



During the period March 2023 to July 2024 there were 670 incidents reported to Surrey Police in the Borough of Epsom and Ewell where face coverings such as balaclavas or face masks were involved. Incidents involving the use of face coverings has steadily risen month on month since June 2023 where just 10 were reported, to a peak of 80 during June 2024.

There is no correlation between the use of face coverings in the autumn /winter season with the most significant increase in the use seen outside of the colder months.

Recent incidents involving the use of face coverings include robberies, burglaries, theft of bikes and the antisocial use of motorbikes.

| month Year / NPT | Epsom & Ewell Central | Epsom & Ewell East | Epsom & Ewell North | Epsom & Ewell North West | Epsom & Ewell South | Epsom & Ewell West | Grand Total |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| March/2023 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 23 |
| April/2023 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 26 | 59 |
| May/2023 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 11 | 44 |
| June/2023 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 10 |
| July/2023 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 22 |
| August/2023 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 23 |
| September/2023 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 24 |
| October/2023 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 33 |
| November/2023 | 13 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 35 |
| December/2023 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 34 |
| January/2024 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 29 |
| February/2024 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 36 |
| March/2024 | 11 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 21 | 60 |
| April/2024 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 44 |
| May/2024 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 13 | 12 | 51 |
| June/2024 | 17 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 28 | 16 | 80 |
| July/2024 | 14 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 19 | 19 | 63 |
| Grand Total | 140 | 90 | 44 | 74 | 153 | 169 | 670 |