

Farnborough & Crofton Ward Newsletter

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This newsletter aims to provide information about issues on the ward and offer the relevant crime prevention advice. You can find further information on local crimes and related crime prevention advice by visiting www.met.police.uk and entering your postcode on the homepage under the heading 'Find your area'.

Youth ASB & Arson

We are very lucky on the ward to have large open spaces. Not only do they provide a widely used leisure facility for our residents but they are also home to a vast array of beautiful flora and fauna. It is therefore very upsetting that some of its 'users' have decided to put that at risk by what we believe to be the deliberate setting of fires on Farnborough Fields. We know of at least 3 separate incidents in July that police and/or the fire brigade attended. The fires caused significant disruption to air traffic travelling in and out of Biggin Hill airport but most disappointingly have caused damage to crops and have left approximately 13,000m² of land burnt. Whilst the monetary value of the damage is comparatively small the dry grasses and hot weather combined could have had far graver consequences as we have seen in the news over the summer in Greece and California.



An investigation is underway and we are working towards bringing those responsible to justice. Whilst we sincerely hope we don't have further repeats we need our community to help us with this. Parents, please educate your children towards the dangers of fire. Are your kids coming in smelling of smoke? Please, please have some very strong words with them. Residents, there is a tight-knit village-type community around our ward. If you see anyone involved in such behaviour please let us know and if you have any information that can help our investigation please get in touch. Together we can put an end to this mindless vandalism.

Good News



Crofton Baptist Family Fun Day – We were delighted to be part of Crofton Baptist Church's 60th anniversary on 23rd June. PCSOs Colin and Nicky from the Petts Wood and Orpington teams went along with PCSO Julia and were on hand to pass on some great crime prevention advice and enjoy the wonderful company. If you have any upcoming community events that you think would benefit from our attendance then please get in touch with the team.

Woodland/St Giles Centre - The wooded area next to the St Giles Centre on Church Road, Farnborough had become well known to the team for youths congregating, causing anti-social behaviour and illegal activities such as drug taking and criminal damage. After some considerable digging Julia managed to get in touch with the owner who had only recently been informed that the area was being used as it was. The owner has now started work to secure the area and is liaising with the

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team, the council and the immediate neighbours to ensure that the area cannot be so easily used for ASB again in the future.



The Farnborough & Crofton Safer Neighbourhood Panel

The Safer Neighbourhood panel is comprised residents, business owners, councillors and those with a ward interest who meet a few times a year to discuss policing and crime, and decide on what the team should focus on whilst on their daily patrols.

We are currently looking to increase membership of the panel to better represent the whole ward, particularly amongst the younger generation, those in the 18-40yr age bracket and amongst business owners or operators. If you know of anyone who has a great community spirit, feel your area is under-represented or know of anyone who would be ideally placed to represent your community please let us know.

Scams

There have been more reports this week of phone calls from 'Manchester Police' investigating fraudulent use of your bank card. **DO NOT GIVE YOUR CARD DETAILS TO ANYONE.** If in doubt, contact your bank on a number you trust.

Twitter

For those with the capability, you can follow the team on Twitter. We regularly post updates on the team's activities and where we have patrolled, crime prevention advice and appeals. To keep abreast of what's going on, search online for: **@MPSFarnCroft** 

Meet the Team

Contact points are informal meetings and are conducted by your dedicated ward officers. For confirmation on these dates and on future contacts points and events, you can consult the posters published by the team on notice boards around the ward, follow us on Twitter **@MPSFarnCroft** or visit the website www.met.police.uk and enter your details on the 'Your Area' section of the homepage. At these meetings you can voice your concerns about your local area, get crime prevention advice and also report crime. (Contact points last 1hr from times stated below)

Sainsbury's, Locksbottom: 6-Sep 11am, 4-Oct 1pm, 8-Nov 1:30pm, 3-Dec 11am

PRUH, Restaurant: 14-Sep 12pm, 12-Oct 12pm, 16-Nov 12pm, 13-Dec 12pm

Change of Horses, Farnborough Village: 17-Sep 12pm, 18-Oct 12pm

Crofton Bakery, Crofton Lane: 24-Sep 10am, 29-Oct 12pm, 20-Nov 1pm, 19-Dec 1:30pm

Americarlos, Farnborough Village: 28-Sep 1pm, 23-Oct 12pm, 27-Nov 2pm, 28-Dec 12pm

We will also be attending the Farnborough Fair on 1st Sept, the Darrick Wood Community event on 13th Sept, the FVS coffee morning at the Change of Horses on 29 Sept, 27th Oct and 8th Dec, and the Christmas Lights switch on event on 25th Nov. We hope to see many of you at these events, please come and speak to us if you see us there.

Useful Contacts

Bromley Council: To report a wide range of issues visit www.bromley.gov.uk/report

FixMyStreet: To report issues that need the attention of Bromley Council such as potholes, broken street lighting, dumped rubbish etc, visit www.fixmystreet.com

Trading Standards: Report rogue traders on 07903 852090

Official police security website: www.securedbydesign.com

Action Fraud - UK Fraud and internet crime reporting: www.actionfraud.police.uk or 0300 1232040

E-mail: Farnborough.Crofton.SNT@met.police.uk or phone **020 8721 2606**

In an emergency call 999

The non-emergency number is 101.