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## The Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

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## Meeting the community

The Heathrow Neighbourhood Policing Teams have been out and about meeting their community – both staff and passengers.

At the end of summer PCSO Alan Mackenzie and Special Police Constable Chris Smith-Moorhouse from the Piccadilly Line North West NPT, aided by PC Keith Jarrett and the British Transport Police Command Unit, took part in the London Mela held in Gunnersbury Park just a few minutes walk from Acton Town Underground Station.

PCSO Mackenzie said: “This was a great day with great weather and it helped us to reach Asian communities not just in Ealing but all over London.”

The event attracted around 80,000 people through the day and there was further surprise for the officers when the London Mayor’s transport advisor Kulveer Ranger (pictured) turned up and commented that it’s great to see BTP represented by a PCSO and a SPC showing what depth BTP has.

On the day several members of public

passed their details to join BTP’s Independent Advisory Network and while PCSO Mackenzie and SPC Smith-Moorhouse were at the event other officers from the Neighbourhood Support Team took to Acton Town in Hi visibility Patrols to deter any crime from occurring.

## Brentford festival

PCSO Mackenzie and PC Jeff Woods attended the Brentford Festival in Boston Manor Park near Boston Manor Tube station where they made a real impact.

PC Woods found a stolen moped and aided the local Metropolitan Police with its enquires. He said: “I got that instinct from my days in the Parks Constabulary and never forgot it.”

Later on PC Leah Best from the Neighbourhood Support Team helped a mother who had lost her child. He said: “Its great when we help out in the community and its wonderful to reunite mother and son.

PCSO Mackenzie, who was giving talks to young children using the police van, said: “This was a really great day for both us and the community.

“We also gave out a load of information to people wanting to become special constables.”



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# Focus on Acton Town

• After recent Partners And Communities Together (PACT) meetings, the Piccadilly Line North West NPT has taken a zero tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour at Acton Town, with a host of uniformed and plain clothed operations.

Since the introduction of the Problem Solving Plan, four people have been reported for ASB offences and 14 caught by LU revenue inspectors for fare evasion. PC Zak Gough said: "Since September we have spent a lot more time at Acton Town especially during the weekends and the results show staff have commented to me that they now feel much safer around the station."

• PCSO Alan Mackenzie attended Acton Town Depot Museum recently where they were having an open day for families.

He assisted the TfL Safety and Citizenship team speaking to kids with regards to railway safety. He said: "It's great to take part and work with TfL on this as it's a real chance to meet youngsters and talk to them about the railway and the police."

Later on PC Jeff Woods and PCSO Jordan Guihen attended with a police van which proved a hit with the youngsters. PC Gough stated: "It's great to work with kids and is such a bonus to capture the imagination of them. It's a real joy."

• PCs Zak Gough and Jeff Woods along with PCSO Alan Mackenzie and PCSO Jordan Guihen attended Acton Town station to meet station staff, and in particular the train operators who don't see BTP officers as often as station staff.

The event was covered by *On the Move* – the internal magazine for London Underground – which said its great to see BTP making a real effort to reach all corners of the Underground. PC Gough said: "This is great work by the team and I am proud to be working on this group."

## Piccadilly crime prevention

Officers from the Piccadilly Line West Neighbourhood Policing Team have been setting up stands at their stations during peak travel times to give out crime prevention advice to commuters, tourists and station staff.

The advice given varied from safety when travelling on the Underground to how to prevent theft from cars. The officers also handed out crime prevention leaflets while carrying out train patrols on the Piccadilly line

The areas covered included Heathrow Airport terminals where tourists arriving into the country might not be aware of the potential threat to their luggage and valuables. The advice given out will potentially reduce the number of crimes committed on the Underground and thus making the tourists stay in London a good experience.

While conducting these crime prevention sessions it also gave people the opportunity to talk to officers about any problems that they encounter during their travels.

PC Scott Bezzant said: "This gives us a chance to engage with the different community groups within the travelling public."



## Meeting the team at Acton

A Meet the Team day at Acton Town held recently led to some good suggestions from several train operators on how BTP and LU can work together.

- Encourage NPT officers to ride in the front cab with drivers
- At Acton Town during times when the service is disrupted, officers could stand with them to give support
- Encourage drivers that they can speak to officers anytime and feel free to report what they see

Station staff and also commented how much safer they feel at the station since the team has stepped up our patrols.

It was all in all a very productive day for both the NPT, staff and the public who were very open with the team and a lot of comments suggested they should do this more often. Check out the BTP website for further dates.

## Recent results and events

Jeremy Parker received a three-year Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) preventing him from travelling or loitering between Acton Town and Heathrow Terminal 5 stations on the Piccadilly line. It also prevents him from having an open container of alcohol or loitering at any other station on the London Underground network.

**PC Mark Hunter recently stopped a man at Acton Town for ticket irregularity. He was then arrested for possession of drugs with intent to supply. He received 20 week imprisonment.**

Closure of the Piccadilly line in November between Hammersmith and Northfields and Hammersmith and Ealing Common caused a huge congestion problem at Osterley as they had bus replacements.

The Heathrow NPT attended and assisted staff to reduce any disorder. The team received excellent feedback from the DSMs.