



IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 6th December 2007

EMAIL NEWS

Further phishing emails for Ebay are circulating claiming that your winning bidder has been suspended or that you need to confirm your login details and giving the usual link for you to give your personal details. As always Ebay never send out emails requesting personal or log in details. Banks are still being targeted with phishing emails to try and obtain your account details and password so that the thieves can empty your account. Banks never send out such emails as they already know all your personal details which you gave them when you opened the account. An old hoax email has re-appeared warning that street gangs are targeting motorists who flash their lights at the gang's unlit vehicle. The gangs then shoot at your vehicle, this is an old hoax which started in the USA.

BOGUS CLOTHING COLLECTIONS

Further leaflets are circulating in the Borough for Third World Clothing collections. These leaflets are being issued by companies who collect and export the clothing, they are not registered charities and the leaflets are careful not to quote any charity registration. They usually quote a company registration number which shows that they are or have been registered at Companies house.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH OFFICE MOVE

The planned move to Kenley Police Station took place on Wednesday 21st instant.

The new address:

Kenley Police Station

94 – 96 Godstone Road

Kenley, Surrey, CR8 5AB

Telephone Number: 020 8649 0318

From Monday 26 November Sarah Gardener will be away from the office following a pre-planned operation and she will be absent for at least two months. The office will be manned part time by temporary help (PC Sarah Cohen) and I will be in the office as usual on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please leave messages on the answer phone and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

The answer phone is for Neighbourhood Watch messages; please do not report any crimes on this number. The Neighbourhood Watch computer was re-connected to broadband yesterday; problems were due to being connected to the wrong phone line apparently.

DON'T GIVE CRIMINALS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Since the Met wide launch of Operation Safer Homes on Thursday 25th October 2007 officers at Croydon have made a total of 72 arrests for residential burglary, non residential burglary and handling stolen goods.

Operation 'Safer Homes' was launched to target known and wanted burglars across London. Detective Superintendent Ian Smith Croydon CID said "Burglary remains at a 30 year low for London, a historic achievement for the organisation. Historically we have seen burglary rise at this time of year with the longer nights, houses are in darkness, burglars seize on this opportunity. To ensure that we continue to reduce household burglary, the Met has launched Safer Homes, which is an enhanced drive to find and arrest wanted suspects. The priority Crime Unit based at South Norwood police station and response officers and Safer Neighbourhood teams have all worked

extremely hard to tackle burglary. We still need the local community to help us by taking reasonable crime prevention steps to help us to reduce crime this crime."

With the Christmas holiday season fast approaching here are some handy crime prevention tips.

Christmas is the time of year when people are rushing around town centres and then storing gifts in their homes. Criminals take advantage at Christmas and use this opportunity to strike.

Out shopping

- 1 Beware of pickpockets. Stay alert and keep your bags close to you.
- 2 Don't carry too much cash on you.
- 3 Be alert at cash machines and keep your PIN number secure.
- 4 If travelling by car, park in a well-lit area, lock all doors and windows and don't leave anything in view.

At home

- 1 Keep presents out of sight until last thing on Christmas Eve.
- 2 Empty boxes outside your home advertise that you have new goods inside – dispose of packaging carefully.
- 3 All mobile phones, pedal cycles and any other items of property that has a serial number should be registered **free of charge** on the Immobilise website www.immobilise.com

Going out

- 1 Use an automatic timer for lights and turn on the radio to make it look like someone is home.
- 2 Close your curtains or blinds at night.
- 3 Always remember to lock all your doors and windows.
- 4 If you are going away for a longer period of time, ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on the house.

Out on the town

- 1 Don't leave bags unattended or over the backs of chairs.
- 2 Always use a licensed minicab, taxi or night bus to get home safely.
- 3 Don't drink too much – you could become an easy target for thieves.
- 4 Always keep your mobile phone secure.

Have a happy and crime-free Christmas. Crime Prevention advice can be obtained from our website www.met.police.uk/croydon

TRANSPORT POLICE APPEAL FOR HELP AFTER PASSENGERS RACIALLY ABUSED ON TRAIN

British Transport Police are appealing for witnesses to a racially aggravated incident which occurred on a train travelling between Sutton and Waddon.

PC Sarah Jones said police had received numerous complaints from passengers about three white males who boarded a train and began randomly verbally and physically abusing people. The incident occurred on October 8th, just before 9pm.

"It would appear that many passengers were racially abused, with the three males shouting obscene and derogatory comments towards them," she said. "The trio then forced at least five passengers off the train or to move carriages by hitting them about the head with newspapers, while continuing to make racist comments about them. One of the victims was also kicked by the offenders during the incident.

"This type of behaviour is totally unacceptable and we are appealing to anyone who witnessed this vile display or indeed was a victim of the same group to contact police. "The first suspect was aged 17-19 years, was about 5ft 11 tall, with a medium build, wearing a striped cream and navy jersey and jeans. The second male was 5ft 10 tall and was wearing a red top. The third male was 21 to 24 years old, was wearing a white jersey. The male was described as having bad teeth and was in possession of a mountain bike." Anyone who witnessed the assaults or was on the train at the time of the attack is urged to contact the Witness Appeal Line on 0207 391 5275 quoting background log B8 of 13/11/2007.