



Tooting Crime Briefing

14 April, 2005

Attached are details of the street crimes and burglaries reported to Tooting police between 8 April and 14 April, 2005

STREET CRIME

Offence	Street	Date	Time	Method
Street Robbery	GARRATT LANE	12/04/2005	2200	As victims were waiting for a bus seven youths threatened them with a knife and demanded their mobile phones. 1) Male, Arab appearance, aged 18, in a hooded top, baseball cap and tracksuit trousers, and riding a BMX bike 2) & 3) male, black, aged 14, in hooded tops 4), 5) & 6) male, black, aged 14.
Street Robbery	MITCHAM ROAD	08/04/2005	0300	Five 18 year old black youths held victim's arms and stole property from his pockets. One was wearing a camouflage jacket, trousers and hat.
Theft Snatch	GARRATT TERRACE	08/04/2005	1301	Victim was approached by 3 suspects and asked for a light. While he was getting a light two of the suspects removed his wallet from his back pocket. 1) Male, black, aged 18, in beige hooded top and dark trousers 2) male, white, aged 20, in black hooded top and a white tracksuit with a black stripe down each leg 3) male, black, aged 20, in a black hooded top, baggy trousers and a blue cap.
Street Robbery	THURLEIGH AVENUE	08/04/2005	2300	Thief approached victim from behind, then running past her, grabbing her handbag from her hand. He was aged 18, black, wearing dark trousers and a dark hooded top.



Street Robbery	BEDFORD HILL	09/04/2005	1915	Two female thieves pulled victim's hair from behind, pushed her to the ground and punched her, then stole property. They were both black, aged 16, in dark clothing.
Street Robbery	BALHAM HIGH ROAD	10/04/2005	0023	As victim was using his mobile phone two thieves punched and kicked him and stole the phone. They were both black, aged 20, wearing dark clothing; one was male and the other female.
Street Robbery	BALHAM HILL	10/04/2005	2255	28 year old black male snatched victim's handbag.
Street Robbery	CHESTNUT GROVE	10/04/2005	1820	Suspect entered under a pretext, then threatened victim, forced him into an office and stole cash. He was black, aged 30, in a dark blue duffle coat.
Street Robbery	TOOTING BROADWAY	10/04/2005	0200	As victim was travelling on night bus he was approached by a group of about 15 black youths, who demanded his phone, punched him around the head and stole property from his pockets. One of the suspects was aged 20, male, wearing a black duffle coat and a black beanie hat, and with a lot of jewellery on his hands.
Street Robbery	BALHAM HIGH ROAD	11/04/2005	1520	Victim was approached by five youths who threatened him with a knife and forced him to hand over his mobile phone. They were all black, male, aged 16, wearing dark clothing, one with a hooded top.
Street Robbery	TOOTING HIGH STREET	11/04/2005	1515	Two thieves followed victims into shop, made them open their bags and threatened them with knives. They were both female, black, aged 16, one with bags under her eyes.
Street Robbery	DAGNAN ROAD	11/04/2005	2130	16 year old Asian youth in dark clothing grabbed victim, threatened him and demanded his wallet and mobile phone.



Theft Snatch	BALHAM HILL	12/04/2005	2130	Thief on a bicycle snatched victim's phone. He was black, aged 16, in a grey hooded top and blue trousers, riding a dark mountain bike.
Theft Snatch	BALHAM HILL	12/04/2005	2130	Thief approached from behind on a dark mountain bike and snatched phone. He was aged 16, black, in a grey hooded top and blue trousers.
Street Robbery	CULVERDEN ROAD	12/04/2005	2148	As victim was cycling he was confronted by a group of youths who knocked him off his bike with a walking stick, then stole his bike and mobile phone.
Street Robbery	LYSIAS ROAD	13/04/2005	2115	Two suspects attacked victim from behind, snatching her phone and causing an injury to her face. They were both aged 17, male, white, one in dark clothing and trainers.
Street Robbery	FERNLEA ROAD	14/04/2005	0350	Thief grabbed victim's phone and ran off. He was aged 28, black, wearing a long dark coat and blue jeans, white trainers and a white t-shirt.

BURGLARY

Offence	Place	Date from	Time from	Date to	Time to	Method
Residential Burglary	ROMBERG ROAD	03/04/2005	0700	09/04/2005	1800	Thief opened unlocked window and took property.
Residential Burglary	BROADWATER ROAD	06/04/2005	1130	06/04/2005	2330	Intruder entered and stole.
Residential Burglary	MELLISON ROAD	07/04/2005	1200	09/04/2005	1636	Thief entered and stole property, damaging a window and door lock in the process.
Residential Burglary	BALHAM HIGH ROAD	07/04/2005	0800	07/04/2005	0930	Suspect entered and stole.



Residential Burglary	HEREWARD ROAD	08/04/2005 0730		Thief attempted to enter by forcing front door, damaging panel.
Residential Burglary	HEREWARD ROAD	08/04/2005 0800		Suspect broke open front door, searched premises and stole property.
Residential Burglary	RYDE VALE	09/04/2005 2000	09/04/2005 2130	Thief entered through communal door, forced door to flat and stole laptop computer.
Residential Burglary	WEXFORD ROAD	10/04/2005 1500	12/04/2005 1600	Intruder entered and stole.
Residential Burglary	RAMSDALE ROAD	12/04/2005 1750	12/04/2005 1810	Burglar unsuccessfully attempted to enter by forcing front door.
Non-Residential Burglary	RITHERDON ROAD	12/04/2005 0130	12/04/2005 0520	Suspect cut locks on shutters, then broke glass, entered shop and removed property.
Non-Residential Burglary	NIGHTINGALE LANE	13/04/2005 2130	13/04/2005 2140	Suspects smashed glass in front door to gain entry and then stole two silver plates.

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 Police Sector Office on 020 8247 8383**

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.

Crimes can also be reported online, through www.online.police.uk/ This is only for non-urgent crimes, where an immediate police response is not required.

ASSISTANCE



Age Concern Wandsworth, tel. 0208 870 2020 can also offer advice and assistance to the over-50s, whether or not you have been a victim of crime. You can also report a crime and get advice at the Age Concern **Safe & Secure Advice Desk**, each Thursday from 10am to 1pm, where you can speak to a police Crime Prevention Officer, Victim Support worker or a Community Safety Officer.

Victim Support, tel. 0207 223 1234, is an independent charity that helps people cope with crime.

Trained staff and volunteers, based in local branches, contact people after a crime has been committed, to offer free, confidential support and information. The Police and other organisations refer victims of crime to Victim Support; however some people feel able to 'pop in' to one of our branches to ask for assistance.

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

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

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.