulletins over the last few weeks.

A catalytic converter is a metal device that sits under your car near the engine and helps to clean exhaust fumes. Your car insurance isn't valid without one, and they're crucial to the smooth running of your vehicle.

Catalytic converters are stolen because they contain valuable metals such as platinum, rhodium or palladium. Hybrid vehicles such as Lexus are particularly at risk because their catalytic converters are less frequently exposed to hot exhaust gases and the metals stay in better condition for longer, making them more valuable when sold on.

To deter potential thieves, park close to building entrances or the nearest road in public car parks, so that your car is more visible to passers-by and less likely to be an attractive target for thieves. Consider investing in a video doorbell, CCTV and motion sensor lighting for the front of your property that can double as a burglary deterrent.

If you see what you think is a catalytic converter theft in progress (car jacked up on the street or in car parks, loud sound of metal being cut underneath), do not approach those involved. We have previously received reports of members of the public being assaulted by thieves and seriously injured when they tried to intervene. Call 999 from a safe distance and give us as much detail as you can instead.

Inspector Lyndsey Whatley
Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Inspector

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.



There were 25 Arrests in the period February 9th 2026 to February 22nd 2026 : Domestic Abuse / Violent Domestic Abuse 9, Violent Crime Other 1, Public Order 1, Drug Related 1, Immigration 1, Crime Other 1, Prisoner Recall 2, Violent Crime Public Place 1, Robbery 1, Common Assault 1, Alcohol Related 1, Drugs 1, Drunk/Drug i/c 2, Burglary Residential 2 .

On February 18th in Caterham a male and a female were arrested after being seen carrying a crowbar and forcing entry to a dwelling under renovation. Further stolen items were found in the van they were using and the male was also arrested for immigration offences.

On February 18th in Whyteleafe a male driver was arrested after failing a drug test and for driving with no insurance. The car was seized.

On February 20th in Lingfield after a van was involved in a road traffic collision the male driver was arrested after failing a roadside breath test.

On February 25th officers on patrol in Warlingham an unmarked car stopped a male driver having observed him acting suspiciously in a supermarket car park. He was subsequently arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply Class B drugs.

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, DORMANS PARK, NEWCHAPEL AND SMALLFIELD

Vehicle Crime

Hathersham Close, Smallfield – Theft. Between 20.00 February 13th and 09.15 February 14th a grey Suzuki Jimny index GU17HMA was stolen from a driveway (PR45260017901).

Godstone Road, Lingfield – Theft. Overnight February 17th to 18th a wing mirror was stolen from a van (PR45260019403).

Hillcrest, Dormans Park – Keyless Theft. Overnight February 21st to 22nd a grey Ford Carrier index YR68KGN was stolen and gates to the driveway were driven through and damaged (PR45260021590).

Bones Lane, Newchapel – Theft. Between 06.0 February 23rd and 18.00 February 24th an orange KS Moto GRS 125 motorbike index LC19RDX was stolen (PR4526002268).

GODSTONE

Vehicle Crime

Bakers Mead, Godstone – Theft. Overnight February 17th to 18th index plates HX66TKE were stolen from a car (PR45260019505).

OXTED AND LIMPSFIELD

Vehicle Crime

Detillens Lane, Limpsfield – Theft. Around 15.20 February 18th a Landover Defender was stolen from a car park but later found by the MET police (PR45260019613).

Godstone Road, Oxted – Theft. Between 08.00 and 20.00 February 19th index plates HV02NLX were stolen from a car (PR45260020142).

Station Road West, Oxted – Criminal Damage. Between February 22nd and 25th a car bonnet was deliberately scratched (PR45260022387).

CATERHAM AND CATERHAM ON THE HILL

Vehicle Crime

Croydon Road, Caterham – Criminal Damage. Overnight February 13th to 14th a car was badly scratched and one of the rear tyres slashed (PR45260017996).

Mount Pleasant Road, Caterham – Theft. Overnight February 21st to 22nd a Mercedes pick-up truck was stolen. The vehicle had a tracker and was located by the owner in Warlingham undamaged (PR45260021130).

Stafford Road, Caterham – Theft. Between 10.00 and 12.45 February 19th a catalytic converter was stolen from a Honda Jazz parked in a private car park (PR45260030780).

Milner Road, Caterham – Keyless Theft. Overnight February 24th to 25th a black Land Rover Evoque index MU55ANE was stolen (PR45260022291).

Park Road, Caterham On The Hill – Keyless Theft. Between 13.00 February 21st and 12.00 February 23rd a blue Toyota Celica index Y246CLA was stolen (PR45260021793).

WARLINGHAM, WOLDINGHAM AND TATSFIELD

Nothing to report

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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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.

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