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EDUCATION FIRST AS THE SAFETY MESSAGE IS TAKEN TO ALLOA'S YOUTH

Officers from BTP joined hundreds of local school children at the No Messin' campaign in Alloa from 23rd to 24th July

BTP Officers were joined by Central Scotland Police as well as Network Rail officials and representatives at the two day event. A group of youths from Newton – which has been identified as a route crime hotspot also attended.

The railway education event included rock wall climbing, scrambling, computer games, painting, dancing and football which proved a big hit with all those who attended.

Sergeant Billy Scott commented "Combining a safety message in a bright vibrant way is essential in getting a positive safety message across". The Stirling area became a neighbourhood Policing site in June this year.



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**SCOTTISH AREA
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING
TEAM**

Sunday 6th January 2008 marked the official launch of the Scottish Area Neighbourhood Policing. The Team consists of an Inspector one sergeant and ten constables supported by the Community Safety Department.

There are five identified neighbourhoods namely:

- Glasgow Central
- Glasgow Queen Street (including High Street to Charing Cross)
- Edinburgh Waverley
- Glasgow Subway
- Stirling

Each location has assigned officers who will be responsible for high profile patrols along with identifying and addressing the main areas of concern for the rail staff and travelling public alike.

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Help Us Help You is a system used to advise the police of incidents or problems that do not require immediate police attention or other matters that you believe may be of interest to the police.

The system is predominantly used by First Scotrail though has also recently been utilised by SPT on the Glasgow Subway to great effect. The Help Us Help You paper form provides the person submitting the form an easy to follow proforma to ensure that all the relevant information required is submitted to the Police. An in depth section pertaining to the detailed description of an offender has proved exceptionally useful to the Police.

A recent example of the usefulness of the system was in relation to a persistent fare evader at Glasgow Central Station. A detailed summary of the event as well as an accurate description lead quickly to the identification of the person responsible by the Neighbourhood Policing Team at Glasgow Central. The male was subsequently dealt with and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

The system is perfect for dealing with persistent problems that would not require you to call the Police immediately. Help Us Help You forms are available from your Neighbourhood Policing Teams or if you prefer please phone or text and leave a message and contact No on 07860935792. Should require further information on Help Us Help You please contact 01413359023.



IT'S THE LAW

Drunk and Incapable

The item of law featured in this edition of the news letter is that of being Drunk and Incapable. This legislation comes under sections 50(1) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

- (1) Any person who, while not in the care or protection of a suitable person, is, in a public place, drunk and incapable of taking care of himself shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

An all important aspect of the legislation is the distinction that it is not merely an offence to be drunk in a public place, the offence is only complete if the person is not with someone who is capable of looking after them whilst in an intoxicated state. If the person with them however is a child then this is another offence covered under the same legislation.

Objective	Annual Target	Linear Target	Result to Date	Notes
Route Crime – offences	268	113	118↑	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 149 offences by this time last year Currently achieving against seasonal target of 149 5 offences over linear target
Theft/Pass. Property – offences	395	167	193↓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 176 offences by this time last year Also failing against seasonal target of 176 26 offences over linear target
Violent Crime – detection rate	68%	68%	66%↑	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 106 offences, 70 detections to date 99 offences, 64 detections by this time last year 3 detections required
Hate Crime – detection rate	70%	70%	64.9% ↑	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 37 offences, 24 detections to date 27 offences, 16 detections by this time last year 2 detections required
Staff Assault – detection rate	64%	64%	70.8% ↔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 offences, 17 detections to date 63 offences, 41 detections by this time last year
Anti Social Behaviour – detections	1889	797	817↑	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 868 detections by this time last year Failing against seasonal target of 868 20 over (linear), 51 required (seasonal)
Graffiti – detections	65	27	25↔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 78 offences, 25 detections to date 118 offences, 34 detections by this time last year 2 detections required
Level Crossings – detections	87	37	49↑	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 76 offences, 49 detections to date 44 offences, 15 detections by this time last year Also achieving against seasonal target of 15
NP – offences	1432	604	631↓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 631 offences, 495 detections to date 638 offences, 524 detections by this time last year Currently failing against seasonal target of 625

Source – Data Warehouse

↑ ↓ ↔ improvement/decline/no change since last update

BTP AHEAD OF THE GAME ON GLASGOW SUBWAY

This week saw the launch of head-mounted cameras the Glasgow Subway Neighbourhood Police team will wear as they monitor crowds travelling to large scale events – particularly football matches.



The lightweight cameras can be attached to a headband, hat or uniform then connected to recording equipment strapped to the officers, which leaves their hands free to record any incident or crowd movement. The cameras are positioned in such a way that they can record whatever the officer is looking at and the footage can then be downloaded easily on to computer or DVD.

Alex McGuire, Chief Inspector (Operational Support) said:
 “We are always keen to utilise technology that assists our officers.”

Donnie MacLeod, Head of Security at SPT added:
 “Security on the Subway network is a priority for us. Any technology which enhances passenger safety is worth funding consideration and we’re delighted to support this initiative.”

IBROX ARRESTS

Two men (aged 24 and 26) were arrested during separate incidents at Ibrox Subway station prior to the Champions League qualifier on Wednesday 30 July 2008.

Rangers will be informed and football banning orders sought.

INTERESTING FACT

Around 70 BTP Officers have now been issued Personal Digital Assistants(palm top computers).

YOUR TEAM IN FOCUS

This issue we feature our Glasgow Queen Street Team

There are currently five designated Neighbourhood Policing Teams working in the British Transport Police Scottish Area. During the next few issues of the newsletter each team will be introduced. The Neighbourhood Policing Team for Glasgow Queen Street Station is PC's Mark McCabe and Les Duncan. (Mark pictured left, Les pictured right).



Mark and Les both bring a wealth of experience to the role having both carried out various roles within the Force for over twenty years. Mark was at the heart of pioneering the schools education programme in Scotland for a number of years whilst Les comes from a recent background in Community Policing as well as a stint at the BTP office at Dalmeir. As well as covering Queen Street Station they have responsibility for Charing Cross and High Street Stations. Mark commented "On taking up our role as Neighbourhood Policing Team at Queen Street we immediately set out to make ourselves as accessible and visible as possible. Hopefully we will continue to do this so people are happy to approach. Les and I are both quite similar in that

were very keen to sort out the problems which effect both rail staff and commuters on a daily basis". Now you've seen them please feel free to say hello.

Neighbourhood Crime Statistics

Neighbourhood Policing – Statistical Update

Neighbourhood: Stirling (comprising Alloa, Camelon, Dunblane, Falkirk Grahamston, Larbert and Stirling stations)

Approximate Customer Figures: 3,289,000 per annum, broken down as follows:

Alloa – n/a
 Camelon – 90,000
 Dunblane – 467,000
 Falkirk Grahamston – 311,000
 Larbert – 493,000
 Stirling – 1,928,000

Period of Review: June to August 08

Crime Review (detections in brackets)

	June	July	August
Violent & Sexual Assault	1 (1)	0	0
Staff Assault	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Theft of Passenger Property	0	0	0
Theft by Shoplifting	0	0	0
Anti Social Behaviour (total)	2 (1)	2 (2)	7 (2)
ASB – breach of the peace	1 (0)	0	0
ASB – disorder	1 (1)	0	5 (0)
ASB – alcohol offences	0	2 (2)	2 (2)
ASB – urinate in public	0	0	0
ASB – begging	0	0	0
ASB – travel fraud	0	0	0
Hate Crime	1 (1)	0	0
Drugs Offences	0	0	1 (1)

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Neighbourhood Crime Statistics (Cont)

Neighbourhood Policing – Statistical Update

Station/Neighbourhood: Queen Street

Customer Figures: around 5 million per annum (approx 14,000 per day)*

Period of Review: June to August 2008

Crime Review (detections in brackets)

	June	July	August
Violent & Sexual Assault	1 (1)	0	1 (0)
Staff Assault	1 (1)	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Theft of Passenger Property	0	0	0
Theft by Shoplifting (total)	3 (1)	2 (1)	1 (0)
Boots	2 (1)	2 (1)	1 (0)
Costa	1 (0)	0	0
WH Smith	0	0	0
Anti Social Behaviour (total)	14 (13)	10 (10)	17 (17)
ASB – breach of the peace	2 (2)	2 (2)	3 (3)
ASB – disorder	8 (7)	3 (3)	7 (7)
ASB – alcohol offences	3 (3)	2 (2)	5 (5)
ASB – urinate in public	0	2 (2)	0
ASB – begging	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)
ASB – travel fraud	0	0	0
Hate Crime	0	0	0
Drugs Offences	3 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)

Neighbourhood Policing – Statistical Update

Station/Neighbourhood: Glasgow Subway

Customer Figures: in excess of 13 million per annum (approx 35,600 per day)*

Period of Review: June to August 08

Crime Review (detections in brackets)

	June	July	August
Violent & Sexual Assault	0	1 (1)	0
Staff Assault	0	0	0
Robbery	1 (0)	0	0
Theft of Passenger Property	1 (0)	2 (0)	0
Theft by Shoplifting	0	0	0
Anti Social Behaviour (total)	4 (1)	0	7 (6)
ASB – breach of the peace	3 (0)	0	2 (2)
ASB – disorder	0	0	1 (0)
ASB – alcohol offences	1 (1)	0	4 (4)
ASB – urinate in public	0	0	0
ASB – begging	0	0	0
ASB – travel fraud	0	0	0
Hate Crime	0	2 (2)	0
Drugs Offences	0	0	0

Neighbourhood Crime Statistics (Cont)

Station/Neighbourhood: Glasgow Central

Customer Figures: in excess of 34 million per annum (approx 93,000 per day)*

Period of Review: June to August 08

Crime Review (detections in brackets)

	June	July	August
Violent & Sexual Assault	3 (2)	5 (3)	1 (1)
Staff Assault	0	1 (0)	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Theft of Passenger Property	7 (0)	5 (1)	4 (1)
Theft by Shoplifting (total)	5 (1)	6 (1)	3 (1)
Accessorize	0	0	0
Bagel Factory	0	0	0
Bodyshop	0	0	0
Boots	2 (1)	2 (1)	2 (1)
Cards Galore	0	0	0
Claire's Accessories	0	0	0
Marks & Spencer	0	0	0
Newsstand	0	0	0
Supercuts	0	0	0
Superdrug	0	0	0
Threshers	0	0	0
Thorntons	0	0	0
Tie Rack	0	2 (0)	0
Uppercrust	0	0	0
WH Smith	3 (0)	2 (0)	1 (0)
Anti Social Behaviour (total)	27 (27)	34 (32)	46 (41)
ASB – breach of the peace	5 (5)	6 (4)	17 (13)
ASB – disorder	13 (13)	12 (12)	10 (9)
ASB – alcohol offences	5 (5)	8 (8)	13 (13)
ASB – urinate in public	0	1 (1)	1 (1)
ASB – begging	4 (4)	7 (7)	5 (5)
ASB – travel fraud	0	0	0
Hate Crime		2 (1)	2 (2)
Drugs Offences	2 (2)	0	0

Neighbourhood Policing – Statistical Update

Station/Neighbourhood: Edinburgh Waverley

Customer Figures: in excess of 23.5 million per annum (approx. 65,000 per day)*

Period of Review: June to August 2008

Crime Review

	June	July	August
Violent & Sexual Assault	2 (1)	2 (2)	0
Staff Assault	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)
Robbery	0	0	0
Theft of Passenger Property	9 (3)	6 (0)	6 (0)
Theft by Shoplifting (total)	5 (5)	5 (5)	5 (4)
Boots	1 (1)	0	0
Costa Coffee	0	0	0
Flower Stall	0	0	0
Marks & Spencer	2 (2)	2 (2)	4 (3)
WH Smith	1 (1)	0	0
Whistlestop	1 (1)	3 (3)	1 (1)
Other (not specified)	0	0	0
Anti Social Behaviour (total)	28 (28)	27 (26)	30 (29)
ASB – breach of the peace	10 (10)	10 (9)	13 (12)
ASB – disorder	14 (14)	12 (12)	12 (12)
ASB – alcohol offences	0	1 (1)	1 (1)
ASB – urinate in public	1 (1)	3 (3)	2 (2)
ASB – begging	2 (2)	1 (1)	2 (2)
ASB – travel fraud	1 (1)	0	0
Hate Crime	0	0	2 (2)
Drugs Offences	3 (2)	0	2 (2)
Trespass	3 (0)	3 (3)	3 (1)

* Source – Network Rail (www.networkrail.co.uk)

