

## Courier Scams

target the vulnerable and elderly and are active in Croydon

**The courier scam is when fraudsters call and trick you into handing your cards and PIN numbers to a courier on your doorstep. There are many variations of the scam, but it usually follows this method:**

- A fraudster will cold call you on a landline, claiming to be from your bank or the police. They state their systems have spotted a fraudulent payment on your card or it is due to expire and needs to be replaced.
- In order to reassure you that they are genuine, they suggest that you hang up and ring the bank/police back straight away. However, they don't disconnect the call from the landline so that when you dial the real phone number, you are actually still speaking to the fraudster.
- They then ask you to read out your PIN or type it on your phone keypad. They may ask for details of other accounts you hold with the bank or financial service provider.

*Finally, they send a courier to you to collect your bank card. The fraudster will have then obtained your name, address, full bank details, card and PIN.*

**IF IN DOUBT CALL 999**

**More information can be found at:  
[www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)**

Phone: 020 8721 2474

E-mail: [Ashburton.SNT@met.police.uk](mailto:Ashburton.SNT@met.police.uk)

In an emergency please dial:  
999

**Metropolitan Police Service  
Croydon Borough**

Website:  
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## Ashburton Neighbourhood Policing Team



Phone: 020 8721 2474

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**We would like to introduce you to your local Neighbourhood Police Team**

Ashburton Neighbourhood Police Team consists of police officers and police community support officers (PCSOs) and we are dedicated to making your neighbourhood a safer place to live in, work in and visit. We listen and talk to you, and find out what affects your daily life and feelings of security. Our priorities are then set by the local community and we work with you and other agencies to find a lasting solution.

You can contact us via e-mail or phone. As part of the policing pledge we will respond to every message directed to us within 24 hours. However, we are not a 24-hour response team, so if it is an emergency please call 999.

For more information about local policing visit the main Safer Neighbourhoods website at:

[www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)

### **Our current priorities are:**

Burglary

Motor Vehicle crime

Anti Social Behaviour by youths

### **Croydon Borough Priorities**

Burglary

Motor Vehicle Crime

Violence with Injury

Domestic Violence

### **Crimes of note on Ashburton**

#### **Burglary**

Police enquiries are still ongoing after burglary in Shirley Park Road on 22nd January 2015, if anybody remembers seeing anything or anyone suspicious around 2100 that evening contact police.

#### **Assault**

Detectives from Croydon CID are appealing for witnesses and information after a 39-year-old man was assaulted in Long Lane, Croydon at approximately 23:45hrs on Saturday, 14 February. The victim was driving his taxi along Long Lane towards Bromley, when he drove past another vehicle and heard a woman inside the car shout for help.

When he stopped his taxi and went to see if she needed any assistance, the suspect got out of the same car and challenged him. The victim explained he was trying to help and went to back to his taxi. The suspect, who was carrying a glass bottle, followed the victim as he got back into his taxi and attacked him and his car, causing significant cuts

and injuries to the victim's face and damage to his vehicle.

The victim quickly made off in his taxi and called police. Officers carried out a search of the local area, but were unable to find the suspect's vehicle. The suspect is described as a white man in his late 20s to early 30s, approximately 5ft 8ins tall with short, blonde/light-brown hair and was wearing a white t-shirt, a blue top and blue jeans. The vehicle is believed to have been a blue BMW hatchback-type car.

**Anyone with information on these or any other crimes should contact police via 101 or call Crimestoppers, which is completely anonymous on 0800 555 111.**



### **Good Luck Jonjo**

And finally officers from Ashburton had the pleasure of meeting an amazing young man Jonjo Heuerman when he arrived at CPFC Selhurst Park last week. Jonjo is a 13 year old who has walked and cycled over 700 miles visiting football stadiums raising awareness and money for 500 cancer angels and a cure. For more info on his challenge and cause go to [fornannyandbobby.com](http://fornannyandbobby.com) or @JonjoHeuerman on twitter.

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