



FURZEDOWN SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN ISSUE #1

Working together for a safer, stronger and more connected Furzedown



Welcome from the Chair

Stacey Smith

Chair, Furzedown Safer Neighbourhood Panel

Dear Residents, it is with great pleasure and a genuine sense of pride that I welcome you to our Furzedown SNP newsletter. We created this newsletter because we believe a strong community begins with good communication, listening to one another and ensuring every resident feels informed, valued, heard and safe. Furzedown is more than just the place where we live - it is our home and a community we all share. The Panel gives residents a space to raise concerns, share experiences and work with police and community partners on local safety priorities. The work we do would not be possible without the support of my team, including Deputy Chair Sue Clarke, Secretary Marc Richeux, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Trevor Hutton, the rest of our wonderful committee, our councillors, Wandsworth Community Safety Team and our hard-working police force. By working together, listening with respect and looking out for one another, I believe we can make a real and lasting difference.

Warmest wishes,

Your Local Policing Team

PC Walid Mechkour

Dedicated Ward Officer - Furzedown

PC David Aldridge

Police Constable - Furzedown

PCSO Nicholas Lester

Police Community Support Officer

Inspector Alistair MacPherson

Wandsworth Neighbourhoods - Tooting

Sergeant Toan Chung

Tooting Bec & South Balham

PC Orla Conlan

Tooting Broadway

LOCAL POLICING CONTACT

To contact your team about local policing issues, email them at:

Furzedown@contact.metengage.co.uk

Our Four Community Safety Priorities

1

ROBBERY

Targeted patrols, school engagement and intelligence around key hotspots.

2

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

Flexible intelligence-led patrols, including plain-clothes activity.

3

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Prevention and enforcement with Council partners around local concerns.

4

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

Prevention, safer public spaces, respectful attitudes and community action.

SCAM WATCH - WHAT RESIDENTS SHOULD LOOK OUT FOR



Crash-for-cash

Do not pay cash or share bank details; record vehicles/witnesses, keep dashcam footage and contact your insurer.

Police / bank impersonation

Police and banks will never ask for your PIN, passwords, cash withdrawal or send a courier for cards/valuables. Be suspicious of requests for card/bank details, refund claims or offers to reduce arrears for a fee.

Stop, verify independently and report fraud. Action Fraud: 0300 123 2040 | Bank-checking service: 159 | Emergency: 999

Council Tax / refund messages

PARKS AND EVENTS POLICE

Responsible for routine patrols of Wandsworth parks, commons and open spaces.

Contact: parkspolice@wandsworth.gov.uk

Furzedown Crime: the picture behind the numbers

Latest published category data: July 2026.

31

Violence / sexual

26

ASB

25

Vehicle crime

10

Other theft

JUNE -> JULY CHANGE

Violence / sexual
ASB
Vehicle crime
Other theft

56 -> 31
21 -> 26
7 -> 25
5 -> 10

-45%
+24%
+257%
+100%

UNDERSTANDING THE FIGURES - VIOLENCE & VAWG

The 56 offences recorded in June under 'Violence and sexual offences' do NOT mean 56 sexual assaults or domestic-abuse incidents. It is a broad Met Police crime category; the figure fell to 31 in July. Exact offence locations and a Furzedown-level breakdown of domestic abuse/sexual offences are not published publicly. Wandsworth's VAWG Strategy identifies Furzedown among the borough's five highest wards for reported domestic abuse. Police and Council partners work on prevention, victim support, safer spaces and holding perpetrators to account.

12-month context: Jul 2025-Jun 2026 averaged 115 reports/month. June 2026 recorded 119 (+24% vs May's 96).



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Meet Your Furzedown Councillors



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Judi Gasser

Furzedown Councillor

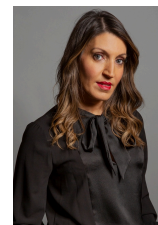
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Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

Trevor Hutton

Coordinator for 15 years - White Ribbon Ambassador

Trevor has enjoyed being a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for 15 years, helping to build a safer, more connected Furzedown through strong communication between residents. As a White Ribbon Ambassador, he will also be giving regular talks to boys and young men about challenging misogynistic attitudes and promoting respect for girls and women. Trevor hopes more residents will join him as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators. You can help make your community safer and stronger, support victims of crime, share knowledge that helps people protect their families, homes and possessions, and encourage neighbours to look out for one another. The more connected our neighbourhood is, the harder it becomes for criminals to operate unnoticed.

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COORDINATOR?
Visit ourwatch.org.uk/join

FURZEDOWN CRIMEWATCH

Interested in becoming a member?

The group is private, so we do not publish its invite link or QR code publicly. If you live in Furzedown and would like to join, please email the Panel:

furzedownsnt@yahoo.com

GOOD NEWS FROM FURZEDOWN & OUR LOCAL AREA

1. Cannabis factory shut down - SW16

Furzedown and Tooting Broadway officers located and shut down a cannabis factory in a residential property in SW16. One suspect was arrested for drug-related offences.

2. Shoplifting operation

Furzedown officers joined Tooting Broadway and Wandsworth Common in a plain-clothes operation. Two shoplifters were caught and two Community Protection Warnings issued.

3. Robbery suspects charged

After robbery incidents around Bellevue/Broomwood Road, police quickly located the suspects' vehicle. Two men were arrested, charged and remanded in custody.

OUR FURZEDOWN SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE

Interested in helping shape local community-safety priorities, representing residents and supporting the work of the Panel? We would be pleased to hear from residents who want to get involved.

Email: furzedownsnt@yahoo.com

Please tell us a little about your interest in Furzedown.



NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

Refreshments / meet neighbours: 6:30pm

Panel meeting: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

St Alban's Church
1 Pretoria Road, SW16 6RR

All Furzedown residents are welcome.

WANDSWORTH COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Wandsworth Community Safety Partnership brings together the Council, Police and other key organisations to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour across the borough. By sharing information and working together, the partnership coordinates action on issues such as serious violence, neighbourhood crime, VAWG, hate crime and reoffending, with the overall aim of making Wandsworth a safer place to live, work and visit.

Community Safety contact

Telephone: 0208 871 6557

Email: communitysafety@wandsworth.gov.uk

Twitter: @saferwandsworth

WHO DO I REPORT IT TO?

999 Emergency / danger

101 Crime / suspicious activity

COUNCIL Fly-tipping / graffiti / roads / lighting / noise

CLLRS Council services / unresolved local issues

SNP Recurring safety concerns / local priorities

Furzedown SNP: furzedownsnt@yahoo.com

Local police: Furzedown@contact.metengage.co.uk

Emergency 999 | Police 101 | Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

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