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South Sector
Neighbourhood Policing Team
PACT Meeting Minutes



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Date:	03 June 2011
Location:	Frenchgate Shopping Centre

1. PRESENT:

PS Stephanie Reynolds	British Transport Police	SR
PCSO Mark Hunt	British Transport Police	MH
PCSO Jade Snaith	British Transport Police	JS
Chris Stevens	East Coast Duty Station manager	AH
Kevin White	East Coast Retford	KW
Tony Connington	East Coast Newark Northgate	TC
Joe Harrigan	Frenchgate Security Manager	JH
Mark Artley	South Yorkshire PCSO	MH

Welcome to members

All members were welcomed to the meeting and an overview of what the team has been doing over the period since the last PACT was outlined. This includes cycle theft patrols, Newark car park patrols and enforcement and MACS week at Retford Fire station.

PSP Overview

Newark Parking

SR Regarding parking problems at Newark Northgate joint patrols have been carried out between East Coast Car Parking Attendants and BTP officers, tickets and fines have been issued to offenders.

TC We have two large posters printed and available and we will be displaying these in the problematic area warning drivers that the area is a pick up point only.

SR It was mentioned that the current wording on the poster is slightly ambiguous. It states that a driver has a waiting time at the pick up point of five minutes. This will

be impossible to police during busy periods and Chris and Tony were asked if they could please re consider the wording.

- SR Staff at Newark were asked whether or not the PSP was currently serving its purpose. They were asked if they would like the team to continue enforcing the PSP or whether it was time to close it completely.
- TC Stated that the PSP is achieving results and more drivers are now aware of the situation, he would like us to continue with the enforcement for a further 8 weeks.
- SR More enforcement patrols will go ahead and more joint operations between East Coast and BTP will go ahead and results will be discussed at the next PACT meeting.

Cycle Theft Doncaster

- SR Since the PSP for cycle thefts has been opened there have only been three thefts in total and during the past two months there have been no reported thefts at all. The area has been patrolled almost every day by the NPT since the PSP has been open, and has clearly shown results, we would like to close the PSP if all parties agree with the action.
- CS Agreed that the cycle theft numbers had de-creased and was happy for us to close to the PSP.

Action: Cycle theft PSP to be closed

- MA Although cycle thefts may have ceased at the station SYP have noticed a significant increase in the city centre, approximately 100 in a 3 days. This is something to consider when the PSP is closed at the station.

Previous Actions

- SR In relation to the movement of a camera or installation of additional cameras regarding cycle theft coverage contact has been made with the Senior Analyst Gavin Bell who raised this issue at the last Tactical meeting where it was decided not to adjust or add additional cameras at this time. If the problem persists Gavin will raise it again at the next meeting. SR to discuss this with Gavin prior to the next Tactical meeting.

Action: Carried over to the next meeting.

- SR At the last PACT meeting it was discussed that the use of a knife arch could be used to stop damage being carried out to Frenchgate property. SYP are carrying out some knife arch operations in the future months and BTP will assist with any dates that the team are available.

Action: Knife arch dates to be confirmed.

- JS Regarding street drinking in the city centre and at the station Mark has emailed JS with all the relevant information needed. Individuals will now be monitored when in the station area.
- SR An intelligence report has been submitted regarding individuals begging in the station area.
- CS Stated there had not been any more reported incidents of begging on the station platforms and station concourse area.
- JS Asked if all East Coast staff could please ensure that all reports regarding begging are passed to BTP as they arise so the issue can be monitored.

New matters arising

- CS Within the past week three bike thefts have occurred at Retford station.
- KW Two males entered the station together and a few minutes later left the station on two stolen bikes. The following day one of the same individuals stole another bike from the same place.
- SR At the moment these crimes are being investigated but the situation will be monitored. Although it may be difficult to patrol as there is no exact time or date when the thefts are occurring. Consideration to be given to writing a PSP depending on whether any further thefts occur.

Action: PCSO'S to plan regular visits to Retford Station.

Action: PCSO'S to liaise with Nottinghamshire police regarding cycle thefts and offenders in the local area for any useful information or intelligence.

- JS David Ford who could not be at the meeting due to other commitments asked to raise the issue that a large number of gypsy travellers were causing problems on a Sunday in the Interchange by causing anti-social behaviour and general low level disruption.
- JH there have been similar issues with the same groups causing problems in the Frenchgate on Sunday afternoons, mops taken from cleaners, water spilt and general low level bad behaviour etc.
- JS This issue is quite new to the team as we have not encountered any issues on the rail network regarding the travelling community.
- CS Also stated that at Doncaster station there have been no problems reported by staff regarding problems with the travelling community.
- SR The issue was raised regarding the new wall at the bottom of the Frenchgate centre

stairs as it now acts as an obstruction and view is restricted from inside or outside the Frenchgate centre.

- JH Informed the group that the wall has been built by the building tenants in order to retain heat in the food court area. It was said that there are two cameras situated close to the new wall and ensured us that coverage of these areas will still be available.
- SR Gave a brief overview about a new scheme called City Safe Haven which is linked to reducing knife crime. It is an opportunity for local shops and businesses within the area to partake in a scheme which helps young people. The scheme allows the shop to follow a specific protocol if young person is being chased or attacked. The shop will lock the doors and allow that person a place of safety and will ring parents and inform the police of the situation. City Safe Haven was set up by the Jimmy Mizen Foundation which was set up after the tragic death of Jimmy who was murdered in a bakery in South London in 2008.
- JH Agreed that this scheme is a very good idea for Doncaster and we will try to roll this out to shops in the Frenchgate centre too which could be part of the initial phase. This is already being carried out in selective shops such as 'Arden news' on the food court albeit, there is no formal procedure so the City Safe Haven Scheme will fit in will with the good citizenship of local retailers.
- CS Also agreed that this was a good idea that it should be used in the shops on Doncaster station.
- SR Tesco situated behind the interchange and station area has already been contacted in relation to this and has agreed to take part in the scheme. Any shops or establishments that participate will hopefully benefit by positive publicity for their business and wider coverage of the scheme will enhance the safety of local young people. Anyone taking part will display a poster in the shop window clearly identifying that this shop is part of the 'City Safe Haven Scheme'.
- Action:** Literature regarding 'Safe Haven' sent to both parties.
- MH Another issue has been raised by the staff at Retford. A teenage boy was present in the toilets when a middle aged man also present in the toilets made a lewd comment towards to him.
- SR This incident was reported and is being investigated but the area will be monitored and staff must ensure all reports are forwarded to BTP.
- CS Stated that Doncaster station will be extremely busy next month as it is the ST. Ledger race meeting and they may need extra resources. He will be attending a meeting next week with Sergeant Mick Dawes (Doncaster beat sergeant) in relation to this.

Everyone was thanked for attending the meeting.

The next meeting will take place on 28th September 2011

NEW ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING			
REF/ITEM	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE
1	Cycle theft Doncaster PSP to be closed	PS Reynolds	ASAP
2	Installation or movement of existing camera at Doncaster station to be raised at TAC Meeting for further consideration as it would still be of benefit for more coverage at the cycle rack. (carried forward)	Gavin Bell (Senior Analyst)	ASAP
3	Liaise with South Yorkshire police to confirm knife arch dates for Doncaster.	PS Reynolds	ASAP
4	Plan extra patrols to Retford Station regarding recent bicycle thefts.	PCSO Snaith	ASAP
5	Liaise with Nottinghamshire police in regard to cycle offenders in their area (cycle thefts at Retford Station).	PCSO Snaith	ASAP
6	Literature regarding 'City Safe Haven' forwarded to Joe Harrigan and Chris Stevens. Project to be progressed by PS Reynolds.	PS Reynolds	