

SUTTON

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



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Hackbridge ~ North Cheam ~ South Beddington ~ St Helier East ~ St Helier West ~ Stonecot

Sutton Central ~ Sutton North ~ Sutton South ~ Sutton West & East Cheam ~ The Wrythe

Wallington North ~ Wallington South ~ Worcester Park North ~ Worcester Park South

Dear Graham & Anna,

One of the comments we hear when we meet members at events is that they rarely hear from us, and although there is a wealth of information received and shared, we have identified that some/much of this is not reaching our Street Coordinators or members and I apologise for that.

There is a fine line of course between providing you with the information you need and overwhelming you with so much that you scroll through emails and messages without reading. The borough is changing, as life is changing and everything seems to be happening at such a fast pace sometimes it's hard to keep up. The good news, however, is that we have recruited a Newsletter Editor so we hope a regular update will at least plug some of those gaps.

Please remember, however, that if you want to contact us you can do so quickly and easily by sending a message via our website or by leaving a message on 020 8770 6090, but please do not report crime and messages are not picked up every day. www.SuttonNeighbourhoodWatch.co.uk/contact

Firstly, a date for your diaries: our AGM will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 17 September in Room G1, Civic Offices, at which a senior police officer will speak about policing in the borough; there will be a presentation on Scams, and a talk about Anti-Social Behaviour, two topics which we know affect many people's lives.

We will also be represented at the following events so please come along to say hello or ask any questions. Volunteers are always needed so if you would be willing to help for an hour or so, please get in touch.

Date: Saturday 14 June 2025

Event: St Helier Festival

Time: 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Open space next to the David Weir Leisure Centre, Middleton Road, Carshalton, SM5

Date: Bank Holiday Monday 25 August

Event: Carshalton EcoFair

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Location: Carshalton Park, Ruskin Road, Carshalton, SM5

We hope to see you at our AGM or one of these events.

Many of us have found the increasing use of e-bikes or e-scooters on our streets concerning and sometimes endangering so there is good news from the Home Office about the introduction of new police powers. Below you will also find information about the ban of single use vapes from 1 June; details of a half hourly webinar I attended with the Suzy Lamplugh Trust; and information on how to contact CrimeStoppers, if needed. We would, as always, advise you to report any, and all, incidents of crime to the police, by ringing 999, or reporting online/by ringing 101 if not urgent.

This is our first new style newsletter, so as we move forward, we would be pleased to receive any comments and suggestions on whether you think there is too much or too little information, or whether you would like other topics included in future..

Police Granted New Powers by the Home Office to Seize and Crush Vehicles Within 48 Hours

Police now have stronger powers to seize and dispose of vehicles used in anti-social behaviour within 48 hours of confiscation.

This new authority addresses common complaints such as off-road biking in parks, illegal street racing, and vehicle cruising in residential areas. Previously, police were required to hold vehicles for 14 days before disposal, often allowing offenders to reclaim them but thankfully that is no longer the case.

Now, e-scooters, off-road bike involved in anti-social activity can be seized immediately without prior warning and permanently removed from circulation within two days. These changes aim to send a clear message: anti-social vehicle use is not harmless and will not be tolerated.

For more information, visit: www.gov.uk/news/police_to_crush_vehicles

Reminder: Single-Use Vapes are now Banned in the UK

As of 1 June 2025, it became illegal to sell or supply single use vapes in the UK and the ban addresses serious concerns about youth vaping and environmental waste. Single use vapes have been widely used by young people due to their accessibility and marketing, but they contribute to nicotine addiction and are difficult to recycle. Many end up littering public spaces or disposed of unsafely, creating fire risks and chemical pollution.

Retailers will now face a £200 fine for selling banned devices and repeat offenders risk unlimited fines or prosecution. The law is expected to continue reducing the number of disposable vape users and shift the market toward safer, reusable options.

Local authorities and Trading Standards have been actively enforcing the ban. If you see retailers continuing to sell single use vapes, you can report them to the appropriate authorities.

For more information,

visit: www.gov.uk/news/single_use_vapes_banned_from_June_2025

Stand Up Against Harassment:

Free Online Training from the Suzy Lamplugh Trust

Some of you may remember the Suzy Lamplugh case where Suzy, an [estate agent](#), was reported missing on 28 July 1986. Following her disappearance her parents set up the Suzy Lamplugh Trust in her memory and to help others feel and be safe. The question is, however, would you know how to respond safely and effectively if you witnessed public harassment? The Suzy Lamplugh Trust, in partnership with L'Oréal Paris, offers free "Stand Up Against Harassment" 30-minute webinars designed to empower bystanders and make our communities safer.

The need is clear. According to research from the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, 80% of women in the UK have experienced harassment in public spaces, and 88% of people have encountered unwanted behaviour on public transport. Following the training, however, attendees reported feeling "empowered" and "ready to step in" safely.

This global programme aims to train 1.5 million people to become active bystanders and create safer environments in public spaces, workplaces, schools, and transport networks.

Tackling harassment and reducing violence against women and girls is a key focus for the Trust. Everyone can play a role, starting with participating in this training.


For more information or to sign up, visit: www.suzylamplugh.org/events

Speak Up, Stay Anonymous – the work of Crimestoppers

Whilst we always advocate reporting crime to the police as mentioned above, there are times when you feel that doing so may place yourself at risk in some way. Crimestoppers, therefore, was established to deal with this issue and they have continued their commitment over many years of encouraging anonymous crime reporting. The service, available 24/7 and 365 days a year, empowers people to report criminal activity without revealing their identity.

You will never be asked for your name or contact details. Information you provide is passed on to the police, but there is no police contact, no court, and no risk to your anonymity. That is Crimestoppers' promise — it has never been broken in 36 years of service.

If you have information about a crime, you can report it easily in one of two ways:

 Call 0800 555 111

 Visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Your tip could make a real difference to keeping our neighbourhood safe.

Could you be a Community Guardian?

As part of their community first aid training project, the Council is also training up members of the community to be part of the Council's Community Guardians' project. As our members are the eyes and ears of their communities, we have been asked if anyone would be willing to train as a Community Guardian and feel confident to safely challenge, observe and protect our young people and vulnerable community members whenever they need it.

If you would be interested, can you please contact Joshua Talbot on 020 8770 5754 or 07596 042694; or Michelle McGilly on 07749 588112.



A full list of our Committee and Ward Coordinators, including vacancies, can be viewed at: www.SuttonNeighbourhoodWatch.co.uk/about-us/whos-who/

As our effectiveness in making Sutton a better place to live by combatting crime and antisocial behaviour, is proportionate to our membership, can you encourage your friends and neighbours to join please. They can easily do so at our website: www.SuttonNeighbourhoodWatch.co.uk/register/. Thank you

Keep well, keep safe

Anna

on behalf of your committee

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