



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010

### CRIME NEWS

Burglary hotspots are in the Woodside, Waddon and West Thornton wards. The robbery hotspot is in the Bensham Manor/Thornton Heath area with lone males being robbed on over half the crimes by two black males, most crimes occur during the late evening period.

### PURLEY SNT IN DRUGS RAID

Purley Safer Neighbourhoods team obtained a search warrant acting on Crime Stoppers and neighbours information. This was regarding people arriving at an address at all hours, drugs smell and overhearing conversations regarding drug usage. On the 20th January 2010, the team entered an address in Purley, Croydon, Surrey assisted by Kenley Safer Neighbourhood's team.

Inside the teams discovered a small quantity of cocaine, herbal cannabis in self-seal bags, and cannabis in loose form, ecstasy tablets and electronic scales. More cannabis was then found inside a car parked on the driveway. One man was arrested and charged with possession of class A drugs, possession of class B drugs and possession of ecstasy.

### CROYDON POLICE STATION OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 21ST MARCH 2010

We will be hosting a Croydon Police Open Day on Sunday 21 March between 11 am and 4pm (last entry 3.30pm). Anyone and everyone are welcome, so please start spreading the word on our behalf.

The idea is that we will open our doors so that anyone can come and meet us and find out what we really do and get a look behind the scenes. We're also very keen to listen to what people have to say to us as well, so it will be a chance for all of us to learn something.

There will be lots of things going on throughout the day but some of the main attractions will be (subject to operational commitments on the day):

- Emergency services rescue demonstration - fire, ambulance and police crews will reconstruct a car wreckage rescue
- Mounted police and police dogs and their handlers will be showing how they work with the animals with various demonstrations throughout the day
- Forensic examiners will be on hand showing how they investigate crimes
- Tours of custody suite - have a look inside our cells to see what it's like behind bars

There will be so much more on the day, with all sorts of officers being available to talk to and most of our different teams and units also being represented. More information will go out nearer the time, but please put the date in your diaries and encourage friends, family or colleagues to come along and help us make a real success of this event.

### EMAIL NEWS

Bogus HM Revenue & Customs emails circulating this week claiming that you are due a refund of tax overpaid. The link provided leads to a website in South Korea belonging to the Seoul Recording Studio; the site has an exact copy of a Revenue log in page and will ask for your full bank login details so that they can empty your account. The Revenue never ask for your bank details if they do not have them on file they will send you a cheque in the post.

A scam email from a 'Mark Turner' who has some \$24 million left by a deceased patron of his. The deceased had the same surname as you and he wishes to share the cash with you! If you do not claim the cash immediately it will be handed to the Indonesian government. If you contact him no

doubt cash will be required from you to facilitate the release of the money, unfortunately you will never hear from him again.

Lots of emails referring to a UPS parcel delivery problem circulating do not open the attachment as this contains a nasty Trojan virus.

## **THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF CREATING SECURE PASSWORDS**

### **DO**

**Mix letters, numbers and symbols, and use case sensitivity** (upper and lower case letters)

**The longer the better.** Use passwords that are longer than 6 characters.

**Change your passwords** at least every 60 days, cycling the numeric values up or down makes the new password easy to remember.

**Try copying and pasting at least some of the characters in your password** that way key loggers won't be able to track your keystrokes.

### **DON'T**

**Don't use words or phrases or numbers that have personal significance.** It is very easy for someone to guess your personal details like date of birth.

**Don't use the same password for several logins,** especially if they involve sensitive financial or other personal information.

When registering on websites that ask for your email address, **never use the same password** as your email account.

## **THORNTON HEATH BENSAM MANOR & WEST THORNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

Croydon Council are pleased to provide details of the next Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

Please click on the link below to go to our website where you will find the next meeting's Agenda (click on relevant date). The meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10 March 2010 at 7.30 p.m** at **The Archbishop Lanfranc School**, Mitcham Road, Croydon CR9 3AS. If the Agenda changes, you will be issued with a revised version at the meeting. Streetscene officers will be available from 7pm to deal with environmental queries, such as rubbish collection and recycling.

[http://www.croydononline.org/neighbourhood\\_partnerships/thornton\\_heath\\_bensham\\_manor\\_and\\_west\\_thornton/](http://www.croydononline.org/neighbourhood_partnerships/thornton_heath_bensham_manor_and_west_thornton/)

(if the link does not work, copy and past the URL address into the address bar on an internet page)

Please note that Streetscene officers will be available from 7pm to cover local environmental concerns. A Councillor from each electoral ward in your NP area will be present from 7pm, before the start of the meeting, **whenever possible**.

## **INFORMATION FROM CLOTHES AID REGARDING THEFT OF CHARITY COLLECTION BAGS**

Most members of the public are appalled to hear that bags filled with clothing for door-to-door charity collections are sometimes stolen for profit by organised criminals.

This is particularly hard for householders who have a connection with a specific charity through personal experience and have made a donation on that basis.

Clothes Aid is the UK's largest clothing collection agent, working in partnership with a number of national, as well as local charities. In recent years, Clothes Aid has raised over £3 million for charity through clothing collections. Through our dedicated Collection Protection Team, we have worked closely with the police and other relevant agencies to arrest those responsible for theft, and most importantly, recover stolen donations

With your help, Clothes Aid and the police are working hard to reduce these incidents of theft. To date, members of the public have helped us to successfully recover charity donations and work with the police arresting over 170 thieves. Clothes Aid has produced a new booklet giving important advice on this subject.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH OFFICE Telephone: 020 8649 0318**

The Office will be manned every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7.30 am to 3.30 pm. The answer phone will be available for messages outside these times. **Please do not report any crimes on this number, as the office is not continuously manned. In an emergency always call 999.** For non urgent crime reports please call 0300 123 1212.