

# Tooting Crime Briefing

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1 The winter months can potentially spell danger for older people in the capital. [Nearly 60 per cent of people who die in fires are aged 60 or over](#) and the winter period is the time of greatest risk as use of heaters and cooking appliances increases.

Wandsworth Council are half way through a programme to install smoke alarms in all council flats and houses. The London Fire Brigade will also carry out a free survey in privately rented or owned flats and houses occupied by the elderly or vulnerable, and where necessary, provide free smoke alarms. Older people – or members of their family and carers – who would like a fire safety check carried out can telephone 08000 284428 free of charge, email [smokealarms@londonfire.gov.uk](mailto:smokealarms@londonfire.gov.uk) or visit the website at [www.london-fire.gov.uk](http://www.london-fire.gov.uk) for more information.

2 Please be aware that there are gangs of people in the area offering to lay tarmac in your drive, often intimating that they are connected with legitimate road surfacing contractors working in the area. The work is usually of a very poor standard, is often not completed, and is also very expensive. If you are approached by anyone offering such services, Trading Standards would like to be informed; they can be contacted on 020 8871 7720 or email [tradingstandards@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards@wandsworth.gov.uk) . If you feel that you have been the victim of a crime, please call the police.

There is a Department of Trade & Industry web site giving details of various other frauds and scams, at [www.dti.gov.uk/ccp/scams/page1.htm](http://www.dti.gov.uk/ccp/scams/page1.htm) and another useful site is at [www.ripofftipoff.net](http://www.ripofftipoff.net) which also allows you to report incidents.

Attached are details of the street crimes and burglaries reported to Tooting police during the period 26/11/03 to 05/12/03

## STREET CRIME

Offence	Place	Date	Time	Method
Commercial Robbery	<b>BALHAM HILL</b>	26/11/2003	1934	Five suspects entered store; one became violent towards staff whilst others stole bottles.

Theft Snatch	<b>CHESTNUT GROVE</b>	27/11/2003	0615	Suspect, 20 yrs, 5' 11", wearing grey hooded anorak, followed the victim and asked her for her bag. She screamed and he snatched the bag from her and ran off.
Theft Snatch	<b>TOOTING BROADWAY</b>	27/11/2003	1600	Victim's mobile phone taken from behind by suspect.
Street Robbery	<b>BROOKVIEW ROAD</b>	27/11/2003	1706	Large group of youths approached the victims and took phone from one of them. They then demanded the second victim's phone, threatened and searched him and took other items.
Street Robbery	<b>DAFFORNE ROAD</b>	27/11/2003	1720	Victims purse taken from his pocket by suspect, 5' 10", athletic build.
Street Robbery	<b>BOLINGBROKE GROVE</b>	28/11/2003	0030	Suspect in dark hooded jacket snatched the victim's rucksack from his shoulder.
Commercial Robbery	<b>TOOTING BEC ROAD</b>	29/11/2003	0001	Four suspects entered shop, pushed the owner and then stole quantity of phone-cards
Street Robbery	<b>CRANMER TERRACE</b>	28/11/2003	1725	Three suspects threw brick and attempted to grab bag from the victim, then attempted to hit her.
Street Robbery	<b>HIMLEY ROAD</b>	29/11/2003	2010	Three male suspects attempted to steal property from victim using force.
Street Robbery	<b>SMALLWOOD ROAD</b>	30/11/2003	0015	Suspect in dark jersey, dark baseball cap and trainers approached the victim and struck him. Second suspect then produced a knife and searched victim's clothing for valuables.
Street Robbery	<b>VANT ROAD</b>	30/11/2003	1707	Two suspects pushed the victim over and stole laptop

Theft Snatch	<b>TOOTING HIGH STREET</b>	01/12/2003	1930	Two male suspects in dark clothing snatched the victims bag
Street Robbery	<b>GORSE RISE</b>	02/12/2003	1215	15 yr old male suspect, 5' 10", wearing Ernest Bevin school uniform, dark blazer and trousers with red tie, robbed victim, tearing victim's clothes in the process.
Theft Snatch	<b>MITCHAM ROAD</b>	02/12/2003	1430	Suspect, 17, 5' 11", wearing black padded jacket and dark jeans, snatched phone from victim.
Commercial Robbery	<b>NIGHTINGALE LANE</b>	02/12/2003	2220	Three suspects, aged about 13, 5' 4", threatened sales assistant with hammer and stole property.
Street Robbery	<b>EFFORT STREET</b>	01/01/1990	0001	First suspect, in navy blue hooded sweatshirt, grabbed the victim's right ear and took her mobile phone whilst second suspect stole her wallet from her jacket.

## BURGLARY

Residential Burglary	<b>PICKETS STREET</b>	25/11/2003	2330	26/11/2003	0830	Intruder entered through the front door in which the occupant had left the keys overnight and stole property from hallway.
Non-Residential Burglary	<b>HILLBROOK ROAD</b>	26/11/2003	1600	27/11/2003	0715	Suspect forced first floor office window, entered and stole.
Non-Residential Burglary	<b>BALHAM HIGH ROAD</b>	27/11/2003	1430	27/11/2003	1450	Suspect entered rear of store through adjacent building site and stole handbag and mobile phone.
Non-Residential Burglary	<b>BALHAM HIGH ROAD</b>	27/11/2003	1430	27/11/2003	1450	Suspect entered premises from rear through insecure fire door and stole property.

Non-Residential Burglary	BALHAM STATION ROAD	27/11/2002	1530	27/11/2003	1540	Suspect attempted to enter rear of property.
Residential Burglary	EARDLEY ROAD	27/11/2003	2030	28/11/2003	0700	Front window was smashed and van keys, which had been left in the hallway taken. Vehicle then stolen from outside.
Residential Burglary	LARCH CLOSE	28/11/2003	1200			Suspect entered and stole items of property from the hallway.
Residential Burglary	MANDRAKE ROAD	28/11/2003	0800	28/11/2003	2340	Suspect(s) smashed front living room window to gain entry and stole electrical goods.
Residential Burglary	THURLEIGH ROAD	28/11/2003	1900	29/11/2003	0030	Suspect entered and stole property belonging to several different occupants
Residential Burglary	BYRNE ROAD	29/11/2003	0645	29/11/2003	2100	Suspect forced kitchen windows, entered and stole property.
Residential Burglary	FRESHWATER ROAD	27/11/2003	1400	29/11/2003	1600	Suspect broke into house through front door and stole washing machine and kitchen blinds.
Non-Residential Burglary	GARRATT LANE	29/11/2003	2300	30/11/2003	0830	Suspect broke into premises intending to steal.
Non-Residential Burglary	BALHAM HILL	30/11/2003	1500	30/11/2003	1530	Suspect, 30 yrs, 6' 2", with short blond hair wearing grey jumper and blue jeans, scruffy, entered staff area and attempted to enter restricted area where stock and safe kept.
Residential Burglary	CAVENDISH ROAD	30/11/2003	1000	30/11/2003	1715	Suspect smashed window, released catch and entered. Stole property and left through front door.
Residential Burglary	HURON ROAD	02/12/2003	0600	02/12/2003	0730	Intruder levered open a sash window at the front of the house, entered and stole.
Residential Burglary	LONGLEY ROAD	01/12/2003	0900	01/12/2003	1900	Suspect gained entry through rear window and removed property.

Residential Burglary	CHARLMONT ROAD	01/12/2003	1900			Suspects entered through the front door and took property from the hallway.
Non-Residential Burglary	ALTHORP ROAD	01/12/2003	1600	02/12/2003	1000	Suspect entered through the front communal entry door then took property.
Residential Burglary	MAYFORD ROAD	27/11/2003	2230	03/12/2003	1230	Intruder entered, possibly by slipping latch, and stole property.
Residential Burglary	LESSINGHAM AVENUE	03/12/2003	0730	03/12/2003	2345	Suspects entered and stole property.
Non-Residential Burglary	HILLBROOK ROAD	03/12/2003	1900			Intruder smashed window, entered and stole.
Residential Burglary	THURLEIGH ROAD	03/12/2003	1545			Suspects forced open a garage door and removed property.
Non-Residential Burglary	BALHAM HIGH ROAD	04/12/2003	0400	04/12/2003	0530	Suspect entered and stole kitchen knife.

## WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU CAN HELP?

If you can help solve any of the crimes mentioned above, or can assist to identify the person(s) responsible, please contact Tooting Sector Office on 020 8247 8374

Alternatively pass your information to CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111. You do not have to give your name or address and you may be eligible for a reward if the information given leads to the arrest and conviction of an offender.

## CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Advice on all aspects of crime prevention can be obtained from:

1) Wandsworth Crime Prevention Centre, 17 Arndale Walk, Wandsworth Shopping Centre (formerly the Arndale Centre), London SW18, (telephone 020 8871 0803), open to callers between 9am and 5pm Mondays to Saturdays.

2) Putney Crime Prevention Shop, next to the Odeon Cinema in Putney High Street, (telephone 020 8785 8874). The shop is open to the public between 10am and 5-30pm, Mondays to Saturdays.

3) Community Policing Contact Centre, Islamic Centre, 145 Upper Tooting Road, London SW17 between 11am and 1pm on Saturday mornings will be pleased to mark mobile phones and other property, give advice and accept third party reports of crime.

Information on crime in other parts of Wandsworth can be found under 'crime bulletins' on [www.wandsworth.gov.uk](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk)

