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Anti-social behaviour at forefront of NPT activity

On Tuesday, 15 March 2011 Wirral Neighbourhood Policing Team visited Willaston Primary School and conducted a ‘railway safety’ initiative day.

The children were shown a DVD cartoon which pin-pointed the hazards of the railway and going off with strangers.

The children were then given the opportunity to ‘dress up’ in police uniforms which had been purchased upon the suggestion of PC Wendy Simpson.

The Wirral NPT is currently working

on a number of pre planned operations designed to tackle instances of anti-social behaviour and ticketless travel at Birkenhead town centre stations, particularly late in the evening.

To this end the operations will take place on the 18 and 19 of March, and 1, 5 and 23 April using the purpose built and portable metal detecting arch.

Sergeant Geoffrey Robinson said: “We are committed to working with the local community and the rail industry to make Wirral’s railway as safe as possible.”



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Crime reduction

Keep all valuables out of sight when leaving cars unattended.

That's the message from the Wirral NPT which is looking to reduce the number of thefts from vehicles in the next few months.

Sat Navs and mobile phones should be hidden from view or removed from any vehicles altogether to avoid unwanted attention from opportunist thieves.

NPT tackles truancy

The Wirral NPT is gearing up to tackle truancy in the area.

During April the team will work with Merseyside Police and the Local Education Authority to watch out for youngsters skipping school.

Sergeant Robinson said: "Police and local authorities take a dim view of any children who miss school without a valid reason.

"On the railway these children often travel without tickets and cause a nuisance to other rail users."

Local policing priorities: What has the team been doing?

YOU SAID: Can you show more of a presence from Green Lane towards Eastham Rake and Ellesmere Port.?

WE DID: Regular train patrols carried out. Station checks carried out. Staff spoken to re welfare and provide reassurance.

We have also worked closely with our colleagues from Birkenhead Police Station as part of their anti-burglary initiative.

Ellesmere Port Station was recently awarded "Best Kept Station" by Merseyrail which is a great achievement for the local area.

YOU SAID: We often feel intimidated and uncomfortable when travelling on late night trains in the area. What are you doing about this?

WE DID: We increased our reassurance uniformed patrols in order to disrupt, detect and deter instances of anti-social behaviour.

Numerous people have been reported for offences ranging from ticketless travel to possession of controlled drugs.

YOU SAID: We have noticed a lot of anti-social behaviour taking place at Conway Park, Birkenhead and Liverpool Central. What is being done?



WE DID: We carried out a multi-agency operation using the Operation Shield mobile metal detecting arch, to search and screen passengers for knives, blades or other sharp implements.

We were joined by Revenue Protection Inspectors, a passive drugs detecting dog and handler.

The operation was a huge success with numerous detections for illegal substances and offenders reported or cautioned for travel fraud and ticketless travel offences. We will continue to act on information and intelligence gather from the community.

Forthcoming events And surgeries

The Wirral NPT continues to engage with schoolchildren in the area via special events held at Tranmere Rovers FC. Forthcoming dates and schools involved are:

25 March 2011 – St Josephs, Birkenhead
27 June 2011 – Brackenwood Primary School
1 July 2011 – St John's Primary School

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