



We wish everyone a happy and crime free Christmas and NY!

Unfortunately burglars seem to think this is a time of year for stealing. It may surprise you to know that burglars have absolutely no qualms about taking Christmas presents from right under your tree! Last year, there were 189 burglaries on Christmas Eve alone. These criminals look for high value items that they can sell on quickly. Here are some are



Many burglars are opportunists and use crude tools.

some quick tips to help prevent this from happening to you, your family or neighbours.

- Keep gifts and valuables out of view.
- Do not advertise that your home is empty or have a countdown to your winter holiday on ANY social media. Criminals use the internet too.
- Dispose of boxes and rubbish discreetly. Leaving opened boxes outside creates an advert for thieves.
- Consider property marking your valuables so that, in the unfortunate

event of a burglary, it will help us to have a better chance of recovering your property.

- Be aware of doorstep fraudsters who will trick their way into your home in order to steal. Always ask for identification and never open the door to a stranger until you are fully satisfied they are who they say they are. Please keep an eye out for vulnerable people within your community to help keep them safe. These criminals often target the elderly.

Drug dealing can ruin lives



This month, just like every other month, we have been targeting drug dealers. We hear from our communities that overt drug dealing takes place on our

estates and night spots. We know very well, they are right. Unfortunately, our tactics sometimes have to be low key and are not always visible. This can leave residents with a sense that nothing is being done and that it is not a priority for us. Although violent crime will take precedence over drugs, we must never forget that much of our violent crime is directly linked to drug dealing and gangs. We have dedicated gangs units tasked to disrupt and bring to justice the violent thugs who deal

drugs. Our Safer Neighbourhood teams are ideally placed to tackle the more entrenched



Police Dog Radar has been helping.

long term issues. We have executed a number of search warrants on premises that have come to notice for drugs. Last week in Somers Town, your local officers targeted the street dealers. They had four arrests in five days, seized £8,000 in cash and a large quantity of drugs that are now off our streets. Our teams have been executing search warrants across both boroughs. Our officers also routinely find drug caches when out on patrol. If we get a DNA hit, we always have spare cells!

Officer dragged by known criminal

Our Safer Neighbourhood's officers frequently patrol on foot. On one such patrol they saw a young male, known to be a disqualified driver, behind the wheel of a car. The officer grabbed the door handle but, before he could open it to make the arrest, the criminal sped off with the officer still attached to the car door. Thankfully, our officer was not seriously hurt. Two days later, officers from one of the other Safer Neighbourhood teams spotted the male and gave chase. The male was arrested,

charged and sentenced to four years in prison.

Moped criminals remain our top priority!



December has seen a further dramatic fall in the number of moped enabled offences. Thank you to our

specialists, hard working local teams, the vigilant public and of course the snow and ice! We have been pursuing and arresting offenders, using road spikes, our new DNA spray and seizing mopeds. We will not relent against these brazen criminals.

Contact us!

Contact your local team (you will need to know your local ward name for this):

- Via our new website (you can also report crime there)
- On Twitter @MPSCamden and @MPSIslington
- Via @MetCC
- Visit our Website at <https://www.met.police.uk/>
- We are now on NextDoor at <https://nextdoor.co.uk/city/feed/?>