



Balham & Tooting Crime Briefing

31 March, 2004

Attached are details of the street crimes and burglaries reported to Tooting police between 26 March and 31 March 2004

STREET CRIME

Offence	Place	Date	Time	Method
Street Robbery	WOODNOOK ROAD	24/03/2004	1930	25-year-old black suspect took property at knifepoint.
Street Robbery	DRAKEFIELD ROAD	24/03/2004	2315	28-year-old male suspect in dark zipped jacket tried to take property by force.
Street Robbery	FERNLEA ROAD	25/03/2004	2020	23-year-old black male suspect wearing a red hooded sweatshirt, dark baggy trousers and trainers, snatched victim's handbag.
Theft Snatch	TOTTERDOWN STREET	25/03/2004	2200	Suspect in grey hooded top snatched phone from the victim's hand.
Theft Snatch	BALHAM HIGH ROAD	25/03/2004	1200	Purse taken from victim's coat pocket by white girl aged 114, wearing a white blouse and dark skirt.
Commercial Robbery	BALHAM HIGH ROAD	26/03/2004	1200	Five black suspects, all aged about 22, entered shop, assaulted victim and stole cash.
Street Robbery	BLAKENHAM ROAD	27/03/2004	0100	



Street Robbery	THRALE ROAD	27/03/20040240	Two suspects threatened victim with handgun and stole property. Both were black, aged about 20, one with a black hooded top, the other in a grey hooded top and black trousers.
Street Robbery	MITCHAM ROAD	27/03/20042310	Three Asian suspects, aged 17-23, punched victim and stole property.
Street Robbery	MITCHAM ROAD	27/03/20042315	Suspect stole chain from victim.
Street Robbery	GILBEY ROAD	28/03/20040055	Bag snatched from victim by black woman, aged 20, dressed in blue denim jeans and jacket and baseball cap..
Street Robbery	MITCHAM ROAD	28/03/20041455	Group of about five black suspects, aged 17, searched victims and stole property. One wore a black hooded top with a red design and a green and black baseball cap, whilst another had a black cap with a peak.
Street Robbery	MITCHAM ROAD	29/03/20040930	Two 16-year-old black suspects held victim, punched him and stole property from his pockets.
Street Robbery	BEDFORD HILL	30/03/20040800	Victim robbed by two 18 year old white suspects, one wearing a white puffa jacket with stripes on front and pale blue baseball cap.
Street Robbery	ESWYN ROAD	30/03/20041432	Two suspects stopped victim, threatened him with a knife and demanded his phone. Victim hit one of the suspects and ran off. Both suspects were male, white, 18 yrs, one in a dark blue Nike track suit and white trainers, the second in a hooded top.



We have had some lovely weather over the last few days (although it looks as though it may not last too long), and I have noticed a lot of people working in their gardens. Please be careful while you are outside and make sure that you do not give the criminals an opportunity to get in by leaving doors open whilst you are gardening. When you have finished for the day, please ensure that your tools are put away in a locked shed or garage, as spades, in particular, are a very useful implement for breaking in with. There is also a market for stolen lawnmowers, strimmers and hedge trimmers.

If you would like to do some crime prevention gardening, visit <http://www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention/garden.htm>, where the police give a list of prickly plants which are useful in keeping criminals out of your garden.

BURGLARY

Offence	Place	Date from	Time from	Date to	Time to	Method
Residential Burglary	ALDRINGTON RD	21/03/2004	2000	27/03/2004	0001	27 year old white male suspect entered premises and took items
Non-Residential Burglary	BEDFORD HILL	25/03/2004	0030	25/03/2004	1130	Intruder made a hole in the roof, entered and stole cash from the till and made preparatory arrangements to steal a delivery scooter parked outside.
Non-Residential Burglary	BEDFORD HILL	29/03/2004	1640			Three suspects entered a store, using bolt croppers, then cut the locks off three betting machines and stole money. One wore a black jacket and dark trousers, another a grey hooded top, black trousers, light trainers and dark gloves, while the third had a light grey hooded top, dark trousers and dark gloves.
Non-Residential Burglary	BLACKSHAW ROAD	23/03/2004	1200	24/03/2004	0800	Burglar entered unlocked office and stole unattended property.



Non-Residential Burglary	BLACKSHAW ROAD	25/03/2004 2130		Two suspects entered offices and stole computer equipment. Both were white males, one wearing a light blue sweatshirt and light blue trousers.
Non-Residential Burglary	BLACKSHAW ROAD	25/03/2004 1200	30/03/2004 1030	Suspect walked into premises and stole property after cutting the ties securing it.
Non-Residential Burglary	BLACKSHAW ROAD	28/03/2004 2130	28/03/2004 2230	Suspect forced open office door and stole a fax machine.
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Residential Burglary	CATHLES ROAD	27/03/2004 1600	27/03/2004 1635	Suspects entered flat and took property.
Residential Burglary	DALEBURY ROAD	24/02/2004 0900	24/03/2004 1400	Intruder attempted to force entry through a sash window by levering it open with a tool, causing damage.
Residential Burglary	DORNTON ROAD	26/03/2004 2330	27/03/2004 0730	Suspect entered and stole property including a motor vehicle.
Residential Burglary	ENDLESHAM ROAD	29/03/2004 1940	30/03/2004 0700	Suspect gained entry and stole handbag from hallway
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Residential Burglary	LAITWOOD ROAD	25/03/2004 1640		35-year-old black male in blue/black trousers, grey/white fleece and black beret, asked for a fictitious person, then took camera.
Residential Burglary	MANDRAKE ROAD	28/03/2004 2000	29/03/2004 2000	
Residential Burglary	MELLISON ROAD	29/03/2004 0830	30/03/2004 1200	Suspect climbed to first floor window, forced entry and stole property. He then forced his exit through front door, using household tools.
Residential Burglary	PRICE CLOSE	29/03/2004 0001	29/03/2004 1200	Intruder climbed into the victim's back garden and used tools to force panels off the back door in an attempt to break in
Burglary Artifice - Residential	SHIPKA ROAD	23/03/2004 1000	23/03/2004 1200	Two male white suspects, one aged 25, the other 60, offered to do gardening work, but demanded payment beforehand. When they got the money they then made off.
Non-Residential Burglary	TOOTING	26/03/2004 1730	29/03/2004 0830	Suspects entered office and stole two computers.
Non-Residential Burglary	UPPER TOOTING ROAD	25/03/2004 1010	25/03/2004 1015	Suspect aged 18, black, in orange hooded sweatshirt, orange baseball cap and black jacket entered premises and took property from till.

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) 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.

Please note that the ability to see crime bulletins for other parts of the borough on the Wandsworth Council web site has been suspended temporarily.