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## TOWN CENTRE

# LOCAL POLICING NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2010

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### COME AND MEET US

**Police Meetings this month**

Meet your Neighbourhood Policing Team and discuss any local concerns you may be experiencing in the town centre:

Our Next Street Briefings are:

**11/12/2010 at 3.30pm at Crawley County Mall**  
**22/12/2010 at 6pm at Crawley Train Station**

Ward Panel Meetings

These Ward Panel Meetings are for Shopwatch/Pubwatch members. In January dates will be updated as soon as informed from Business Watch.

### PRORITIES FOR TOWN CENTRE

**Priority 1 – Drink and Drug use in the town**

**What you said:** Reduce drink and drug use around the town centre.

**What we are doing:**

A number of people have been stopped and searched by Police and your local officers are carrying out regular patrols. A Directed Patrol has been set up in the area. This year saw the launch of Op Grinch which tackles bag snatches, Street drinking and illegal street traders.

**Priority 2 – Purse Thefts**

**What you said:** Reduce purse thefts in Crawley Town Centre.

**What we are doing:**

Your local officers are carrying out high visibility patrols. Police are working in close partnership with Crawley Shop Watch to work together to tackle this issue.

**Priority 3 - Bicycle Thefts**

**What you said:** Reduce bicycle thefts in Crawley Town Centre.

**What we are doing:**

Your local officers are carrying out high visibility patrols.

Awareness signs are being put up by the bike racks. Should you wish to have your bike marked please contact a member of the team.

## The Twelve ( safety ) Days of Christmas

1. Drink driving has been the cause of over 50% of fatal collisions in Sussex during the festive season in the last three years. Sussex Police is conducting regular roadside checks, don't risk it and visit the Sussex Safer Roads <http://www.sussexsaferroads.gov.uk> for more on road safety.
2. Don't put on a brave face this Christmas. Domestic violence is unacceptable all year around. Call the National Domestic Violence helpline on 0808 2000 247.
3. Take time to check on elderly relatives and neighbours this Christmas – make sure they're safe.
4. Don't make your home attractive to burglars. Try to make it look occupied at all times, keep doors and windows locked and ensure all presents and valuables are not visible through windows and doors.
5. If you are planning a party or fireworks during the festive season, please consider your neighbours when thinking of noise and time of night.

6. If you leave your car unattended, don't leave bags of shopping or other valuables on display. It is safest to keep them with you.
7. However tempting it may be to walk back from parties at night, try to avoid walking alone. Make your personal safety a priority and either use a registered taxi or ask somebody you know to accompany you home.
8. Don't overload electrical sockets. Take special care with Christmas lights – always switch them off and unplug them before you go to bed.
9. Drink responsibly. Don't leave drinks unattended and know your limits! Beware of drugs being secretly added to your drinks.
10. How about requesting the Community Handy Van to visit your elderly relatives and doing those little household jobs that you have been putting off?
11. Never place candles near your Christmas tree or furnishings. Don't leave presents under the tree in view of possible burglars.
12. Check the battery in your smoke alarm every week and use Christmas as a reminder to clean it and remove dust.

## Town Centre

|                   | 2009 | 2009 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                   | Nov  | Dec  | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr  | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  |
| Burglary Dwelling | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Vehicle Crime     | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 3    | 2    | 0    | 4    | 1    | 2    | 1    |
| Criminal Damage   | 6    | 8    | 7    | 4    | 3    | 5    | 7    | 5    | 1    | 3    | 5    | 4    |
| PPVC              | 20   | 27   | 23   | 27   | 29   | 26   | 28   | 24   | 14   | 22   | 18   | 22   |
| Robbery           | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 3    | 0    | 0    | 3    | 1    | 2    |