

News from you local Safer Neighbourhood Team

Welcome to the Wimbledon Village SNT Newsletter

Dear Resident,

Update on our Ward promises

In September the following 3 promises were made by the Village SNT in consultation with the ward panel -

- 1) **Burglary** - Plain clothed patrol being carried out in most affected areas of the ward. We still offer security checks so please contact us if you would like a visit.
- 2) **Theft from motor vehicles** - Theft from motor vehicles involving mopeds continues to be an issue. Please remove anything of value or anything which would appear to be worth stealing. You may know your rucksack or handbag is empty but a thief won't and will break in to get it.

Good News – Prolific bike thief caught

Since the beginning of May 2017 the Village Ward had seen an increase in suspects breaking into garden sheds/garages and stealing push bikes. I investigated this and discovered it was one person committing the offences. I worked together with neighboring ward officers and detectives to gain as much as evidence as possible to catch and convict the thief. He has recently been arrested and was remanded in custody and awaits his trial.

All couldn't have been achieved without the assistance of the residents in the Village. Private CCTV cameras were essential in catching the thief committing his crimes which was used as evidence.

If these resident hadn't made the decision to invest in their cameras which helps protect them and their neighbors the likelihood of him being caught would be virtually nil.

CCTV continues to be essential in the prosecution of suspects. There has been an increase in residents who are getting CCTV and for this we are extremely grateful. Not only will it assist us in

detecting the crimes it will hopefully make offenders think twice before committing crimes in the Village.

If you are interested in getting CCTV or wish to know how you can make your home more secure then please email us and we will come and visit.

On the note of CCTV, if you do have your own cameras please regularly check them. There have been a few incidents where CCTV has caught a suspect but the quality of the image was blurred due to a spider's cob web covering the lens. On a few occasions the home owner wasn't unaware there CCTV was faulty and therefore not recording, so please keep checking.

PCSO Collar awarded a Commendation

A well done to our Village Ward PCSO Shelly Collar who was awarded a Police Commendation for her dedication in tackling an issue on the ward. In September, Shelley received her award from the Borough Commander and was also thanked for her continuous work in and around the Village.

We would like to urge the importance of residents calling '999' if they see anything suspicious or what they believe to be a crime taking place. For anything non urgent please call '101'.

Don't forget that you can follow us on Twitter at - [@MPSMerton](#) and [@MPSWimbledon](#)
And Facebook at - www.facebook.com/MertonPolice

If there is anything else we can help you with or any advice you need please just email us.

Kind Regards - Wimbledon Village SNT

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