

Reigate and Banstead Police Newsletter

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Sergeant Dan Heather 41536

"To introduce myself, I am currently posted as an Acting Sergeant on the Reigate & Banstead Safer Neighbourhood Team, having worked within this team as a PC for a number of years.

Over the last few weeks, the Reigate & Banstead Safer Neighbourhood Team has been extremely busy, but it has also been a sad month for the team, as we have said goodbye to PC Neil Ware 2335 who has retired from the force after twenty-six years of service to the communities of Surrey, with the last sixteen years being in our borough of Reigate & Banstead.

PC Ware has worked across a number of teams within Surrey Police including The Proactive Team, Neighbourhood Policing and Response. In recent years he has been one of our Neighbourhood Specialist Officers and a Youth Engagement Officer.

He will be missed by the team, and we wish him a very happy retirement!

In other news the team has had a number of successes, with two large scale, sophisticated Cannabis Factories having been discovered and dismantled with enquiries ongoing to disrupt the criminal networks responsible.

The North Team has led a successful 'Shoplifting Operation' working in conjunction with local stores and Security Teams, whereby a number of arrested and positive interventions were made.

The Central Team has spent a considerable amount of time this month working in conjunction with our Anti-Social Behaviour Specialists to develop strategies and enforcement plans to reduce the impact that Anti-Social Behaviour has on our communities. I anticipate that there will be more positive news in respect of this work in next month's Newsletter!

More generally, we continue to see an increase in reports of Residential Burglaries whereby suspects are believed to be targeting high-value keyless entry vehicles.

I would encourage all residents to remain vigilant to any kind of suspicious or unusual activity seen in and around vehicles, and to report it to us. "

Kind regards,

Dan

Behind bars

A drug dealer is facing time behind bars after being caught by officers in Redhill last month.

Indrit Prenga, 38, (DOB 19.12.1985) of no fixed address, was spotted by officers on patrol in Ladbroke Road on June 16 at around 8pm.

Following a proactive stop and search, officers found a large quantity of cash and a phone on which drug related messages were seen. Prenga was arrested for being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs, possession of a fraudulent ID document with improper intent, driving without insurance and otherwise in accordance with a license. A later further search of the vehicle uncovered a small clear bag containing a white solid substance along with a small computer tablet.

Prenga pleaded guilty to all the offences and was sentenced at Chichester Crown Court today to three years imprisonment.

Investigating officer, PC Oliver Dujardin, said: "Drug dealing has no place in our community and can cause untold damage to the lives of many. We are pleased that Prenga will now be off our streets and behind bars."

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Feedback

Your feedback on the Newsletter is important to us.

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Crime Prevention – Securing the Outside of your Property



Summer Burglary Advice

The weather forecast shows that it will be sunny and warm.

During the warmer weather people are more likely to leave their doors and windows open to ventilate their properties. Whilst enjoying the summer weather please consider how to prevent your property from being burgled.



- Ensure all doors and windows are locked when you leave the house. Remove keys from locked doors and windows.
- Don't leave phones, keys, valuables in the view of windows or within reach of cat flaps or letterboxes.
- If you are out enjoying your garden, remember to shut and lock all windows and doors on the front of your property
- If it is warm overnight, consider the security of your property if you are leaving windows open.

Windows on the ground floor and on balconies allow easy access to your property if they are left open or not locked.



Secure your Motorcycle - Crime Prevention Advice

Thieves only need a matter of seconds to steal a moped, scooter or motorcycle - especially if they are left with poor security - but our tips will help reduce the chance of theft.

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/theft-motorcycles-scooters/>



You can sign up to [In the Know](#) to find out what is happening in your area: witness appeals, crime updates, crime prevention advice and news. This also includes the weekly Crime Update from Reigate and Banstead, Safer Neighbourhood Team

'In the Know' in July

Apart from our Weekly Police Update and Monthly Newsletter, these are the Surrey Police reports posted on 'In the Know' during July. If you missed any of the reports, shown below, then please go to the the Surrey Police Website. See page 3 for contact details.

- 02/07/2024 Tips to Prevent Car Crime.
- 05/07/2024 Secure your Summer – Crime Prevention Advice
- 05/07/2024 Five people Arrested following warrants to tackle drugs.
- 11/07/2024 Burglary Alert – Car Keys

In addition updates from: Fraud Team, Trading Standards, Neighbourhood Watch and the Crime Commissioner



Information Corner



Anti-Social Behaviour – Let us Know

As we head into the Summer months it is not uncommon to see people enjoying themselves in their local community. Young people may gather, neighbours may have a party, friends may congregate in a park, cars may park up in your road. None of these activities constitute Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) unless they become rowdy, inconsiderate or intimidating.

ASB can really impact on individuals and local communities.

ASB can be reported via the websites of Surrey Police (under Report section)

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/>

or Reigate and Banstead Borough Council (under Report a Community Issue).

"If you have reported an incident three or more times in six months and feel you are not being listened to or that the issues are still happening or escalating, you are entitled to ask for a review of your case. This is called the ASB Case Review, and you can activate it through your Local

Authority: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/sf/asb-community-trigger/>."

If you need support as a victim of ASB then ASB Help provide effective support (<https://asbhelp.co.uk/>)

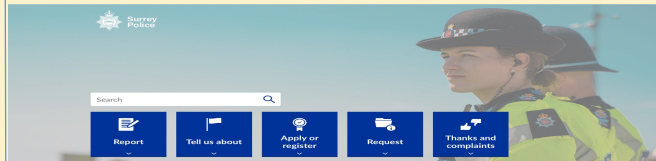
Crime statistics –

May 2024 to July 2024

Offence	May -24	June -24	July -24
Residential Burglaries	24 (13)	10 (6)	15 (4)
Keyless Car Theft	9	12	1

(-) Actual residential burglaries only, not including - Attempted, Garage and Outbuilding Burglaries

The crime statistics for the last 3 months show a decrease in the number of reported actual residential burglaries. After recent increase in the level of keyless car thefts, there has been a decrease in July. Although not shown, there were no catalytic converter thefts in the three months to July.



The Surrey Police Website has lots of information and advice. It is there to support you.

<https://www.surrey.police.uk>

How to report a crime or incident:

Emergency: call 999

Non Emergency: call 101 or report online or via live chat at: www.surrey.police.uk

To contact your local team (not for reporting purposes) email:

ReigateandBanstead@surrey.police.uk

You can pass information to us directly via 101, online

via <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/> or anonymously via Crimestoppers 0800555111,

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

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