



Neighbourhood Policing update

District line

Autumn - Winter 2011



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Stalker charged

A man has been arrested and charged with Section 4A of the Public Order act after following three young girls while they travelled on the network.

The girls, one aged 15 and the other two 13, were one their way to Shoreditch for a school photography project and had been followed since boarding a train at Catford railway station.

The man (20) had followed the girls for two hours before the eldest girl called police at Whitechappel station. PCs Dan Morris and Leon Thebith responded within five minutes of receiving the report and arrived where the offender and victims were present.

The offender was arrested and admitted following the elder of the three girls. He was later charged and issued a harassment warning.

Preparing children for their school journeys

PC Chris Nicolaou recently ran a number of Travel Safe days in partnership with the Metropolitan Police, Local Council, London Fire Brigade and the London Ambulance service with various schools from Richmond upon Thames at Bushy Park.



The visit was designed to prepare the children, who were all aged 10 and 11, for their first journeys to secondary school.

The sessions included role plays and a mock-up train and bus to help make the scenario real and assist in teaching them.

Chris said: "I found the experience really fun, useful and rewarding. The feedback we received from the organisers and the children made it all worthwhile and I'm already looking forward to doing it again next year."

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Tracking down graffiti vandals

Two teenage boys have been arrested for graffiti offences on the line.

BTP officers were recently alerted to two youths on the track near Park Road, nearest to Upton Park and East Ham stations. Officers attended quickly and asked for the assistance of the Air Support Unit that took off from Lippets Hill.

One person was spotted on the tracks towards East Ham whilst the second ran off into nearby gardens. Officers were given directions by the Air Support Unit and managed to track them down.

Both were carrying ruck-sacks containing a number of spray cans. It is believed that they had been spraying their tags on the bridges between both stations.

Searching their homes revealed a portfolio of graffiti, as a result of which they are believed to be responsible for a great deal of line side graffiti.

Both boys aged 16 were arrested and are being investigated further.

Upcoming meetings

Police And Communities Together (PACT)

PACT meetings are a chance for staff, retailers, the public and any interested person to air their views and concerns and influence what officers focus on over the coming months.

District Line West NPT:

11 January at Hammersmith BTP Police station at 2pm

District Line Centre NPT:

8 March at Aldgate BTP Police station at 1pm

District Line East NPT:

11 January at Eastham station at 3pm

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Rugby lessons area a Hitz with the kids

PCSO John Isaacs (pictured right) uses the ethos of rugby being a disciplined sport to keep teenagers out of trouble.

And he's even shown off his group of youngsters to a packed house at Twickenham stadium.

The District line NPT officer – based at Aldgate – has been running the initiative called Hitz, which offers weekly rugby sessions to teenagers at threat of exclusion from school and anti-social behaviour.



“It’s about giving them a fun game to play that teaches decent sportsmanship and keeps them focused,” said John.

“It’s the best way to break down barriers between the community and the police.”

The teenagers enjoyed a trip to Twickenham for the Premiership rugby curtain raiser, the London Double Header, where two back-to-back matches were contested by London teams.

A ‘joint’ arrest

PC Alom Uddin and PCSO Max Whiteley were on patrol at Bromley-by-Bow station when they noticed a young man walk past them with what appeared to be a roll-up paper containing cannabis.

When stopped and questioned, the man said it was a cigarette. Yet, still suspicious, the officers searched him finding a large amount of cannabis and some scales.

He was subsequently arrested for possession of cannabis with intent to supply.

A later search of his home address revealed that he was actually growing the substance in his home. He was then further arrested for possession and cultivation of cannabis.

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