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Three youths arrested for stonethrowing at Dollis Hill

Thanks to a report from a Tube driver of children throwing stones at passing trains, PC Gemma Buffery from the Jubilee Line North Neighbourhood Policing Team found three youths throwing stones onto the track recently.

The youths were found at an access point several hundred yards south of Dollis Hill station and were all arrested and taken to Wembley Park to be questioned with appropriate adults. All three youths admitted to stone throwing and were given a police juvenile reprimand.

Sergeant Steve Seaman said: “These were excellent stops and arrests by PC Buffery. The school summer holidays traditionally coincide with an increase in line of route crime such as trespass, stone throwing and other criminal damage, which can often endanger the safety of people using the railway.



“We have been running Operation Rhino, to target line of route offences, patrolling by train, foot, car and pedal cycle to prevent, disrupt and detect any such people committing these offences.

Keeping the Central line safe and sound

The Central Line North West Neighbourhood Policing Team has also been targeting problems relating to line side graffiti, stone throwing and trespass. Focusing on the team’s two main areas of Hanger Lane and from Northolt to Ruislip Gardens, officer have been carrying out uniformed patrols as well as riding with the train drivers and looking for access points to the track and the depot.

The NPT also carried out track walks in conjunction with the duty manager of trains and undertaking depot familiarisation at Ruislip Depot.

At the start of the summer two men in the vicinity of South Ruislip station were arrested by officers allegedly trying to steal £5,000 worth of live cable. The pair are on bail pending further investigation.

If you witness an incident or see any suspicious behaviour on the railway please call the British Transport Police on 0800 40 50 40 or in an emergency please call 999.



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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.

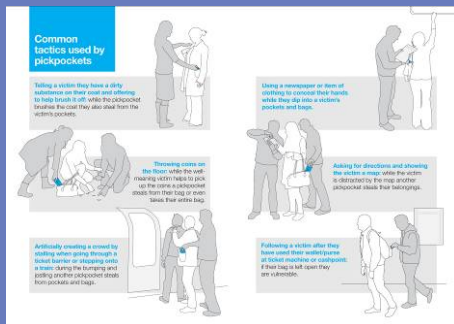
L Area's blitz on pickpocket crime, Operation Silence, is already reaping rewards – offences so far this year are down 13% compared to last year, which means 238 less victims.

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.

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 Metropolitan Line North West NPT on 07850 232 411, Central Line North West NPT on 07850 232 411, Bakerloo Line North NPT and Jubilee Line North NPT on 07850 232 113.



STOP PRESS!

On 1 October the Bakerloo Line North NPT will be working with Age Concern to celebrate National Old People's Day.

An event will be held at Harrow & Wealdstone station and opened by Mayor Boris Johnson.

Tackling cycle thefts

PC Gemma Buffery was conducting pro-active anti-robbery patrols at Dollis Hill station recently when she stopped a man riding a pedal cycle through the pedestrian underpass at the location.

As nearby Watford station has been hit by cycle thefts, PC Buffery was viewing CCTV footage from Watford a short while later when she recognised the person she stopped as a suspect in the thefts.

Thanks to the details she had taken at Dollis Hill, officers from Wembley Park police station arrested the man at his home address. A search of the premises recovered three stolen bicycles and subsequent information gained from the arrest resulted in seven other people being arrested for various offences including cycle theft.

All of them have been bailed pending further enquiries. Sergeant Seaman said: "This was

a superb example of a simple stop which resulted in the arrest of several persons who have been committing a series of crimes on the Metropolitan line.

"The arrests and disruption of a major, organised gang operating on the network is one that is welcomed."

Two new team members for NPTs

PCSO Dean Rivett has recently joined the Jubilee Line North NPT and PC Gerry Pickering has joined the Metropolitan Line North West NPT.

PCSO Rivett brings with him a wealth of experience gained working on the Central Line North West NPT and PC Pickering has more than 30 years of policing experience with the Metropolitan Police Service.

Metropolitan line officers saddle up for Operation Rhino

Four officers on the Metropolitan line NPT completed a two-day mountain bike course recently.

The course was in preparation for Operation Rhino – British Transport Police's operation to combat anti-social behavior during the school break such as stone throwing and graffiti.

The officers used the bikes to visit local parks, playing fields, community centres, graffiti and access points to provide a mobile visible presence.

PCSO Dave Ford said: "Doing this bike course means we're able to get along the areas of the line which we couldn't reach easily before such as parks and fields. The bikes make a huge difference not only to us but the running of the Metropolitan line trains."



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