



IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 15th November 2007

EMAIL NEWS

Another old hoax email has started re-circulating with the subject: Another Virus is circulating apparently

"This information arrived this morning direct from both Microsoft and Norton. Please send it to everybody you know who has access to the Internet. You may receive an apparently harmless email with a Power Point presentation which is called 'Life is beautiful.'

If you receive it **DO NOT OPEN THE FILE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**, and delete it immediately. If you open this file, a message will appear on your screen saying: 'It is too late now; your life is no longer beautiful.'
Subsequently you will **LOSE EVERYTHING IN YOUR PC** and the person who sent it to you will gain access to your name, e-mail and password.

This is a new virus which started to circulate on Saturday afternoon. AOL has already confirmed the severity, and the antivirus software's are not capable of destroying it. The virus has been created by a hacker who calls himself 'life owner.'
PLEASE SEND A COPY OF THIS EMAIL TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS and ask them to PASS IT ON IMMEDIATELY".

As always any email which keeps asking you to forward it to everyone else is 99.9% certain to be a hoax.

The Harvey Investment Company who were sending job offers to handle cheques through your personal account and then changed their name to Draper Investment Company with a new email offering the same kind of part time employment have now re-surfaced as the Cronos Investment company. The new website was in France but has now been closed down. The link to the website did ask for personal details and details of your bank account. The people behind this scam appear very determined and will probably start up a new website shortly

BOGUS CALLERS

From this Monday Post Office branches will be issuing the DWP Winter Fuel payments in cash to persons over the age of 60 years. These payments will be made until Monday 3rd December and will be made in cash. This opportunity of an increased haul may result in an increase in distraction burglaries. Please warn anyone who may be vulnerable of the danger of being followed home from the Post Office and to beware of bogus callers especially with the excuse of needing to check the water or the bogus Police who need to check your cash to check for stolen notes

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT HOTSPOT

There has been an increase in vehicle theft in the BENSHAM MANOR area. Mostly older vehicles targeted especially on Wednesdays.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SIGNS ON LAMPOSTS

To all N/W Co-Ordinators: If your road has any of the old N/W signs without the Croydon Neighbourhood Watch written on them or you have any damaged or missing signs please contact Sarah Gardner on 020 8649 0168 or email her on sarah.gardner@met.police.uk and give the lamppost number which is painted on the post so that the Council can remove and replace the signs. A new list of all recent requests will be sent to Croydon Council in the next couple of weeks

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH OFFICE MOVE

The planned move to Kenley Police Station will now take place on Wednesday 21st instant.

The new address:

Kenley Police Station
94 – 96 Godstone Road
Kenley, Surrey, CR8 5AB

Telephone Number: 020 8649 0318

TIPS TO SECURE YOUR HOME THIS CHRISTMAS

Good home security is the best way to reduce your chances of being burgled. The following tips may assist you in avoiding becoming a victim.

- 1 Fit security lighting, either dusk to dawn energy efficient lighting that will come on automatically as dusk sets in, or a passive infra-red (PIR) light that will draw attention to movement.
- 2 Use an automatic time switch on an indoor light, either in a room that cannot be peered into from the road, or upstairs. Consider drawing the curtains if you are in a room with the lights switched on. Regularly change the timing on the switch.
- 3 Put a time switch on a radio that has been tuned to a chat station, this will give the impression that the house is occupied. Again, regularly change the timing on the switch.
- 4 Property mark your valuables. **Where possible, do not leave items on show, which can be seen, from the street.** Register your property free of charge at www.immobilise.com.
- 5 Secure windows, paying particular attention to those on the ground floor and above flat roof areas. Always use locks and bolts and keep all your keys, **including car keys, out of sight and out of reach.**
- 6 Ensure that gates or access to the rear of the house are locked and secure. Don't forget to lock your shed; your tools can be used to break in. Trim overgrown plants - don't give burglars a hiding place.
- 7 **Intruder alarms are an effective deterrent against burglars. Before choosing a system ensure it is the one most suitable for your needs.**
- 8 Trust your instincts. If you think a crime is about to happen or is in progress dial **999**.
- 1 If you require any further advice visit

www.crimereduction.gov.uk or www.homeoffice.gov.uk

CROYDON COUNCIL: COULSDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the paper listed as Agenda item 9(i) – Report on Coulsdon (Town Centre) Improvement Scheme - is now available to be viewed on the website.

Please click on the link below to go to our website where you will find the next meeting's Agenda. This will be held on **Wednesday 21 November 2007 at 7.30 pm at Old Coulsdon Congregational Church, Coulsdon Road, Old Coulsdon**. If the Agenda changes, you will be issued with a revised version at the meeting.

http://www.croydononline.org/neighbourhood%5Fpartnerships/coulsdon/2007_11_21/default.asp

Please note that Streetscene officers will be available from 7pm to cover local environmental concerns.

More information about Neighbourhood Partnerships can be found on our website www.croydononline.org/partnerships/. If you have any queries, please contact my colleagues or me: John Sheridan ext. 62396, Margot Rohan ext. 62564 or email us at the website address.

CRIME HOTSPOTS

Two hotspots at present, in the SELHURST/BROAD GREEN area with mostly break-ins via the front door by slipping the lock with theft of vehicles and plasma TV's. One suspect seen in the area was a light skinned black male about 25 years old with short afro hair. Of slim build and wearing a puffa jacket with cream coloured fur on the hood. He was carrying a rucksack.

In THORNTON HEATH/SOUTH NORWOOD areas an increase in break ins either early morning or in the evenings. One suspect seen was a black male, approx 5'08" tall with short black hair and of slim build. Wearing a blue hoodie.