

# The Borough Bulletin

News from the Guildford Neighbourhood Watch

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## Crime round-up

Featuring a selection of crimes reported over the past fortnight.

Surrey Police would greatly appreciate any information about these crimes. To contact the Police Crime Reporting Centre, phone 0845 125 2222 (and please tell them you are a member of Neighbourhood Watch). Only dial 999 when you have a genuine emergency requiring the police to attend, such when as a crime in progress or someone is in immediate danger.

### Albury

For reasons only to himself, someone tossed a stone through a first floor window in a house in **The Street**, on Wednesday, 26 March.

### Ash

Criminals and yobs had a busy fortnight in Ash. The bedlam began on Friday, 21 March, when someone smashed the passenger's window of a Suzuki Swift in **Ash Close**.

The following night there was a daring burglary in **Church View**: the thief snuck in while the owner was asleep on the sofa and stole a plasma screen television, an iPod, a laptop computer and more than £200 from the man's wallet, which he had left on the table next to him.

Another car, a Toyota, was on the night in the same street, a locked Ford Escort was stolen from outside a mid terrace house and later found burnt out on a nearby common.

Concealing valuable items inside a car in the hope that a thief won't notice them - it just doesn't work. The villain who broke into a Vauxhall Corsa parked in **Chester Road** soon found the laptop computer hidden under the front passenger seat.

Another Ford Escort was broken into in **Fairview Road** that night - nothing was stolen - while in **Brook Close**, someone tried to steal a Rover 21 the fence around a property in Vale Road was damaged when someone knocked the coping stones from its brick pillars.

Two cars were interfered with in **Star Lane** on Saturday, 29 March. The first was a Renault Clio, which had its passenger-side front window smashed, and the

second was a Vauxhall Corsa van. This one was searched, but nothing was stolen, and the police suspect one person was responsible for both incidents.

That same night, a Vauxhall Astra parked in **Ash Lodge Drive** was keyed, and the following night - Sunday, 30th - a Volkswagen Golf parked in **Ash Street** got the same treatment.

That evening, a youth wearing tracksuit bottoms and hoodie tried to break in to a house in **Alexandra Road**.

### Ash Vale

Ash Vale also had its share of troubles over the fortnight. First, two teenagers tried to steal a Ford Escort from outside a house in **Firacre Road** on the night of Saturday, 22 March, but were spotted by the car's owner and ran off, even though they had started the car.

*Both were about 5ft6in tall, aged in their late teens to early 20s with medium builds and wore dark sports clothes. One had short dark hair and the other had spiky blond hair. One of them left behind torch key ring in the shape of a pig - does anybody recognise this distinctive object? If so, the police would like to know who owned it.*

Cars were broken into or damaged in **Northcote Road** and **Elleray Court** on Thursday, 27 March, and in Prospect Road, on Saturday, 29 March. That night, two youths wearing light coloured tops with hoods up keyed a Renault Modus and a Renault Scenic in **College Road**.



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Finally, there was a robbery in **Firacre Road** on Monday, 31 March. The victim was cycling down an alley when he was knocked off the bike by two youths who pinned him to the ground and stole his trainers.

*One youth was around 5ft7in tall with a large build, and was wearing a grey and black jacket with the letters 'ecko' on it in white letters.*

### **Bellfields**

In another act of (probably) random vandalism, someone ripped the wing mirror off a Nissan Almeria parked in **Cedar Way** on Friday, 28 March.

### **Burpham**

In **Burpham Lane** on Sunday, 30 March, someone kicked in a fence panel at the front of a semi-detached house.

### **Charlotteville**

Tools were stolen from a locked Vauxhall Astra van parked in **Downside Road** on Friday, 28 March.

### **Eashing**

Someone broke into Vauxhall Vectra while it was parked in a small industrial estate off **Eashing Lane**, on Saturday, 22 March. Finding nothing inside to steal, they took all four tyres instead.

### **Effingham**

A house in **Forest Road** was burgled on Wednesday, 26 March, and a leather handbag containing a mobile phone, cash and bank cards was stolen from a Fiat Cinquecento parked on **Ranmore Common**, on Sunday, 30 March. A good walk spoiled.

### **Guildford**

The sliding door leading into a ground-floor flat in **Leas Road** was smashed on Saturday, 22 March, and following night a man's racing bike was stolen from the boot of a vehicle parked in **Woodbridge Hill**.

On Friday, 28 March, a Ford Fiesta van was pinched from outside a house in **York Road**, and a Ford Transit disappeared from its parking place in **Queens Road**.

An end-of-terrace house in **Guildford Park Road** was burgled that night. There was no forced entry, and the thief stole some £400 from a chest of draws. The next day, Saturday, 29th, in **Brodie Road**, a laptop computer was taken from the boot of a parked BMW.

An elderly lady had her handbag snatched as she walked along **Bury Street** on Sunday, 30 March. The thief was the passenger in "a long dark car" that reversed down the one-way street with the vehicle alarm going off. As the car neared her, he jumped out, grabbed her handbag after two attempts, then got back in the car, which drove off into Mount Street.

*She described the robber as a white man, about 5ft6in tall with a medium build and short, dark shaved hair. He was aged between 20 and 30.*

### **Onslow**

A 16 year[old boy, about 5ft6in tall, thin with short curly hair, broke into a Daewoo vehicle and in **The Chase** on Friday, 21 March and stole some tools. The following Monday, 24th, a blue mountain bike was nicked from a garage in Lynwood.

In **Homestall Park**, on Saturday, 22 March, someone smashed the windscreen of a Volkswagen Golf that was parked outside a semi-detached house. A few days later, on the 25th, a large concrete paving stone was tossed at the wooden front door of a first-floor flat.

### **Peaslake**

'Tis the season for thefts from cars left in beauty spots - just ask the owner of the Audi A4 estate who left her car in a car park off **Radnor Road**, on Sunday, 30 March. When she returned she found that someone had punched a hole through a side window, then reached in and taken her handbag, which she had left only partially concealed.

### **Pewley**

Someone - perhaps in a passing car - knocked the driver's side windscreen off a Toyota Yaris parked in **South Hill**, on Friday, 21 March.

### **Ripley**

Chainsaws, a leaf blower and a Staffordshire bull terrier - presumably not a guard dog - were stolen from a farm along **Papercourt Lane** on Saturday, 22 March.

### **Send**

One or more determined thieves sawed through all five bars of a gate to get into a field in **Woodhill** on Friday, 21 March. The object of their exercise was a luxurious caravan, which they hitchwed to their vehicle and towed away.

On Tuesday, 25th, in **Send Road**, someone threw a glass bottle through the back window of a Honda Accord, and on the following Friday a Hyundai Amica was damaged in **Send Hill**.

### **Shackleford**

Two lead planters holding 6ft tall box plants were stolen from alongside the front door of a house in **Hurtmore Road** on Monday, 24 March (this was not a one-man job!), and on Monday, 31 March in the same road, a concrete flower tub was thrown through the double-glazed window of a house undergoing refurbishment: this allowed the tosser to steal tools from inside.

## Shere

While the residents were away on holiday, a thief broke into a semi-detached house **Upper Street** on Saturday, 29 March. Inside, he found the key to the Audi TT Quattro that was parked on the drive. It wasn't there when the owner returned.

## Stoughton

Mindless vandalism or pointed comment? It was one or the other when someone spray-painted the side of a Ford Luton van in **Ardmore Avenue** on Friday, 21 March. On the same day, a Volkswagen Golf was damaged in **Stoughton Road**, and a fence panel was kicked in outside a semi-detached house in **Harts Gardens**.

The next day, in **Hallowes Close**, a thief broke into a garden shed and stole man's bicycle, and on Thursday 27th, a house in **Thornton Close** was burgled, although nothing appears to have been stolen.

## Tongham

Two cars were attacked on Saturday, 29 March. One incident was in **Moore Close**, where a Toyota Land Cruiser was keyed while it was parked outside the owner's house: the other was in **Kings Avenue**, where someone smashed the rear offside window of a Nissan Micra.

## Westborough

A Ford Fiesta parked in **Beech Grove** was damaged on Wednesday, 26 March, when someone scratched the near-side front door window and the windscreen.

## Worplesdon

Leaving your car unlocked can be expensive: the owner who left his car parked in his driveway in **Thatchers Lane** returned to it on Saturday, 29 March, to find that someone had pinched his tax disc.

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## Got something to say about policing in your neighbourhood?

The neighbourhood panel meeting for **Send** will be on Tuesday 15th April at 7.30pm in Lancaster Hall, and the **Effingham** meeting is the following Tuesday, 22nd April, at 7.30pm in the KGV Hall.

This is your chance to have a say about how your neighbourhood is policed - we all have opinions, so let's hear yours!

## Keep your car keys safe

Nearly every fortnight, the Borough Bulletin carries a report about a thief who escaped with someone's car after stealing the keys from inside the house, either by breaking in or by using a pole to 'fish' them out through letterboxes and cat flaps.

Now, Surrey Police have a short film offering advice about car key crime: you can see it by logging on to the Surrey Police website or imply by typing this url into your web browser:

<http://www.surrey.police.uk/keycrime.asp>

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## Getting in touch

### Contacting the police

The police should be your first point of contact if you have information about a specific crime or incident. You can phone the Police Crime Reporting Centre on 0845 125 2222. Please tell them you are a member of Neighbourhood Watch. If you wish to trace the progress made following your call, ask for the collar number of the officer you spoke to, or request an ICAD number (a reference number beginning with 'P').

### Contacting the Watch Manager

If you have concerns about crime and disorder in your area, or want to report suspicious activities, you can contact the Neighbourhood Watch Manager by phone on 01483 653014 or by sending an email to [WSGfordNeighWatch@surrey.pnn.police.uk](mailto:WSGfordNeighWatch@surrey.pnn.police.uk)

### Contacting Crime Stoppers

You can also report confidential information (and perhaps claim a reward) by calling Crime Stoppers: 0800 555 111.



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