Dear Neighbourhood Watch Members

Two weeks ago our recently appointed Chief Constable Gavin Stephens came to Caterham Police Station to join a shift with Safer Neighbourhood Team PC Wayne Stephens. It was 23 years ago this month that The Chief was posted to Caterham as a PC and those of you who follow Tandridge Beat on Facebook will have seen the photos taken when the vehicle allocated call sign Stephens 1 went out on patrol around Tandridge looking at some of the current neighbourhood issues that our SNT Team are currently working on. A dedicated team of PCSO’s and Officers have been particularly busy over the last few weeks dealing with amongst other issues anti-social behaviour around a golf course at Caterham on the Hill and with young people taking dangerous risks swimming in lakes and areas of water in our area. With the school holidays well under way we would ask all parents to be mindful of where their children are going when they go out alone and what they are doing. In the last Bulletin we published an updated list of the areas the Safer Neighbourhood Team cover and the personnel involved. This Bulletin also includes a further updated list of our team who work closely with the Area Patrol Team that respond to incidents 24/7.

Dan Gutierrez
Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Inspector

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.

CRIME REPORTS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Our Area Patrol Team and Safer Neighbourhood Team deal with a variety of
incidents. Here are a few they dealt with over the last two weeks and a Court result.

On August 1st whilst our Area Patrol Team were on patrols they noticed a red Nissan Terrano parked up on the A25. The occupants saw police and rammed through a gate into a field. Unfortunately they managed to get back out the field and went up North Park Lane where they decamped from the vehicle. You may have seen the police helicopter assisting in the search. We recovered the vehicle and 2 lurcher type dogs. We believe the occupants of the vehicle were poaching.

On August 2nd a Misuse of Drugs Warrant was exercised at a property and a quantity of drugs, believed to be cocaine, a set of scales and a car key were discovered along with a quantity of cash in the car that was parked outside the premises. A male was arrested on suspicion of intent to supply drugs and has been released under investigation.

In Oxted on August 5th a person was found asleep in a vehicle. The vehicle was found to be stolen, and on false index plates. In the front of the vehicle a relay device was discovered which looked as if it had been used to start the vehicle without a key. A male was arrested on suspicion of theft and of possessing a bladed article.

Some of you may remember the awful robbery of a vulnerable man who was jumped on, assaulted and had money stolen from him on Westway, Caterham on the Hill on 9th September 2018. After a long investigation by Tandridge officers, three 17 year old males have been charged for robbery. They will attend Guildford youth court in September.

On August 6th in Caterham on the Hill a driver was arrested after providing a positive breath test following a road traffic collision and on August 12th a female was arrested after she had driven into a car in a public car park in Caterham and subsequently failed a breath test.

Some of you may remember that in February 2019 we seized lots of property including tools following execution of a warrant in Caterham. We had comments about why was the person bailed but we had to prove the items were stolen. We have been calling manufacturers, shops, suppliers and people up and down the country to try and find owners for them. This week a male from Smallfield has been charged for 21 Business Burglaries, 3 theft from motor vehicles and 3 theft of number plates. These crimes occurred in Pulborough, Lewes, Cranleigh, Dorking, Billingshurst, Betchworth, Bletchingley and everywhere in between. He was remanded for Court on August 15th. The Court have bailed him with a curfew and to sign on at a police station every day. There will be an initial hearing at Kingston Crown Court on 11th September 2019.

Vehicle Crime Warning

We have seen a sudden rise in theft of catalytic converters across Tandridge. Targeting a variety of vehicles, thieves are cutting off the catalytic converter from the exhaust pipe. Containing very small quantities of precious metals to help break down the pollutants they are attractive to thieves. Primarily larger vans and vehicles are at greater risk due to the increased ground
height which may offer access.

Any vehicle with a catalytic converter should consider the following crime prevention advice to reduce the risk of being targeted.

• Store your vehicle in a garage overnight
• If you do not have a garage park your vehicle in a well-lit area
• Park close to buildings
• Consider using CCTV or intruder notification CCTV covering your vehicle on the drive
• Use a Thatcham approved movement detector vehicle alarm
• Fit a security cage around the catalytic converter or permanent mark it using a stencil

Should you see any suspicious behaviour around your vehicle at any time please call Surrey Police.

Lingfield and Dormans Park

Burglary Residential including sheds and garages

Highfield Close, Lingfield. Between 17.00 August 11th and 10.00 August 12th two males were seen climbing onto the terrace of an unoccupied house. It is believed that entry was later effected by using a ladder to get into a bedroom window. After an untidy search two bags were left behind but nothing was stolen (ref 45190084839).

Burglary Business and The Community

St Piers Lane, Lingfield. Overnight August 9th to 10th it is believed that youths were responsible for gaining entry to a building via a boarded up window but nothing was stolen (ref 45190084102).

Theft

Tandridge Lane, Lingfield. Between 17.30 August 12th and 18.15 August 13th the gates to a field were taken off their hinges and a digger was stolen (make and model unknown at this stage) (ref 45190085382).

Vehicle Crime

West Hill, Dormans Park – Theft. Between 14.00 and 15.00 August 5th a rucksack and back pack were stolen from an unlocked van whilst the victim was working close by (ref 45190082374).

Vicarage Road, Lingfield – Theft and Criminal Damage. Overnight August 4th to 5th the spare wheel of a vehicle was stolen and deliberate damage caused to the vehicle (ref 45190082720).

Old School Place, Lingfield – Theft. Overnight August 8th to 9th a silver Peugeot
307 index YF51HXY was stolen (ref 45190083857).

Church Road, Lingfield. Around 01.50 August 11th the victim disturbed a suspect trying to break into his van. The rear index plate was on the floor, a coat hanger in the window, the front grill of the engine had been removed and the offside windscreen wiper had been bent over (ref 45190084334).

Saxbys Lane, Lingfield – Criminal Damage. Between 21.00 August 10th and 11.30 August 11th the driver’s side window of a vehicle was smashed (ref 45190084450).

Newchapel Road, Lingfield – Theft. Around 03.50 August 13th a Mercedes Sprinter mini bus index RK66ABU was stolen (ref 45190085067).

**Bletchingley, South Godstone, Smallfield, Nutfield and South Nutfield**

**Burglary Residential including sheds and garages**

Coopers Hill Road, Nutfield. Between 21.00 August 4th and 21.00 August 5th three unoccupied flats were broken into but nothing was stolen (ref 45190082649).

**Theft**

Hunters Close, South Godstone. Between July 31st and August 1st the keys were stolen from a digger and also an Auger Digger Model pdx2 serial number 1405210015 was stolen (ref 45190082497).

**Vehicle Crime**

Mid Street, South Nutfield – Criminal Damage. Overnight August 4th to 5th the side window of a vehicle was damaged (ref 45190082109).

Sandy Lane, South Nutfield – Criminal Damage. Between 18.00 and 19.00 August 5th a catapult was fired at a car smashing the rear side passenger window (ref 45190082692).

Mid Street, South Nutfield – Criminal Damage. Between 09.00 August 7th and 21.00 August 10th a catapult is believed to have caused criminal damage to a vehicle (ref 45190084291).

Trindles Road, South Nutfield – Theft. Overnight August 7th to 8th a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle (ref 45190083567).

Eastbourne Road, South Godstone – Theft. Around 14.10 August 8th the victim disturbed suspects stealing tools from the back of his van. The men made off in a black Vauxhall Vectra on cloned plates with the tools in the boot of the car (ref 45190083494).

Redehall Road, Smallfield – Theft. Whilst a lorry was being unloaded at 16.15 August 9th two or three youths jumped into the rear of it and stole a quantity of cigarettes (ref 45190083902). Between 18.00 and 22.00 August 10th the
passenger side window of a car was smashed (ref 45190084306).

Rabies Heath Road, Bletchingley – Theft. Overnight between August 13th to 14th index plates KU68LOJ were stolen from a vehicle (ref 45190085612).

Oxted, Limpsfield and Hurst Green

Burglary Residential including sheds and garages

Quarry Road, Oxted. Whilst the victims were away, around July 30th garden furniture was used by an offender to climb onto a first floor balcony and enter a house through a bedroom window. After an untidy search a number of jewellery items were stolen (ref 45190081626).

Hamfield Close, Oxted. Sometime between August 12th and 14th whilst the victims were away a house was entered through a rear glass door which was smashed to gain entry but at this stage it is not known what has been stolen (ref 45190085824).

Detillens Lane, Limpsfield. Around 11.00 August 10th the rear door of a house was forced open and the alarm sounded. Two males were seen leaving the house but nothing was stolen. One of the males was described as white, well built, short buzz cut hair aged early 40’s (ref 45190084178).

Vehicle Crime

Barrow Green Road, Oxted - Criminal Damage. Between 09.00 August 8th and 13.00 August 9th two tyres on a vehicle were slashed (ref 45190084112).

Oak Close, Hurst Green – Criminal Damage. Overnight August 12th to 13th the windscreen of a vehicle was smashed (ref 45190085178).

Holland Road, Hurst Green – Criminal Damage. Overnight August 13th to 14th the rear window of a car was smashed (ref 45190085515).

Caterham, Whyteleafe and Caterham Hill

Robbery

Godstone Road, Caterham. Around 15.30 August 2nd a male grabbed the victim’s leather bag, pulling him to the ground. The male then got into the front passenger seat of a dark coloured VW Estate and the car was driven off dragging the victim down the road and causing cuts and grazes to his arms and legs. The stolen bag contained a German passport, sterling and euro cash and bank cards. The offender was described as dark European, age 30 -40, six foot tall, stocky build, short brown hair and having a South London accent (ref 45190081246).

Burglary Residential including sheds and garages

Croydon Road, Caterham. Around 16.00 August 7th there was a distraction burglary where the victim let a male into the house after being told that the drains were blocked. The victim was led to the rear of the house but then saw a second
male in the hallway. After asking the males to leave a quantity of gold jewellery was found to have been stolen from a bedroom which had been untidily searched. The first male was described as white, six foot tall, foreign accent, brown short hair wearing cream jumper and jeans. The second male was described as white, 5’ 2” tall wearing high viz jacket and yellow helmet (ref 45190083228).

Elm Grove, Caterham on the Hill. Another distraction burglary on August 8th at 11.20 occurred when two males persuaded the victim that her roof needed fixing. On entering the house they removed a small quantity of cash and drove away in a white Ford Transit Connect van with ladders on the roof. They were described as white, late teens/early 20’s, British accents one with blond hair and the other brown hair (ref 45190083509).

Torwood Lane, Whyteleafe. Between 22.01 and 22.59 August 9th a neighbour went to investigate after the alarm on a house sounded twice. The front windows were open and an untidy search had taken place. A jewellery box containing rings and a recently installed safe had been stolen. Subsequent investigations revealed that a number of males described as black and Eastern European had been seen in the vicinity at the time (ref 451900840115).

**Burglary Business and The Community**

Westway, Caterham on the Hill. Overnight August 9th to 10th the front door of a library was damaged but no entry gained (ref 45190084089).

**Criminal Damage**

Edgeworth Close, Whyteleafe. Between 08.00 and 20.00 August 6th the patio doors of a house were smashed but there was no attempt to gain entry. It is believed a catapult or air gun may have been used (ref 45190082846).

**Vehicle Crime**

Hillside Road and Godstone Road, Whyteleafe – Theft. Overnight August 2nd to 3rd catalytic converters were stolen from two cars and a silver vehicle was seen driving off without lights at Hillside Road (ref 45190081530/81596).

Burntwood Lane, Caterham – Criminal Damage. Two further reports of criminal damage to parked cars were received the first occurred between July 29th and August 1st and the second between 10.15 and 20.20 August 4th (ref 45190081963/82057).

Stafford Road, Caterham – Theft. Overnight August 12th to 13th index plates LX7XUP were stolen (ref 45190085105) and a catalytic converter stolen from another (ref 45190085208). In Whyteleafe Road, Caterham a catalytic converter was also stolen (ref 45190085357).

London Road, Caterham on the Hill – Criminal Damage. Between August 2nd and 6th a deep scratch was made to the driver’s door of a parked vehicle (ref 45190082914).

Coulson Road, Caterham on the Hill – Theft. Overnight August 7th to 9th index
plates DV58XDY were stolen from a vehicle (ref 45190083322).

Buxton Lane, Caterham on the Hill - Criminal Damage. Overnight August 10th to 11th the windscreen of a vehicle was smashed (ref 45190084406).

Stanley Street, Caterham on the Hill – Criminal Damage. Between 19.30 August 12th and 11.00 August 13th the front tyres of a vehicle were punctured, the nearside window smashed and a corrosive substance sprayed over the inside (ref 45190085188).

St Lawrence Way, Caterham on the Hill – Theft. Between 23.00 August 14th and 08.30 August 15th a black Maserati Ghibli index MV19SYY was stolen (ref 45190085967).

Salmons Lane, Whyteleafe. Around 01.50 August 14th the victim was awoken by her car alarm sounding. In the morning the car was found to have been entered but nothing had been stolen (ref 45190085701).

Edgeworth Close, Whyteleafe – Theft. Between 19.30 August 14th and 05.30 August 15th index plates GP08PNE were stolen (ref 45190085933).

**Warlingham**

**Burglary Residential including sheds and garages**

Narrow Lane, Warlingham. At 15.29 August 9th whilst the victims were on holiday CCTV showed a light coloured mini at the premises. The French rear door had been jemmied open and the key in the lock inside was then turned to gain entry. After a search of the house handbags, jewellery and a car key were stolen (ref 45190083818).

Court Farm Road, Warlingham. Between 19.30 August 3rd and 09.30 August 4th a Boardman Pro 29” wheel Mountain Bike, dark grey with bright green flashings and white lettering and Easton carbon bars was stolen from an unlocked garage (ref 45190084127).

**Burglary Business and The Community**

The Green, Warlingham. Around 18.30 August 9th the side door of a restaurant was forced open and a quantity of food stolen from a store room (ref 45190083917).

**Vehicle Crime**

Wells Farm Road, Warlingham – Criminal Damage. Between August 9th and 11th a deep scratch was made to a parked car (ref 45190084783).

Oakley Road, Warlingham – Theft. Around 23.20 August 12th the informant heard a noise and discovered four males stealing a catalytic converter from a parked car in the road that had been jacked up with a hydraulic jack. The males made off in a silver coloured Ford Mondeo or Audi. This incident may be linked to a number of others in the area on August 12th/13th and in particular to the ones in Whyteleafe.
on August 2nd/3rd (ref 45190085010).

Theft

Crewes Avenue, Warlingham. Between July 30th and August 5th an excavator breaker was stolen from a JCB (ref 45190082465).

The Area Patrol Team (APT) operates 24/7 but below are updated details of our TANDRIDGE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

TEAM NORTH TANDRIDGE

Police Sergeant 2210 Fee Mead
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer PC 3939 Wayne Stephens

Caterham Hill
Chaldon
Whyteleafe & Portley
Warlingham
Woldingham
Tatsfield
PCSO 13690 Amy Ord
PCSO 14276 Terry Pearson
PCSO 12599 Rupert Kelley
PCSO 13991 Rachel Gridley

Caterham Valley
Harestone
Godstone
South Godstone
Bletchingley
Nutfield
South Nutfield
PCSO 13917 Kerrie Furlong
PCSO 12599 Vicky Seymour

TEAM SOUTH TANDRIDGE

Police Sergeant 40573 Jon Vale
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer PC 40300 Kevin Stimson

Limsfield
Oxted
Hurst Green
Holland
PCSO 13853 Lorraine Wells
PCSO 12875 Hermione Pilbrow

Smallfield
Outwood
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.pnn.police.uk
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If you wish to report a NON URGENT crime visit : https://www.surrey.police.uk/contact-us/report-online/report-a-crime/

If crime prevention advice is required you can contact our Crime Prevention Advisor Mr Mark Howells at: Email: mark.howells@surrey.pnn.police.uk
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