

## **From Shortlands Ward DWO PCSO Adam Charles:**

Dear Residents

Please see below the crime record for the period from 1st Feb to 14th February.

Our greatest concern currently are the two fraud offences that we have seen in the last two weeks as these had seemed to have been reducing significantly in recent months.

Remember never give out your bank details over the phone. The bank would never send a courier to collect your old cards or ask you to transfer money to prevent fraud.

Also, regarding the changing room theft, if you do use a changing room at a public sports venue take a little bit of extra time to ensure you've put your clothing and valuables in the locker and it's locked securely.

Officers from both Shortlands and West Wickham recently carried out a speed check operation in Wickham Way and Barnfield Wood Road.

One driver was caught driving at 51 mph and issued with a ticket. Several others caught driving over the speed limit were stopped and given verbal warnings.

Generally the Ward still remains a very safe and pleasant area. Continue to keep us updated with information re suspicious people and/or vehicles and anything else that doesn't look right and the low crime rate and general safe feeling will be maintained. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thanks & Kind Regards

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## **Crime Report:**

### **Shortlands Crime Record 01/02/18- 14/02/18**

#### **Fraud-:**

1. 05/02/18- 06/02/18. Wickham Way. Elderly couple tricked into transferring money from their accounts after male called claiming to be from bank security department saying their had been attempted fraudulent activity on their accounts.
2. 12/02/18. Late morning. Brambledown Close. Victim received call from male claiming to be from HSBC security department saying that fraudulent activity had been detected on the victim's account and said that he needed to hand over his HSBC bank card along with his Santander bank card and Tesco credit card to a courier. They also asked for the pin numbers which the victim gave. Shortly after the courier had been the victim realised he had been conned and called his son who contacted police and cancelled all three cards. Unfortunately money had already been taken from both the HSBC and Santander accounts.

#### **Theft from Motor Vehicle-:**

1. 08/02/18 Early evening- 09/02/18 Mid morning. Queen Anne Avenue. Victim found a rear door and boot open. Cleaning kit and a small amount of cash stolen. No sign of forced entry.
2. 13/02/18 Late afternoon-14/02/18 late morning. Bushey Way. Sunglasses and money stolen from car parked on driveway. No damage or sign of forced entry.

#### **Burglary Residential-:**

1. 10/02/18. Late afternoon to early evening. Elwill Way. Suspect(s) either kicked open side gate or climbed over fence dividing victim's home from their next door neighbour. Forced entry through rear side window. Ransacked bedrooms. Cash & jewellery stolen.
2. 14/02/18. Early morning to early evening. Shortlands Road. Suspect(s) smashed back bedroom window of ground floor flat. Untidy search carried out. Watch stolen.

## **Theft Other-:**

1. 11/02/18. Mid afternoon. Wickham Way. Wallet containing cash, driving licence, credit card and AA membership card stolen from cubicle in changing room at sports club. Victim forgot to put it in locker before starting his workout.

## **Report from DWO PCSO Adam Lighterness of Hayes and Coney Hall Ward:**

I wanted to bring your attention to a few incidents that have happened on the Hayes and Coney Hall Ward recently:

Firstly, we have had reports of a male in a van (usually accompanied), driving around the area attempting to break in to people's houses. A few weeks ago we had reports of a suspicious vehicle in Coney Hall with an aggressive male calling at a house at midnight asking for someone who did not live there. He seemed aggrieved when the door was answered. On Thursday morning (around 1030hrs) we had an attempted burglary in another part of Hayes Lane where a male was ringing the bell at the front of the house. Another male broke in through the conservatory at the rear after walking down the side of the house. He was disturbed by the resident who was at home and ran off. It is thought that the pair had a vehicle though this was not seen.

At 0400hrs this morning (17th February) a resident in Cameron Road was disturbed by a ringing at the door and woke up to someone attempting to get their front door open. There was also a male nearby in a vehicle who was shining a light onto the property. They then made off when disturbed.

There is always a possibility that these events may be unconnected but in each case the description has been of a male in his 40's and of an

eastern European/Mediterranean appearance. In two of the instances the male was driving a white van and appeared very scruffy and unshaven. It is thought that he may be working with at least one other male, possibly two.

I am just letting you know this so that you are aware. If you have any information on anything similar please call **101** or if you wish to report something that is happening now please call **999**.

Many thanks,  
Adam

