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**"I don't know many people who want to see graffiti"**

## Cleaning up the capital

Enough was enough for the Piccadilly Line North West Neighbourhood Policing Team covering Northfields station, as they moved quickly to tackle a spate of graffiti and criminal damage attacks in the area.

The NPT worked closely with London Underground and Tube Lines environmental and security management to identify how and where exactly the graffiti vandals were accessing LU property in order to carry out the attacks. The trail led to a site of garages located by the platforms and tracks of Northfields station. The site was heavily covered in graffiti and rubbish and more significantly the fence was in a state of disrepair and was in desperate need of replacing.

After the site had been photographed and potential criminal evidence taken, the team got to work. The fencing was replaced and improved and the garages were repainted.



PCSO Jordan Guihen said: "It's a great example of good team-work. All groups involved showed a great deal of enthusiasm to resolve the issue with us and a job that could have taken months only took weeks.

"All of this happened during the Capital Clean-Up Campaign so it fitted in well. I don't know many people who want to see graffiti of this nature on a regular basis."

## Acton Carnival on sizzling form

On a hot summer's day, the Piccadilly Line North West NPT, along with the BTP Command Unit L98, set-up at the Acton Carnival in Acton Community Park.

The annual event is a family orientated day promoting community safety and togetherness to almost 4,000 people. The music and food of the carnival has a heavy influence from the rich Afro-Caribbean culture as well as a variety of other stalls providing gifts, services and promotion of groups and organisations.

The Piccadilly Line NW NPT offered helpful tips on looking after yourself and your belongings while traveling on the public transport system. PC Jeff Woods said: "It's really good to see lots of young families attending events like this and taking the time to come and pay us a little visit, the kids certainly enjoyed saying hello to us."



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# New pickpocket DVD for staff

**Neighbourhood Policing Teams have a new weapon against crime – a DVD highlighting the problem of pickpocketing.**

L Area's blitz on pickpocket crime, Operation Silence, is already reaping rewards – offences so far this year are down 13% compared to last year, which means 238 less victims.

Now there is a DVD that is on the LU intranet for Tube staff to watch.

Titled *Pickpockets on the Tube*, the five minute long film explains the extent of the problem, what BTP are doing about it, common pickpocketing techniques and how staff can help.

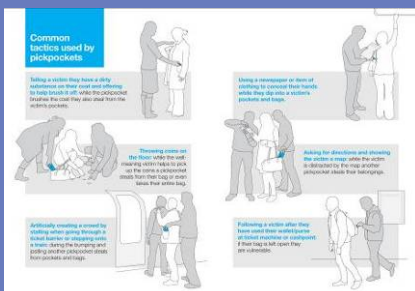
By reporting suspicious behaviour to police and alerting vulnerable people – those who have left their bag open for example – staff can make a difference and help reduce crime on their station.

Officers have also been handing out a leaflet which also explains the tactics used by pickpockets.

If you would like a copy of the leaflet or speak to a BTP officer about pickpocketing, please contact the Hammersmith and City Line and Central Line West NPT on 07850 232 474, or the Piccadilly Line North West and Piccadilly Line West NPT on 07834 117 449.

## “He just reached round in front and took the wallet out of my bag.”

Pickpocket victim Julia Dixon



# A fiesta in Lampton Park

The 26th Barrio Fiesta Sa London was held at Lampton Park, Hounslow recently. The Fiesta is a project of the Philippine Centre – a charity which organises it for families of the Filipino community.

The event was attended by up to 100,000 people over the two days. The Heathrow NPT and Neighbourhood Support Team attended the event with the command vehicle as a base for a community engagement initiative.

Sgt Shea organised the Command Centre assisted by Station Assistant Fareed Shaikh, Diversity Advisor Keith Jarrett and PCSO Jim Mulligan over the two days explaining BTP's role while also

gaining valuable contacts within the Filipino community.

Hounslow Central station was the nearest to the event, and although quite small, the station wasn't overcrowded thanks to hard work by officers and London Underground staff.



# Tackling cycle theft at Hatton Cross

The Piccadilly Line West Neighbourhood Policing Team has been focusing on cycle theft at Hatton Cross station. The station has seen a slight increase in bikes being stolen so the team set up a Problem Solving Plan to tackle the problem.

The team have been doing high visibility patrols throughout the day at the station as well as plain clothes activities. The NPT and Neighbourhood Support Team officers engaged with LU staff, members of the traveling public, retail staff and members of a local plane spotters group to obtain intelligence about possible suspects. LU staff also regularly checked the cycle rack area by CCTV and as part of their daily routines.

The cycle racks are regularly checked and any cycles with faulty or no locks are removed to secure areas for collection by their owners later who are then given advice on cycle security.

PC Sonya Edwards and PCSO Jim Mulligan from both teams held a crime prevention initiative at Hatton Cross handing out leaflets about how to prevent cycle theft and traveling safely on the London Underground network. This included giving advice on what type of cycle lock they should use.

They also handed out a form which they designed specifically so that cyclists could take responsibility to record a description of their cycle and could be utilised if a theft occurred. One member of public said: "It's nice to see that some thought is going into informing us of what is going on and how we can help prevent it".



The result of all this hard work and engagement has seen cycle theft at Hatton Cross decrease to almost nil.

Recently a juvenile was arrested for going equipped and was reprimanded according to the Youth Justice Procedure.

# Transport safety day at Shepherd's Bush

Officers and Members of the Transport for London Safety and Citizenship Unit proved to be a hit with residents of Shepherd's Bush when they conducted an information day recently outside the station.

Acting Sergeant Jill Christie and PC Andrew Mould, as well as the Transport for London Safety and Citizenship Unit, were present at the location with a full scale model of a new Metropolitan line train complete with railway tracks. There was also the unit's mock bus complete with seats, Oyster card reader and bells. Officers provided information to members of the public both young and old about stone throwing, appropriate behaviour on the transport systems as well as crime prevention and personal safety whilst travelling.

The models of the train and bus proved to be a success with the public who were queuing to enter

the bus and to be given a presentation on safety on the railways.

PC Mould said: "It's great to get such a good reception from the community, it shows that even providing safety information can be entertaining to young children."

One member of the public stated: "Thanks to the information given I now know how dangerous it is to mess about on the railway, it may have saved my life."

TfL Safety and Citizenship provides a free of charge transport education service to all schools within Greater London. It promotes safety and citizenship on and around London's transport system, and prepares children aged 10-11 for independent travel before they move to secondary school. Presentations focus on ways to make safe journeys confidently and with respect for fellow passengers.



## NPT turns out for Gay Pride

PC Andrew Williams from the Central Line West Neighbourhood Policing Team was one of the estimated one million people in London to have turned out for the annual Gay Pride celebrations.

The event, which celebrates lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender culture, is one of the largest of its kind in the world. This year it celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Gay Liberation Front, a pressure group which organised the city's first Pride parade.

The parade went from Baker Street to Trafalgar Square. Entertainment was provided en route by a variety of DJs, dance, comedy and music acts while a street party was held in Soho.

PC Williams said: "It was a great day to be marching with colleagues of BTP and Metropolitan Police in this year's London Pride.

"Feedback received from the crowds was extremely supportive and positive about the open support of uniformed officers from BTP."



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## Banning order after campaign of abuse

A woman who spent a year on a campaign of abuse and threats to a stall holder in Shepherd's Bush Market was sentenced to a 12 month community order with 120 hours of unpaid work.

She was also handed a restraining order banning her from contacting the victim or being on Uxbridge Road W12.

Lillieth Harrison was convicted of the offence after a lengthy investigation and several arrests by PCs Andrew Mould and Peter Apostoli of Hammersmith Police Station.

The victim in the case stated: "I am so happy to see the end of this case."

"Thanks to the fantastic work of PCs Mould and Apostoli my ordeal is over."

## Festival brings officers closer to the community

NPT Officers from Central Line West Neighbourhood Policing Team voluntarily changed their shifts to be able to provide a police presence to members of the public and reassurance to staff at Shepherd's Bush Central line station recently during the Shepherd's Bush Annual Festival.

The festival is a community-led event aiming to bring local people of all ages and backgrounds together to experience the local heritage through arts, entertainment, workshops, food and crafts.

The NPT officers thought this would be a perfect opportunity to make new links with their local community and strengthen existing ones.

Metropolitan Police officers were also present along with Pat Cosgrove, a member of the Hammersmith and Fulham community safety board. PC Andrew Williams and new member of the team PC William Pieteron were treated to displays of African drumming, beat boxing and circus skills all accompanied by African, Irish folk and Hip Hop music.

PC Williams said that "this is a perfect place to engage with the local people from all walks of life" as he eyed up the vast array of Caribbean, African, English, Indian and Middle Eastern cuisines.

Community engagement was easy as officers were able to talk with people about what they were watching before giving crime prevention advice and details of how to contact their local police with their issues. Although it poured with rain most of the day the officers spirits were not dampened by the great community atmosphere they were part of.

## Meeting and greeting in Shepherd's Bush

Hammersmith and City Line NPT officers held a community engagement day in Shepherd's Bush Market recently, with the aim of improving relations with the local tenants and raising awareness of cycle crime and theft.

A stall was set up among the shops where leaflets with crime prevention advice were available as well as contact details for Crimestoppers and the Hammersmith NPT.

All officers were in full high visibility uniform and engaged with shoppers and tenants for three

hours, building bridges and confidence in the hope people will be more inclined to report crime in their area.

PCSO Shuttleworth said "Due to the in-depth engagement that day, many local people now have the information they need to report a crime in confidence, whether it's anonymously or to their local officers."

"All of our crime prevention advice was taken away so hopefully this prevents them from becoming victims in the first place."