

December 2019 is a further month when the total number of crimes reported in Southfield Ward has reduced as 116 were reported against 128 in November. In the roads of the SGRA area the number of crimes was 25, exactly the same as last month. In 5 of 14 of our local roads there was no crime reported, but there were 6 crimes reported in Brookwood Road 2 of which were vehicle related. All of the other local roads had 4 or less incidents.

Looking at offences vehicle crime has crept up this month to 11 from 8 in November, but still less than the 13 crimes reported in October. In December 5 out of the 14 roads in the Grid and Pirbright Road had at one report of vehicle crime and 3 others had 2 crimes reported. It is still worth reminding residents to ensure that their vehicles are securely locked when they leave them especially at night and don't leave anything that a thief might think is valuable on display in your vehicle.

Over the years many of you will have heard of those infamous emails supposedly from someone overseas offering you a share in a large sum of money or a payment on the condition you help them to transfer money out of their country. These have become known as Nigerian Letter scams as the original letters were allegedly sent from that country. They're laughable and we all ignore them, don't we!

Then fraudsters then turned to phoning us up and telling us that our computers are broken, that HMRC is on the verge of investigating us for tax evasion or that there are problems with our Amazon Prime subscription, even if you haven't got one. The latest version is that 'BT' phone to tell you that your router has a problem and will close down unless you let the fraudster take control of your computer!!

There have even been callers purporting to be a police officer from a named London Police station who says that someone has used your bank card fraudulently and someone at your bank branch might be responsible. The suggestion is then made that if you withdraw an agreed sum of money from your account a courier will come to your home to collect the money!!

Then there is the plausible sounding person in the street whose foreign bank debit card won't work in our parking meters, who says that if he gives you some cash could you pay for his parking on your debit card. Not surprisingly you then find that your account has been emptied of money before you can stop the card. It seems that this conman can often be found in Earlsfield but can also be seen in Putney and recently in Southfields .

The best advice is if you are approached by someone like this is 'to make your excuses and leave' to use the words of that now defunct Sunday newspaper. If you have a mobile phone get to a safe distance and ring 999 and tell the police what has happened.

If you have been a victim of fraud contact Action Fraud on Tel: 0300 123 2040 or visit [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

For more information the Metropolitan Police publish a booklet entitled "The Little Book of Big Scams". Just google the above title and you can download it from their website.

**Crime Figures for Southfields Grid & Pirbright Road**

**December 2019**

December 2019	Burglary	Anti-Social Behaviour	Robbery	Vehicle Crime	Violence & Sexual Offences	Public Order & Weapons	Shoplifting	Criminal Damage & Arson	Other Theft	Drugs	Other Crime	Total
<b>Replingham Road</b>	1	1										<b>2</b>
<b>Brookwood Road</b>		1	1	2					1	1		<b>6</b>
<b>Lavenham Road</b>				2								<b>2</b>
<b>Revelstoke Road</b>												<b>0</b>
<b>Elsenham Street</b>												<b>0</b>
<b>Heythorp Street</b>				1								<b>1</b>
<b>Clonmore Street</b>												<b>0</b>
<b>Engadine Street</b>												<b>0</b>
<b>Elborough Street</b>												<b>0</b>
<b>Trentham Street</b>				1								<b>1</b>
<b>Astonville Street</b>	1			1								<b>2</b>
<b>Hanford Close</b>			1	1	1	1						<b>4</b>
<b>Pirbright Road</b>		1		2								<b>3</b>
<b>Merton Road</b>		1		1					2			<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>



All Crimes reported in Southfields Ward in December 2019: 116

**Stop & Searches** in December 2019: (No information available)

**+Off-Grid:**

Wimbledon Park Road (West Hill Ward) – on or near former petrol station: (11): ASB (1), Burglary (1), Other Theft (1), Public Order (3), Vehicle Crime (2), Violence & Sexual Offences (3).

Southfields LU Station (British Transport Police) (2): Other Theft (1), Public Order (1)

Heritage Wimbledon Park: (0)

[West Hill (LB of W): Village (LB of M): Wimbledon Park (LB of M)]

[Information extracted from the Crime Maps for Southfields Ward from [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)]

## **New data for Southfields has been published on Police.uk.**

Here is a brief summary of the crime information for the past two months:

	<b>November 2019</b>	<b>December 2019</b>
All crime	128	116
Anti-social behaviour	20	21
Bicycle theft	7	3
Burglary	12	9
Criminal damage and arson	5	1
Drugs	0	4
Other crime	1	0
Other theft	11	11
Possession of weapons	1	0
Public order	5	6
Robbery	5	3
Shoplifting	6	4
Theft from the person	5	5
Vehicle crime	29	37
Violence and sexual offences	21	12

Please visit <https://www.police.uk/shape/0BCMX9/> for more information including outcomes for these crimes and contact information for your local policing team.