



# Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

**Covering Chorlton, Chorlton Park, East & West Didsbury and Whalley Range**

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## Welcome From Your Inspector!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Neighbourhood Inspector for your area.

The team are really experienced and passionate about policing the community with you and making our area a safe place to live and enjoy. There is some fantastic work ongoing that I want us to get better at sharing so you know where your officers are and what they are doing in your area.

We will be working closely with the community and partners over the coming months to establish how we can work together to really improve repeated issues you face. Looking ahead to the new Year we are looking at conducting regular days of action every month for road safety and speed awareness, which is something that has been raised by members within your community. The newsletter is full of some really good advice and also covers some upcoming events we have. The PCSO's will also be setting up regular "surgeries" in the community that will be advertised shortly- please keep an eye out and come and say hello to the team!

### *Ward Priorities:*

1. *Public Order – Chorlton*
2. *Burglaries– Chorlton*
3. *Catalytic converter theft and ASB – Parrs Wood*



## Good News and Arrests

Your Neighbourhood officers have been working with the Neighbourhood Crime Team to charge prolific shoplifter. He received a 31 month sentence and an indefinite Criminal Behaviour Order.

**Good Work Team!**

## Increase in burglaries in the Chorlton area

Whilst we are working on finding the offender of these crimes, please be extra vigilant and ensure you report any suspicious activity through 101 or 999 if an emergency.

Burglars will use a variety of ways to avoid being noticed.

They don't want to be seen or heard by a neighbour or passer-by because they will feel exposed and identifiable.

Distraction burglars will pretend to be someone they are not, so it's important you are aware of the common methods they will use to get you to let them into your property.

You'd think that it would be best to make a property less visible from the street, and to keep it hidden from prying eyes behind overgrown bushes, trees, high fences or walls. In reality, all that this serves to do is make it easier for a burglar to get close to a home unnoticed, and provide somewhere to hide while carrying out a burglary or theft from the property.

For more advice, please see the GMP website



### Catalytic Converter Theft Advice

We have noticed an increase in the theft of catalytic converters over the past few weeks

#### What you can do to stop them?

- Buy a catalytic converter anti-theft plate: they typically cost £20-£30.
- Park your car so the exhaust is close to a kerb, fence or wall to make access difficult.
- Ask your local garage to weld the bolts on your catalytic converter to make it more difficult to remove.

You Can Help us Tackle ASB!

- *Who are committing these crimes?*
- *Where do they live?*
- *Who is living beyond their means? Who is dealing drugs to your children?*
- *Who is handling stolen property? Who is involved in anti-social behaviour?*

If you can help, please report through Crime Stoppers, 101 or the live chat function on the GMP website

## ASB

We have seen an increase in reports of ASB incidents in the Parrs Wood area.

Antisocial behaviour is defined as 'behaviour by a person which causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to persons not of the same household as the person'

Reporting incidents is essential in helping us prevent ASB and identify offenders.

## Safer Roads Initiative

After feedback that speeding and driving standards are one of the community's greatest concerns. We are regularly conducting Safer Road initiatives in various different areas to tackle this problem. We post our updates on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

The latest operation was Tuesday 17th January along Parrs Wood Road.

While only there for a short period of time officers issued x2 tickets for excess speed, 41mph & 42mph within a 30mph zone. Also, x5 drivers were advised on driving standards.



### You said...

Parking outside Oswald Primary was causing issues around school hours.

### We did...


We are carrying out regular patrols at the start and end of school to deter parking issues.



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## Police Surgeries and Events: February & March

Date	Where
11th February 10:30-11:30am	St. Ninian's United Reformed Church M21 OXJ

### Let us know what you think!

If you have any ideas that you think would benefit our newsletter or the kind of engagement events you prefer, please speak to one of your officers or PCSO's on patrol or you can email us on [didsbury@gmp.police.uk](mailto:didsbury@gmp.police.uk)

We want to work with you to achieve long term success and make your community a safer place.



### Reporting an Incident to us

#### 999

Does it feel like the situation could get heated or violent very soon? Is someone in immediate danger? Do you need support right away? If so, please call 999 now.

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service 18000.

#### 101 or Live Chat

Please use this number if you need the Police for an incident that is not an emergency. You can also use the Live Chat function which can be found on the bottom right hand corner of the GMP website.



#### Crimestoppers

If you have information about a crime, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers is a charity independent to the Police.

**CrimeStoppers.**  
Speak up. Stay safe.