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Man fined for racial abuse and crackdown on ticket touts

At Stratford Magistrates' Court recently a man was fined £185 with costs of £87 for racially threatening staff at Leyton Underground station.

Staff members were trying to assist the man, who was traveling with a bicycle, on the Central line at the station. When advised that bicycles were not permitted on trains on this tunneled section of the central line for safety reasons, he became abusive.

Staff offered him alternative travel options including the storage of his bicycle until he could return to collect it, but he became racially abusive and staff retreated to the safety of the supervisor's office and called the British Transport Police. Central Line Neighbourhood Policing Team officers were already on a train patrol nearby and were able to quickly attend.

The man was promptly arrested for this offence and during later interview admitted the abuse and was later found guilty at court. The station supervisor at Leyton said: "It was great that police were able to deal with this man as the racial comments made to staff were appalling."

Also, a regular ticket tout on the District line has been subject of a sustained period of proactive policing, leading to a successful court result.

Amir Hassan Amed had been

identified as a persistent tout at East Ham by staff. The NPT led plain clothes operations and Ahmed was arrested on several occasions by both NPT and Neighbourhood Support Team officers. As well as touting he was also arrested for a serious violent crime by Metropolitan Police.

PC Shumon Miah said: "Ahmed is a prolific offender at a station notorious for this offence. The positive action meant we were able to get him to court where he received a 12 month conditional discharge.

"This is not the end of the matter however as he is to appear at Crown Court for the other offence, where we also intend to pursue an Anti-Social Behaviour Order application for touting."

High visibility train patrols

Central Line NPT officers will be increasing the number of high visibility train and station patrols in the run up to the Christmas and New Year.

Sergeant John Sanderson said: "These patrols are to reassure staff and passengers, particularly during the evenings, and to deter and deal with those people whose behaviour deteriorates to the point where acts of violence are committed, often under the influence of alcohol."

Similar patrols last year proved successful.

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Epping patrols deter cycle thieves

Joint operations were mounted throughout the summer and autumn by officers of the Central Line East NPT, station staff and car park attendants to deter would be cycle thieves.

There had been a rise in the number of cycles being stolen and officers were determined to reverse this trend. They enlisted the help of staff at the station to increase the number of visits made to cycle racks and the car park attendants who have a clear view of this area from their booth.

Officers also made frequent visits throughout the day and evenings, offering cycle security advice to cyclists.

Sergeant John Sanderson said: "This initiative has been a successful example of a partnership approach as there have been no further reports of cycle theft on our patch."

Visit to Sikh temple

Central line NPT officers recently attended the Gurdwara Sikh Sangat Temple in Leyton as part of London Faith Week.

A tour of the temple was made and delicacies sampled which had been prepared in the temple. Officers saw at first hand the great extent to which the temple is part of Sikh daily life.

PC Paul Barten said: "I found it very interesting to see how this community use the temple as part of their routine with Sikhs praying, meeting and eating together daily."

Officers hope to call in again soon at the temple to maintain contact with this community.

Persistence pays off for NPT

Officers from the District Line NPT had a recent success, arresting a man responsible for several months of harassment and threats towards a member of staff at Upton Park.

Kamil Pisarek began in July, threatening to shoot a Customer Service Assistant and making gun gestures towards him.

Identical incidents followed over the next few months, which left the victim feeling intimidated and

harassed. A routine stop of Pisarek by LU revenue officers led to his details being obtained which was passed onto the NPT and he was arrested.

Pisarek was charged with two public order offences and also been issued with a protection from harassment warning.

Arresting officer PC Shumon Miah said: "This was a really good result and a good example of partnership working achieving results."

A grand day out for scouts

The Jubilee Line NPT's work with Canary Wharf management and Laindon 1st Scouts Group culminated recently in the delivery and presentation of high visibility vests for the scouts, sponsored by Canary Wharf.

Having worked hard to organise the supply of the vests over several months, PCSO Richard Hymns then organised a special day out for the scouts.

The day began with the presentation of the vests and a presentation of a plaque from the scouts to Canary Wharf. A buggy journey around Canary Wharf estate followed but the highlight had to be a thrilling power boat trip along the Thames to HMS Belfast and back.

The scouts were brought back to West Ham BTP station where judging took place for a poster competition, devised by PCSO Hymns, in which the scouts

had designed posters highlighting the dangers to children of messing around on the railway.

The winners of the competition will be treated to VIP days with both BTP and LU. PCSO Hymns said "The whole day was fantastic and worth all the effort. I look forward to many events."



Indecency suspect caught

A successful conviction of a man responsible for several incidents of indecency was secured recently by the District Line East NPT.

Farhan Abdi exposed himself on two separate occasions on the Tube in earlier this year. One victim was a member of staff at Plaistow and one was a member of the public. Both gave good statements which assisted the NPT.

With the assistance of enquiries officer Nick Alexander, the NPT managed to obtain suspect details and arrest him at his care home. Abdi was found guilty and received four months in prison and 10 years on Sex Offenders' Register.

PC Alexander said "This result is reward for many weeks of hard work by both NPT and enquiries teams."