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Chinese New Year

The Chinese New Year event takes place on Newcastle's Stowell Street every year. This year's event took place on Sunday 6th February 2011.

The event hosts a variety of different stall holders as well as entertainment acts, fun fairs and a procession running through that particular part of the city.

This year we welcomed in the year of the Rabbit and British Transport Police (BTP) held a stall at the event. The stall was popular with visitors despite the typical damp North East weather.

On the day officers distributed some general information about the force as well as offering general crime prevention advice and tips on improving personal safety whilst travelling on the Rail Network. They also gave out goodies containing the BTP logo which always prove popular and by offering crayons and pictures to children; officers were able to get the younger visitors to engage with them.

The stall was popular with both officers and members of the public- plenty of enquiries with people wanting to join the force either as Special Constables/ PCSOs and Police Officers.

All in all a very successful day

Police and Community Together (PACT) Meeting

PACT meetings are public meetings and I would encourage your attendance at the next PACT meeting, which is 12th April in York, 13th April in Doncaster and 14th April in Newcastle.

Even if you just come along to find out if you can contribute to the PACT process or not. At the end of the day, it's your opportunity to be part of the problem solving process – the police don't have all the answers but hopefully together we can make a difference.



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Op Connection

The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) started Op Connection in Darlington on 6th December 2010.

We will be personally meeting every member of front line rail staff along the East Coast Mainline to discuss and provide support regarding personal safety and issues they may have face in the workplace.

We are collating the staffs comments and results, which will then be used to improve how we currently work.

If staff would like any additional advice about personal safety and crime prevention, would like to comment on Operation Connection or provide information please email ecml.npt@btp.pnn.police.uk



Operation Spoke



On February 24th & 25th 2011 the East Coast Main Line (ECML) NPT conducted another couple of day's cycle marking.

Op Spoke is a joint effort with North Yorkshire Police to crack down on cycle thefts.

Over 60 bikes were UV Marked and tagged over the two day period and still more people are hearing about the event and are asking for their bike to marked.

There are periodic Op Spoke days throughout the year, keep an eye out for the posters advertising when our next day will be (they get placed at either end of the Cycle racks) or alternatively email us at; ecml.npt@btp.pnn.police.uk

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Cycle Tagging Doncaster

On February 9th & 11th East Coast Main Line (ECML) Neighbourhood Policing Team carried out cycle tagging at Doncaster Railway Station.

Throughout the two days we provided a free cycle tagging and UV marking for persons using the station. Crime prevention advice was also given and leaflets were handed out. The staff at the station were supportive of the event, they informed the public and encouraged them to get involved.

Any future cycle tagging events held at this location will be advertised at the station.

Onboard Crime prevention advice

During February officers worked in partnership with BTP London North to patrol trains travelling into Kings Cross and out bound.

Whilst onboard the train's members of the public were spoken to and offered crime prevention advice. Personal items were UV security marked and the operation appeared to be well accepted. Members of the public engaged with the British Transport Police during this event and encouraged police involvement.

We were overwhelmed by the public involvement and enthusiasm that we intend to repeat these onboard workshops in the future.

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