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## ASBO success against Selwyn Wright but more work to be done

After months of hard work and endeavour by PC Lisa Hoskins and the Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) team, Selwyn Wright, persistent nuisance on the Northern Line, has been banned from three London Underground lines.

At a post conviction ASBO hearing, PC Hoskins from the Northern Line Neighbourhood Policing Team and ASB and Problem Solving Coordinator PC Kelly Vincent made an application to have Mr Wright's original ASBO conditions changed.

The judge accepted the request based on the volume of evidence provided by the team, all of which related to the intelligence and evidence of his offending at stations.

Mr Wright is now banned from entering or traveling from or on any Northern, Victoria or Piccadilly line train or station.

He is also banned from being in possession of any London Underground ticket other than his Freedom Pass.

However, following an early release from custody for a number of offences, Mr Wright was seen by staff on two occasions breaching the new terms of his ASBO.

PC Lisa Hoskins was in charge of the investigation into the breach of ASBO and PC Nev Halil arrested Mr Wright.

At the time of writing Mr Wright has been charged with both incidents and is remanded in custody awaiting a court appearance.



The team is encouraging any staff member who sees Mr Wright breaching the conditions of his ASBO to contact us so we are able to take immediate action.

The Northern Line North NPT can be contacted on 07850 235 832.

The Piccadilly Line North NPT can be contacted on 07850 232 304.

The Victoria Line North NPT can be contacted on 07850 233 920.



0800 40 50 40 or visit [www.btp.police.uk](http://www.btp.police.uk)

## Back to college for the Victoria and Piccadilly Line North NPTs

PCSO Jim McIvor and the Victoria Line North NPT have been busy targeting all types of crime and incidents on the London Underground during the Christmas season.

PCSO McIvor has been focusing on students from London colleges by performing community engagements at the Emily Bowes Court Student accommodation.

This provides accommodation to students that have arrived from all over the world for further education at London universities. PCSO McIvor has provided invaluable lessons to students with topics including cycle security, theft and pickpocket offences, mobile phone security, and the drinking ban on TfL services London-wide.

He's also hoping that these meetings will be further supported with generic crime prevention emails being provided to all students via the Emily Bowes online facilities.

The Crime Prevention officers in the Community Safety Unit have also been providing common sense suggestions and advice to allow students to live and travel safely while in London.

To support PCSO McIvor's efforts PC Alfred Iswa, PC Matthew Shepherd and PC Bill Suleyman of the Piccadilly Line North NPT have been busy introducing themselves to the freshmen students at the London Metropolitan University in Holloway Road (see the opposite page).

Local statistics show that students account for 20% of all victims of crime in the local area and with the holiday season fast approaching there is never a better time for students to learn how to party safely using public transport.

## Hub Team get hands on to keep hands off

When a report of a male acting in suspicious manner on a train at Finsbury Park was broadcast, Hub Team officers sprung into action.

Hub Team officers are dedicated to Finsbury Park as it's a busy transport hub and Sergeant Steve Morrison was first on scene.

He soon located the male who was arrested for outraging public decency. A search uncovered an amount of white powder and the man was further arrested for drugs offences.

The male was taken to Central London Police Station where he

was dealt with by the Prisoner Handling Team. The man admitted the offence of outraging public decency admitted possessing cocaine.

He was cautioned for both offences.

PS Morrison said: "This arrest shows the Hub Team is working hard to keep the station safe.

"It also sends a message to those who want to use the Tube system for nefarious means – we will find you and deal with you to the full extent of the law."

## Working in partnership to make Old Street a better station

Partnership work between the Northern Line North Neighbourhood Policing Team, the Metropolitan Police, Transport for London and Islington Council has seen three persistent beggars at Old Street issued with Anti-Social Behaviour Orders.

As part of one of the team's Problem Solving Plans (PSP) to improve the quality of life in and around the station, ASBOs were identified as a key tool in preventing the main offenders from continuing their ways.

The team has proved true to their word by obtaining three ASBOs. Anthony Hollingsworth, David Lauria and Wayne Neary have been made subject to the orders which prevent them from attending Old Street station, being in the subways or roundabout at the location or from exiting any train or Underground train at the station.

So far the conditions have proved successful with none of the three offenders being seen at Old Street since they were put in place.

The team continues to use all tools in its armoury to tackle begging and anti-social behavior and have some large scale operations planned in the coming weeks.



# Crime prevention at Met Uni

Officers from the Piccadilly Line North NPT are hoping that the personal touch worked well after their first crime prevention event at the London Metropolitan University in Holloway Road.

The event took place in the entrance hall of the Tower campus, opposite Holloway Road Underground station on Friday 5 November.

It was aimed at raising awareness of the potential risks of travelling

on the Underground, particularly personal safety and theft. A dip sample of crime figures from this time last year show approximately twenty percent of victims of theft from person offences gave their occupation as 'student'.

Through speaking with students and lecturers, and giving out crime prevention information, police officers were able to make Tube passengers more aware of the dangers when travelling, especially when alone or intoxicated, or both.



Pictured is PC Matthew Shepherd

## NPT working in partnership with RPOs in a joint operation

When Finsbury Park Hub Team officers assisted Revenue Protection Officers (RPOs) it soon turned into a busy day.

Within a 45 minute period three people were arrested. One for a drugs and weapons offence, and the other two for theft offences, including one of high value.

One person was charged to attend Highbury Magistrates' Court with the offences of possession of a controlled substance and bladed article.

One of the people arrested for theft received a caution while the other was bailed for further enquiries by the Prisoner Handling Team after a house search was conducted.

Due to the success of what was meant to be simply lending assistance to the revenue officers from London Underground, further operations are in the pipeline.

Offenders at Finsbury Park beware.

## Solid start to Christmas patrols

The Northern Line North Neighbourhood Policing Team started its Christmas early this year.

The team changed its late turn shifts over the festive period to work until 1am, providing even more cover and visibility during the times when people are leaving licensed establishments and entering the system.

As the Christmas festivities begin earlier and earlier each year, the team has matched this and staff can expect to see the team out on patrol later into the nights over the Christmas period.

'Party stations', those stations with large amounts of drinking establishments nearby, will be the key hotspots for officers to patrol. Officers will deal with anti-social behaviour and alcohol related offences as people enter the system at stations such as Camden Town and Angel, meaning the likelihood of drink-related violence offences further into the system is greatly reduced.

The team has had this tactic in play for a few weeks already and during that time there have been no violence against the person offences reported.



## Safe havens for Finsbury

When members of St Mellitus Church visited Finsbury Park BTP station they invited the Hub Team to a meeting chaired by the parents of Jimmy Mizen regarding Safe Havens. The team accepted straight away.

On Saturday 23 October Sergeant Steve Morrison and PCs Desreen Wright and Ron Davis, along with members of the Metropolitan Police's Safer Transport Team and the local community, met at the church. Barry Mizen spoke about the events leading up to Jimmy's tragic death two years ago when he was killed in an attack outside a bakery.

The Safe Haven scheme was set up after his death and is an idea where local businesses are designated a haven where those in danger from youth violence can escape their attackers, shelter safely and await police assistance.

After the speech the floor was opened up to questions for Barry on the problems of youth violence.

Following on from the meeting the Hub Team is looking into the possibility of setting up a safe haven at Finsbury Park BTP station. Watch this space to see how this develops.

## CSA Monty and PC Iswa get good result at court for Piccadilly Line North NPT

PC Alfred Iswa of the Piccadilly Line North NPT has chalked up yet another successful conviction after making a speedy arrest following an incident onboard a Victoria line train between Tottenham Hale and Finsbury Park stations during the morning rush hour.

The attack occurred on Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010. The victim of the attack had been sitting down when his attacker sat next to him. The two men had a verbal altercation over 'leg room' which concluded with Mr Nicolaou punching the victim in the head.

The victim pulled the Passenger Emergency Alarm as the train pulled into Finsbury Park, where he was assisted by CSA David 'Monty' Montanarini. PC Iswa was on the scene in moments, and swiftly arrested Nicolaou. PC Iswa said, "This is a fair result for a man who unnecessarily attacked a fellow traveller, and should be seen as a warning for anyone who thinks this kind of behaviour is acceptable. There is no place for violence on the London Underground".

The offender was found guilty of Common Assault at City of London Magistrates Court. Ilias Nicolaou, 31, of Chesunt, Herts, must now pay a fine of £800, as well as costs of £615.

## Dangerous man Harringay Online

While policing the football crowds at Finsbury Park station, Hub Team PCs Neil White and Ron Davis received a report of a man armed with a samurai sword.

A witness saw a man waving it around and walking up and down a train heading towards the station.

Taking immediate action the pair made their way to the platform, where they were joined by dog handler PC Enzo Silvestro.

The train arrived and was held with the doors closed to prevent the suspect from escaping and the officers searched the train.

The found the man, arrested him, and once he had been taken to a secure area, PC Davis searched the area and found the man's sword hidden under a seat.

The man was taken to Central London Police Station to be charged and is due in court on soon.

Officers from the Piccadilly Line Neighbourhood Policing Team have been making good use of the Harringay Online social networking site ([www.harringayonline.com](http://www.harringayonline.com)) to engage with the community.

Recent discussions have included stairs closures at Finsbury Park, advice regarding the Tube strike, and a long discussion on photography on the Underground.

Being members of the site has also raised BTP's profile with other members of the community and has identified victims of crime who otherwise would not have come to our attention.

The team is now active on two other community websites: [www.bowesandbounds.org](http://www.bowesandbounds.org), and [www.islingtonpeople.co.uk](http://www.islingtonpeople.co.uk).

These sites are also being used to engage with the community and raise the profile of BTP.