



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007

### EMAIL NEWS

Banks being targeted with phishing emails this week are Alliance & Leicester which leads to a site which has now been closed down and Abbey with an email which announces that the new upgrade of their security servers is complete and you are required to verify your account details and as the bank could not reach you by telephone you should click on the link which takes you to a website in France! This email uses the old name of Abbey National Bank which has long been changed to just Abbey. Banks never send out such emails as they already know all your personal details which you gave them when you opened the account.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH OFFICE

The new address:

Kenley Police Station

94 – 96 Godstone Road

Kenley, Surrey, CR8 5AB

Telephone Number: 020 8649 0318

From Monday 26 November Sarah Gardner 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 who will now be on leave until the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008) 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.

### SOUTH NORWOOD SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM WHAT HAVE THE TEAM BEEN UP TO?

The South Norwood Safer Neighbourhood Team have concentrated on high visibility patrols around the High Street area to during mid afternoon to provide reassurance to people; mainly school children using the area at that time. There has been a 50% reduction in robberies compared with the same period last year.

In October the team conducted an operation using ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition). In a two-hour period one person was arrested for driving a stolen car and eight uninsured vehicles were seized. A similar exercise was conducted in November. During this operation one person was arrested for driving whilst disqualified. He was also wanted for no payment of almost £1,000 of fines. Five drivers were prosecuted for driving offences and seven uninsured vehicles were seized. The purpose of these operations is to actively take action against criminals who use the roads.

In October the team used a knife arch and drugs dog to screen passengers using Norwood Junction Railway Station during late evening. An arrest was made of a person who was wanted for causing a considerable amount of damage to railway property, another person was arrested as wanted on a warrant issued by a court and two arrests were made of people who were in possession of over £750 of stolen goods. A positive outcome was that, despite many people being screened, there were no knives or weapons were found. The purpose of this exercise was to take action against people who wish to use the railway system for criminal purposes and to provide reassurance to passengers. A similar exercise was conducted in conjunction with British Transport Police and Railway Revenue Officers during a morning in November. Further operations are planned.

The team have supported Croydon Borough and the Education Welfare Service in conducting truancy patrols to return truanting pupils to school thus preventing the opportunity to engage in anti-social and criminal behaviour.

## **DROP-IN SESSIONS**

Members of the South Norwood SNT will be at the following venues at the following dates and times to meet you.

### **The Waterside Centre, Avenue Road**

19th December 2007 6.30pm – 9.30pm  
8th January 2008 10.30am-2.30pm  
30th January 2008 6.30pm-9.30pm

### **South Norwood Library, Lawrence Road**

9th January 2008 11am-12noon  
23rd January 2008 11am-12noon  
6th February 2008 11am-12noon  
20th February 2008 11am-12noon

## **SOUTH NORWOOD**

Safer Neighbourhoods Team Phone: 020 8649 1323 Email: southnorwood.snt@met.police.uk

## **NEW POLICE OPERATION FOR CHRISTMAS**

With the run up to Christmas, Croydon Police have launched a Christmas initiative called Operation Gerstan, which will run from 3<sup>rd</sup> December until 13<sup>th</sup> January 2008. The aim of the operation is to continue to reduce crime, the fear of crime and anti social behaviour during the festive season and at the same time, promote public safety to ensure that this time of year remains a safe and enjoyable time.

With the run up to Christmas, Police in Croydon estimate that there are approximately an additional 25% more visitors to the Town Centre than at any other time of the year with many people coming to Croydon to do their Christmas shopping and to enjoy the night time economy.

During Operation Gerstan there will be an increased visible police presence in the Town Centre aimed at providing reassurance to those who live, work or visit the Borough. Officers will be working closely alongside colleagues from the Transport OCU and British Transport Police, supported by the Safer Transport Team and local authority Neighbourhood Enforcement officers. Police will be using both covert and overt police tactics to tackle and continue to reduce any alcohol related crime and disorder in the Town Centre, including the use of portable knife arches.

The Licensing Unit, through the Pubwatch scheme, have been working closely with the licensees as part of the Local Authority and Police Think Safe, Drink Safe Campaign.

Detective Chief Inspector Mark Morgan Croydon Police said “We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year in Croydon and we have therefore set up this latest initiative to prevent and continue to reduce crime, anti social behaviour and alcohol related disorder. I would also ask the local community to assist police by keeping a closer eye on their personal belongings, particularly in crowded places, as this is an ideal opportunity for potential bag snatches. We have also released some practical crime prevention advice and if you are visiting the Town Centre at night, the Think Safe Drink Safe Campaign reminds everyone around personal responsibility and planning your journey home after a night out. We will continue to work together with the local authority and in partnership to ensure we want to ensure a safe and enjoyable festive season for all”

BTP Inspector Jack Ioannou said it was important for people to remember the dangers of over-indulging at Christmas.

“It is important for revellers, particularly those who might be coming home late on trams and trains to stay safe. While we don’t want to put a dampener on festivities, passengers using trains should remember to ensure they check times for the last trains so that they can get home safely. It is a time of year when we unfortunately get an increase in reports of people trespassing on the railways, people engaging in anti-social behaviour, including assaulting members of rail staff and the like, people falling victim to having their property stolen, and others who injure themselves by falling over through having too much to drink. We urge people to enjoy themselves, but remember to keep your wits about you.”

## **BOGUS CALLERS**

Two white males both about 40 years old posed as Police Officers to gain entry to a house in THORNTON HEATH and stole property. One described as slim build with short hair and wearing grey/blue pullover and light coloured trousers. Second male described as 5'06" tall, fat build with shoulder length hair and a moustache. He was wearing a black or blue duffel coat.