



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 22nd May 2008

### EMAIL NEWS

A phishing email for Halifax claiming that during their scheduled account maintenance a slight error has been found in your billing information. The link provided leads to a Russian website called SOS Norway which then redirects your browser to another site in Russia. The Abbey also targeted with a poorly written email claiming that there has been unusual activity in your account so you must click on the link provided; the link has now been closed down by the bank.

An email from a 'Carl Davis' who claims to be the personnel manager of 'Gifts for charity' who needs a reliable person to help transfer money to donors in other countries. You will get 10% of any donation! The email asks for personal details and is apparently an attempt to clone your ID. Another email supposedly from 'Asda Sweepstakes' offers you a chance to win £500 Asda vouchers. The link provided has now been closed down but there is an address given for Los Angeles USA and another website which has also been shut down.

### BOGUS CALLERS

There have been 9 bogus caller offences in the last four weeks with most suspects being white males claiming to be workmen mending a water leak with peak times being Wednesday and Friday. Cash being taken in most cases from elderly victims who appear to have been targeted by teams of two or more suspects, many with Irish accents. One consistent description is of a white male with ginger hair. Smaller build than average and using a long sleeved shirt to cover his hands.

### CRIME HOTSPOTS

In the BROAD GREEN area there has been a spate of thefts from vehicles during the nights with peaks on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday's with audio equipment, clothing, number plates and tools being taken. Also in the same area there has been a spate of break-ins mostly through forced doors with laptops, jewellery and small portable items being taken.

### MESSAGE FROM THE METROPOLITAN POLICE

#### Operation Blunt 2-Community Update

The Metropolitan Police are committed to tackling the serious problem of people carrying knives and other weapons on the streets of the capital.

Chief Superintendent Mark Gore is appealing to the community to support the latest policing initiative to tackle knife crime in Croydon, Operation Blunt 2.

*"We have to stop young people carrying knives but we need your support. By working together we can take knives off the street and save lives. All people in Croydon need to take a stand against knife crime. This is not about criminalizing young people but listening to their fears and providing a safer environment"*

To address community concern Croydon Police, together with the whole of the Metropolitan Police Service, has adopted a positive charge policy for people caught carrying any weapon in the Borough.

The Operation began last Friday. Police stopped and searched people at East and West Croydon Stations, Thornton Heath, Selhurst and Norwood Junction. This policing activity will continue to be intelligence led.

[Anyone with Information on knife or gun crime is urged to contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.](#)

### **DISPERSAL ORDER TO PROTECT LOCAL YOUTH IN CROYDON, SECURED BY SELHURST SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

Proven success of other dispersal orders used in the borough of Croydon have prompted the Selhurst Safer Neighbourhood team in Croydon to secure the 25th one. Secured under specific powers available under Section 30 of the Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003, it covers the following

areas: Boundary of Cameron Road, part of Queens Rd, part of Princess Rd, Beulah Grove, part of Windmill Rd, Limes Road, part of Sydenham Road, part of St James's Rd, St James's Park, part of Windmill Rd and St Saviours Rd.

Dispersal orders allow police and the local authority to tackle anti social behaviour. This legislation gives police officers and PCSOs discretionary powers to disperse groups of two or more at anytime and specific powers mean that officers can take home young people under the age of 16, who are not under the supervision of a responsible adult and are at risk of being a victim or perpetrator of anti social behaviour between the hours of 9pm and 6am in the designated dispersal area.

Those acting lawfully are NOT affected.

To remain or return to this area having been told to leave or dispersed by either a police officer or PCSO is an offence under section 30 of the Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003, punishable by 3 months imprisonment and/or a fine not exceeding £2500. PCSOs may also detain offenders.

The dispersal order commences at 8am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and is due to expire at 8am on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008. At the conclusion it will be reviewed.

Sgt. Gary Costello of the Selhurst Safer Neighbourhood team said: "We are responding pro-actively to the deepening concerns of the local community over the growing number of youths, mainly from outside the areas, who are congregating on the Whitehorse Road Estate, particularly around the Children's Play Area, from the mid afternoon until the late evening period. There have been a number of robberies and assaults, together with reported incidences of dog fighting. Measures applied to date, by both the Police and the local Residents to combat the situation have proved moderately successful but have not achieved the appropriate level of success required.

A Dispersal Order will significantly reduce anti-social behaviour in the Whitehorse Road Estate area and will protect the local youth, both from becoming victims of crime and by steering them away from potential anti-social behaviour. Local residents, who remain supportive of our efforts will also benefit from an improved quality of life. Certain voluntary organisations are concentrating their efforts on offering various after school activities and Croydon Council's Statutory Youth Service are currently involved in organizing various sports activities for the local youth, some of which is financed by National lottery money, which are planned for the oncoming summer months".

Supt Adrian Roberts of Croydon Police said: "We will not hesitate to use dispersal orders in Croydon. They are only acquired after careful consideration and for areas where we feel they are needed. There has been a noticeable increase in the frequency of youths gathering on the Whitehorse Road Estate, together with an increase in crime and anti social behaviour. We will continue to work with the community and our partners in order to address this. Much partnership activity has taken place already, in an effort to combat the current spate of problems in the area and we will continue to work with partners and to monitor the situation closely".

Cllr Steve O'Connell, cabinet member for safety and cohesions, said: "A number of youths have been making people's lives a misery for long enough. There is no excuse for their appalling behaviour and we simply will not tolerate it. Dispersal orders have proved very effective in driving out antisocial activity and are making a real difference to the quality of people's lives in other parts of the borough and we believe this order will do the same for the long-suffering residents in Whitehorse Road Estate. Together with the police, we will do everything we can to ensure that the area is a safe and welcoming place."