

## Sutton Neighbourhood Watch – February 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to the February edition of the Sutton Neighbourhood Watch (SNHW) newsletter. We hope the new year has started well for you and your family and thank you for your continued support.

This edition brings together information of what is happening across the borough, including action the police have taken as a result of various expressed concerns by members and the public in general. Updates including police actions on e-bike and e-scooter crime, tackling crime in Sutton town centre, local priorities such as shoplifting and vehicle crime, and an appeal following a serious incident in Wallington. We also highlight a new national fraud-reporting service, opportunities to take part in Active Bystander training, and a new partnership between national Neighbourhood Watch and Staysure, a travel insurance provider.

### ♥ Co-op SNHW Partnership – a Reminder

If you aren't already doing so, please choose us as your local Community Cause [here](#).

### 🚫 Crime Updates

Members have raised concern about various local issues via Met Engage either by individual crime reports, to SNHW and via the police reporting system Met Engage. It is important that we all have a say in how our borough is policed, and you can register your concerns by taking part in one of the surveys mentioned below.

### Have Your Say: Met Police Local Matters Survey

Please think about your individual issues and concerns whether this is anti-social behaviour, shoplifting, vehicle crime, drug dealing or violence. Your feedback directly influences policing priorities and allocation across the borough and you can find out more and [take part in the survey](#) via Met Engage.

### Tackling e-bike and e-scooter crime in Sutton 🚲

One of the issues regularly raised with us is the prevalence of e-bikes and e-scooters both in Sutton High Street and across the wider borough. This issue, however, as you may be aware, is not specific to Sutton and as a result the Metropolitan Police have stepped up enforcement across London using intelligence-led policing supported by data and technology. This has resulted in the seizure of over 2,500 illegal and unsafe e-bikes and e-scooters thereby targeting unlawful and anti-social use, including those being used while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

In Sutton, similar targeting has also taken place resulting in 50 riders being stopped and seven arrests. We have been advised by the police that local neighbourhood teams remain committed to working with residents and partners to deliver long-term improvements and the police invited us to share our views with them as part of the survey mentioned above

### **Policing operation: Sutton High Street – 27 January 2026** 🚔

You may be aware that a gathering of around 300 young people took place in Sutton High Street on 21 January linked to an event known as “Blind Date” aimed at school age children. To ensure the safety of workers, shoppers and the young people involved, the police deployed a number of officers to the area and put in place a Section 35 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act dispersal order. This allowed officers to direct individuals likely to cause harassment, alarm or disorder to leave the area, helping to prevent escalation and reassure residents and businesses. Happily, the event concluded without any significant incident taken place.

Similar actions were taken for a further planned gathering on 27 January 2026, when another Section 35 dispersal order was put in place from 14:00 to 23:59 and we have received no reports of trouble or incidents taking place.

### **Local priorities update: shoplifting** 🛒

Many of us have witnessed incidents of shoplifting and this is one of the concerns highlighted by residents. Action to tackle this serious issue has been ongoing, and whilst on patrol on 26 January 2026, officers arrested a male wanted for recall to prison for shoplifting offences and he was returned to custody. Local Safer Neighbourhood Teams continue to work closely with partners, shops across Sutton, Wallington and surrounding areas, not only to provide to reassurance, and crime-prevention advice, but in the hope that visible patrols will deter offending. Pointers on how to spot a shoplifter can be found [here](#).

### **Local priorities: theft of and from motor vehicles** 🚗

Vehicle crime remains prevalent across the borough, and we cannot emphasise strongly enough that we all need to ensure that our vehicles are locked, keys are stored away from front doors, and to consider purchasing signal-blocking pouches or storage boxes to prevent keys being activated remotely. These can be purchased by reputable retailers for the cost of less than £30. Further guidance on vehicle-related anti-social behaviour, including nuisance involving cars, bikes and mopeds, is available on the [Metropolitan Police website](#).

### **Police appeal: stabbing in Wallington** 🚨

Police continue to investigate a stabbing in Mollison Drive, Wallington, on 12 January 2026. A 35-year-old man was taken to hospital with injuries described as potentially life-changing but not life-threatening. Enquiries to arrest the suspect remain ongoing and a crime scene was put in place. Anyone with information is urged to contact police on 101 quoting CAD reference 3265/12JAN26, or anonymously via [Crimestoppers](#) on 0800 555 111.

### **Sutton Police Station front counter hours** 🏢

Please note that as a result of Met-wide changes across London, with effect from Tuesday 3 March 2026, the Sutton police station front counter will have reduced opening hours Monday to Friday, 10am–10pm, and weekends, 9am–7pm.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Partnership with [Staysure](#)**

National Neighbourhood Watch, with which SNHW is associated, has partnered with Staysure to offer members 20% off travel insurance using code NBHW20. Staysure provides cover for travellers of all ages, including those with pre-existing medical conditions, and offers 24/7 medical emergency support, flight delay compensation and baggage protection. While members are free to choose any provider, this partnership supports Neighbourhood Watch as a charity and helps fund our community work across the UK.

### **Report Fraud: A New National Service**

On 20 January 2026, the City of London Police launched Report Fraud, a new national service to improve how fraud and cybercrime are reported across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. With fraud and cybercrime accounting for around half of all recorded crime, the service provides a single national gateway focused on victim support and effective policing. Reports are triaged nationally, with intelligence shared across police forces and the most serious cases identified for specialist investigation. More information is available [here](#) along with the [Campaign film](#).

### **Active Bystander Training**

Free online Active Bystander training for people living in and around London is currently available. The course explains the “bystander effect” and provides practical, safe ways to intervene when witnessing harassment or unfair treatment, helping participants build confidence and recognise how small actions can make a positive difference. Available dates and details can be found [here](#).

Thank you for standing with Sutton Neighbourhood Watch. Your involvement and vigilance remain central to our shared success, and if you would like to volunteer to work alongside us in any role please get in touch. Together, through steady commitment and community spirit, we continue to make Sutton a place we can all be proud of.