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## Wirral neighbourhood team branches out in Dibbinsdale

Officers from the Wirral NPT got in touch with nature recently when they lent a hand at Dibbinsdale Nature Reserve.

The reserve, a wooded area near to Bromborough Rake rail station, has been targeted by vandals who have set fire to the trees.

The youths have also used the woodland as an area to drink alcohol and have caused further damage and dropped litter.

Volunteers from the NPT joined two park rangers and colleagues from Merseyrail to address many of the

problems in a bid to return Dibbinsdale to its natural state.

Inspector Lorna McEwan said: “What should have been a valuable community resource had been severely damaged by the actions of a mindless few.

“As a neighbourhood team we are committed to helping those within our communities and this woodland work is a prime example of the good we can achieve away from the railway.

“We will continue to seek ways in which we can assist both our rail colleagues and our wider community.”



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## Car theft prevention

Car thieves are operating across the NPT Area, but motorists can protect themselves against car crime:

Keep valuables and possessions safe – don't leave anything on display in your car. Even an old coat on the back seat is a temptation for someone to 'smash and grab'!

Take all valuables out of the car or lock them in the boot. Also, never leave mail on display as it is a popular target for identity thieves.

## Sun sets on Beachsafe

Operation Beachsafe continued at West Kirby throughout the summer.

With the poor weather in August the number of youths in the area was lower than expected, but our officers continued to patrol the area to target anti-social behaviour and provide reassurance to rail users and local people.

## Local policing priorities: What has the team been doing?

Officers from the Wirral Neighbourhood Policing Team have experienced a busy summer with activity across the patch.

We have also looked into many of the issues raised by local people.

**YOU SAID:** Can you have more of a presence at Upton rail station?

**WE DID:** We paid regular visits during the evenings to Upton rail station and spoken to local outlets supplying alcohol.

During the current school term our officers will be visiting local schools and explaining that anti-social behaviour on the railway will not be tolerated.

We have already carried out work with Merseyside Police to deter groups who gather near to the station.

**YOU SAID:** Can we have more reassurance around Birkenhead North rail station.

**WE DID:** We have increased the high visibility on-train patrols between Hamilton Square and Birkenhead North.



As a result of this work our officers have arrested four people at Birkenhead North for assaults and other public order offences – they are currently under further investigation.

Further to these arrests other people have been dealt with for drugs and ticket offences.

To determine what further work can be done to satisfy local people the Neighbourhood Policing Team carried out five surgeries throughout August, two at Ellesmere Port and one each at Wallasey Village, Wallasey Grove and Conway Park.

## Forthcoming events and surgeries

**Liverpool Police Station, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool:** Police and Communities Together, 28 September – 10am

**Bebington Rail Station, Old Chester Road, Wirral:** NPT Surgery, 27 September – 10am

**Liverpool Police Station, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool:** Police and Communities Together, 26 October – 10am

## Your Neighbourhood Policing Team

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