



**COVID Advice + Updates:-**  
[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

We extend our welcome to all those attending our public surgeries for advice on these or other issues. For more information please visit [www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention.co.uk](http://www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention.co.uk)



Hands



Face



Space



Fresh air

**Dear Ward Member**  
Please have a read of what the team have been doing.

Look up.  
Look out.

Help protect yourself from street robbery on your way home. Be aware of your surroundings and your valuables.



The Eastcote team have had general intelligence of robberies taking place. While you are out and about, please make sure you are staying alert and are aware of your surroundings. Thieves tend to target people who appear vulnerable or distracted. Be confident and know where you are heading. Consider not using your mobile phone whilst walking and do not have your valuables out on display. Keep your head up whilst walking and stay observant. Look Up Look Out. Thieves commonly use distraction techniques to commit theft. Thieves work in pairs to target a victim; one engages the victim in conversation while the other commits the theft. The team are aware of E-scooters causing issues on the ward and are putting plans in place to target riders who are using privately owned E-scooters. If you are seeing the same individuals on E-scooters causing consistent issues, please make contact with the team via our team email:- [Eastcote.Ruislip.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:Eastcote.Ruislip.snt@met.police.uk) . The team have been carrying out high visibility foot and mobile patrols in crime hot spots. The team have been focusing on burglary patrols and raising burglary crime prevention awareness. Please remember not to leave valuables in your property that can be seen from outside, consider using net curtains to obstruct peoples view. Please make sure side gates are secured with a good quality lock. Do not leave your windows open and please make sure your front door is double locked especially if you are leaving your property to go out. COVID is still active, please make sure you continue to follow the government guidelines in order to keep your family and friends safe. Thank you for your continued support.



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## E-Scooters!

Currently in the UK, you can legally buy an e-scooter, but CANNOT ride it on a public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place it can be used is on private land. The reason for this is that e-scooters are treated as motor vehicles by the Department of Transport and are subject to the same legal requirement as other vehicles, such as MOT, licensing, tax and insurance. Because they don't always have number plates, signaling ability or visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads. It is not currently possible to get appropriate insurance for privately owned e-scooters, meaning it is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces.



### Legal use of an e-scooter

It is legal to use an e-scooter:

- On private land with the permission of the land owner
- When the trial comes in, it will be legal to use the rental e-scooters, from specific companies on the road.

### Rental e-scooter trials

Trials of rental e-scooters are taking place in the UK. Any person who uses a rental e-scooter on a public road or other public space, must comply with the relevant Road Traffic Legislation or they face potential prosecution.

### Enforcement focused on private e-scooters

Prior to and during the trial, enforcement will be focused on private e-scooters. The most appropriate action for the circumstances will be given, these include:

- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £300 fine and six penalty points
- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence, up to £100 fine and three to six penalty points

### Rider behaviour

Police will also take action against rider behaviour, whether private or rental. Offences could include:

- riding on the footway: Fixed Penalty Notice and possible £50 fine
- using a mobile phone: £100 and six penalty points
- riding through red lights: Fixed Penalty Notice, £100 fine and possible penalty points
- drink driving offences: As with driving cars; court imposed fines, driving ban and possible imprisonment

We would always recommend to wear safety protection such as a helmet when riding these vehicles, and to keep to the speed limit.

Residents can contact us using any of the following methods

Email : [Eastcote.Ruislip.snt@met.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Eastcote.Ruislip.snt@met.pnn.police.uk)  
Twitter : @MPSEastcoteXH for regular updates.  
Telephone: 02082461823

### Postal Address

Eastcote & East Ruislip Safer Neighbourhood Team  
Hillingdon Borough Police  
Ruislip Police Station  
The Oaks, Ruislip  
HA4 7LE

### Upcoming Meetings

Due to the unprecedented times we are currently in with Coronavirus a decision has been made to cancel all our advertised crime prevention stalls, and contact sessions. This decision has been made with the safety of all in mind, and to follow in line with the Government guidance on social interaction. That said we will still be on the streets, and will continue to Police your community to the best of our ability. Please follow the right advice and Stay Safe!

What you need to do:- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

What to do if you have Coronavirus symptoms:- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

