

# Reigate and Banstead Police Newsletter

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## Proposed Move

Surrey Police will seek to relocate our Eastern Divisional Headquarters from Reigate to Leatherhead, when the interim lease for Wray Park ends, following the temporary move in April 2024. In 2018, Surrey Police purchased the

former Electrical Research Association (ERA) and Cobham Industries site on Cleeve Road in Leatherhead with a view to developing a new, purpose-built headquarters from the ground up. However, following a review of the programme in November 2021, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Surrey Police Chief Officer team took the decision to retain Mount Browne, in Guildford, as the Force Headquarters, and redevelop the existing site.

The Leatherhead site has been on the commercial property market for sale since earlier last year. However, following the discovery of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in the construction of Reigate Police Station in September 2023, the Force has been reconsidering our wider operational requirements across the Eastern Division – comprising Reigate & Banstead, Epsom & Ewell, Mole Valley, and Tandridge. The Force relocated to the former Surrey Fire & Rescue Services (SFRS) headquarters at Wray Park, Reigate, on an urgent but temporary basis, agreeing a short-term lease of up to two years with Surrey County Council.

Since vacating Reigate Police Station, the Force has been working closely with commercial surveyors, Vail Williams, to explore numerous opportunities to locate the new Divisional HQ, including sites in Epsom, Dorking, Leatherhead, Reigate (including the redevelopment of Reigate Police Station itself) and Redhill.

Following this piece of work, an operational recommendation was made to the Surrey Police Estates Board, chaired by Police and Crime Commissioner, Lisa Townsend, to retain part of the Leatherhead site and to build a bespoke, permanent, Divisional Headquarters which will be fit for policing East Surrey now and in the long-term. This recommendation was approved on 6 August 2024 at the Estates Strategy Board.

**Tim De Meyer, Chief Constable, Surrey Police**, said, “The desired move to Leatherhead shows our commitment to retain an operational base in the heart of the East of Surrey where we can maintain a visible policing presence in the communities we serve, to fight crime and protect people.

“This is an opportunity to build a new divisional headquarters which will be operationally fit for purpose and serve the East of our County for many years to come.”

**Lisa Townsend, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey**, said, “This is exciting news and if we get planning approval, gives us a unique opportunity to build a bespoke divisional HQ that is fit for purpose for our hard-working police teams on the east of the county.

“The situation with RAAC at Reigate Police Station has presented us with some difficult and unexpected challenges and I would like to pay tribute to all those officers, staff and volunteers for their patience and understanding over the last year.

“I am well aware of the importance Surrey residents place on local policing, and I want to reassure people living in Reigate and Banstead that the neighbourhood presence in their communities will not be affected by these plans.

“There have been some tough choices to make but I believe that Leatherhead presents us with the best option in providing both value for money for Surrey residents and an Eastern HQ that is fit for a modern police force”.

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### Feedback

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## Now Available – Fraud/Scam awareness and prevention talks

As part of our campaign on fraud / scam prevention and awareness, we are now offering in person talks / discussions on how to stay safe from various types of scams / fraud, including telephone, social media, banking & doorstep amongst others.

These talks are aimed at any groups who would like to learn more including community groups, colleges, scout and guide groups, business groups, sheltered accommodation, religious groups, and Rotary groups. The talks are free. One of our Fraud Prevention Police volunteers alongside Police, where available, will attend in person to deliver the talk.

If you are interested and would like to find out more please contact us at :  
[SussexandSurreyFraudPreventionEngagements@surrey.police.uk](mailto:SussexandSurreyFraudPreventionEngagements@surrey.police.uk)



## Charged

A man has been charged with drug offences after he was arrested in Redhill on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September .

Adeen Gill, 22 (DOB: 19/11/2001) of Timperley Gardens, Redhill was charged with being concerned in the supply of cocaine and heroin.

He has been remanded in custody and is due to appear at Guildford Magistrates' Court the following day.  
[#SaferRedhill](#) - bringing partners together to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour including drug dealing.



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 August

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

02/08/2024 Globally recognised Dog training School.

05/08/2024 Neighbourhood Watch – August Newsletter Published

06/08/2024 New Webinars from our Cyber Crime Protect Officer now available.

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



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www.actionfraud.police.uk

## 5 Top frauds for university students.

You can't stop a criminal from attempting to defraud you online, but you can make yourself a harder target by following these top tips to help protect your devices and your data.

#StudentSafety

Action Fraud, the national fraud and cybercrime reporting service, has launched a student safety campaign, revealing the top frauds to look out for and how to prevent themselves from becoming a target.

Students and those going back to university/college are being warned about the top fraud types affecting young people, as new data reveals almost 69,000 reports were received from people aged between 11 and 29, losing a total of £143.7 million in 2023.

This year, Action Fraud reveals the top five frauds most reported by those aged between 11 and 29 to give students and young people a heads up on what to look out to protect themselves.

### What are the top fraud types to look out for as a student?

#### 1. Investment fraud: with a total loss of £29,509,631

Criminals will target students looking to make quick-wins with available cash through cryptocurrency or schemes with a promise of high return investment. They are usually easily targeted through social media and online where many investment schemes operate.

#### 2. Fake job fraud: with a total loss of £149,719

Students looking for job opportunities can be targeted by fraudulent adverts aimed at stealing personal information or money. Students might be asked for an upfront payment for a fake consultation or extra help finding a job, but the fraudster does not deliver.

#### 3. Rental fraud: with a total loss of £4,270,255

Rental fraudsters often target students looking for university accommodation. Fraudsters ask students to pay fees in advance without seeing a property first, and as a result they lose money, as well as somewhere to live.

#### 4. Online shopping fraud: with a total loss of £9,199,951

Often fraudsters will create fake websites or replicate legitimate online stores to trick customers into providing their personal and financial information for a purchase that isn't real. This can lead to those details being used for criminal activity.

#### 5. Ticket fraud: with a total loss of £1,053,493

Fraudsters will use opportunities, like highly in-demand events, to target students by selling fake tickets. Students looking for cheap deals for freshers' events can also be targets.

### What can you do to protect yourself from fraud?

Here is some guidance to help students and others protect themselves online, whilst starting the new the school or university year.

• **Protect your online accounts:** the password you use for your email account should be different from all your other passwords for online accounts. Use three random words to create a strong and memorable password, and [enable 2-step verification \(2SV\)](#).

• **Be cautious about how you send money:** avoid paying via bank transfer and don't be pressured into transferring large sums of money. Any trusted organisation will not force you to transfer money on the spot and only a fraudster will try to rush you. For making purchases online, use a credit card if you can.

• **Be wary of unsolicited emails, texts or contact on social media:** from seeing unbelievably good deals on tickets, to seeing a suspicious rental property advertised, always double check the authenticity of what you are going to buy online before making a purchase or paying upfront fees.

- Report suspicious emails by forwarding them to: [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)
- Report suspicious text messages or spam calls free of charge to 7726

• **For more tips on student safety:** [actionfraud.police.uk/studentsafety](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/studentsafety)

If you've lost money or provided your financial information to someone, notify your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at [actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk)



## Information Corner



### Autumn is on it's way



Don't make an empty home easy for burglars to spot when it's dark.

For greater home security you can consider the following:

- Leave lights on to make your home look occupied
- Invest in timers that will automatic switch lamps and devices on and off
- Gadgets are available that turn your main lights on and off
- Help lower your bills with energy saving bulbs
- Thieves target homes that look empty
- Shut and lock all windows and doors when going out
- Only tell people you trust when going away
- Now you've protected your home, share our advice with family and friends

Please remember we provide lots of advice on our website for keeping you, and your property safe, Link:

[Keep burglars out of your property | Surrey Police](#)

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### Crime statistics – June 2024 to August 2024

Offence	June -24	July-24	August -24
Residential Burglaries	10(6)	15 (4)	32 (17)
Keyless Car Theft	12	1	5

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

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



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](http://www.surrey.police.uk)

To contact your local team (not for reporting purposes) email:  
[ReigateandBanstead@surrey.police.uk](mailto: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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