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Neighbourhood Policing Team

WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING?

Neighbourhood policing is about fighting crime and disorder and building relationships between the police and the public based on active co-operation rather than simple consent. BTP wants to harness the energy of people to make neighbourhood policing a success. It is about communities for the first time being truly part of the solution to the kind of crime and disorder that can blight their lives.

Neighbourhood Policing is provided by dedicated teams of officers often together with special constables, volunteers and partners. It aims to provide people who live or work in a neighbourhood with:

Access - to local policing services through a named point of contact. They will have regular contact with the same officers who will stay in the job long enough to build lasting and trusting relationships. Communities will have dedicated resources for each area, to ensure officers are not taken away to deal with other issues elsewhere.



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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 one sergeant and eight constables supported by the Community Safety Department.

There are four identified neighbourhoods namely:

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

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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Influence - over policing priorities in their neighbourhood with more effective ways of identifying and responding to what communities see as priorities. This may be dealing with the effects of binge drinking, combating persistent shoplifters; clearing up graffiti and vandalism or tackling open drug dealing or knife crime.

Interventions - joint action with partners and the public

Answers - sustainable solutions & feedback on what is being done

This means that neighbourhood teams will:

publicise how to get in touch with them

- find out what the local issues are that make people feel unsafe in their neighbourhood and ask them to put them in order of priority
- decide with partners and local people what should be done to deal with those priorities and work with them to deliver the solutions
- let people know what is being done and find out if they are satisfied with the results.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE OFFICERS

These are officers who are dedicated to working in designated neighbourhoods and who are not abstracted to duties elsewhere unless in extraordinary circumstances.

They are familiar and accessible to their local community, helping to identify local priorities and working with residents and partner organisations to find solutions to local crime and disorder problems

The overriding aim of Neighbourhood Policing is to deliver:

The Right People, at the Right Places, in the Right Numbers to create neighbourhoods that are safe and feel safe.

Neighbourhood Teams will be encouraged to establish multi-agency working relationships. BTP already enjoys solid working relationships with the railway community. Neighbourhood Teams will use or adapt existing partnerships to ensure a close working relationship is established. Teams will be encouraged to explore opportunities outside of the railway community when it can be seen there is a need.

PILOT PROJECT

Neighbourhood Policing is not new to the Scottish Area a pilot project commenced in early 2007. Key objectives were quickly identified after lengthy consultation with our partner agencies and interested parties. The areas which caused the most concern were:

Glasgow Central:

Begging, Antisocial behaviour & shoplifting

Glasgow Queen Street:

Antisocial behaviour including drinking /begging

Edinburgh Waverley:

Antisocial behaviour including incidents on the North Bridge.

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Objective	Annual Target	Target to Date	Result to Date	Notes
<i>Route Crime – offences</i>	325	267	234 ↓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 287 offences by this time last year Also achieving against linear target of 264
Theft/Pass. Property – offences	467	376	319 ↑	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 384 offences by this time last year Also achieving against linear target of 379
Violent Crime – detection rate	63%	63%	66.8% ↓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 202 offences, 135 detections to date 227 offences, 148 detections by this time last year
Hate Crime – detection rate	65%	65%	66.1% ↓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 56 offences, 37 detections to date 71 offences, 51 detections by this time last year
Staff Assault – detection rate	61%	61%	64.2% ↓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 109 offences, 70 detections to date 133 offences, 78 detections by this time last year
Anti Social Behaviour – detections	1741	1315	1571 ↓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1264 detections by this time last year Also achieving against linear target of 1412
Graffiti – detections	50	50	71 ↔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 215 offences, 71 detections to date 206 offences, 89 detections by this time last year Target achieved
Level Crossings – detections	65	59	59 ↑	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 120 offences, 59 detections to date 57 offences, 54 detections by this time last year Also achieving against linear target of 53

RECENT COURT RESULTS

A male was stopped in Central Station recently as part of our Section 44 operations. He was found to be in possession of various graffiti items – including spray cans, marker pens and stickers. He has since been cautioned and charged with eight historical graffiti offences.

A warrant has been craved and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to two **Eastern European males** responsible for 15 graffiti offences at Aberdeen, Dundee, Shields Depot and the Glasgow Subway.

Alan Robert Baker was sentenced to 60 days in prison for a spittle assault on a member of rail staff at Anniesland station on 1st October 2005.

A 17 year old male has been reported to the Fiscal following a spittle assault which took place at the Exhibition Centre station in 2003. The victim - a 50 year old female member of staff - retained a sample which remained on the system until now and the suspect, who would have been 14 at the time of offence, was detected.

David Brownlee and **Dean Owens** appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court recently and were fined £500 each for their part in a sectarian breach of the peace in April 2006.

FOOTBALL BANNING ORDERS

The first banning orders for football related disorder on the rail network have been imposed on two St Johnstone fans. **Gavin Hynd**, 20, and **Ryan Sullivan**, 19, have been banned from every football ground in the country. They are also banned from travelling abroad to follow Scotland. At Perth Sheriff Court the guilty pair were told by Sheriff Lindsay Foulis that he considered the breach of the peace on the train as a serious matter and that they had behaved in a threatening manner to persons who were simply passengers on the train. At an earlier hearing, Sullivan had admitted a breach of the peace on a train between Dundee and Perth on September 30 last year and as well as a two year ban, was fined £700. Hynd admitted the same charge and was jailed for 135 days and banned for a year.

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Neighbourhood Crime Statistics

Neighbourhood: Glasgow Central

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

Period of Review: December 2007

Crime Review (detections in brackets)

	Dec-07	Nov-07	Dec-06
Violent & Sexual Assault	3 (1)	3 (1)	2 (2)
Staff Assault	1 (1)	3 (3)	2 (2)
Robbery	0	0	0
Theft of Passenger Property	5 (1)	2 (0)	4 (0)
Theft by Shoplifting (total)	6 (4)	4 (2)	5 (5)
Accessorize	0	0	0
Bodyshop	0	0	0
Boots	0	1 (1)	0
Cards Galore	0	0	0
Claire's Accessories	0	0	0
Marks & Spencer	0	1 (1)	0
Newsstand	0	0	0
Supercuts	0	0	1 (1)
Superdrug	0	0	1 (1)
Threshers	0	0	2 (2)
Thorntons	2 (0)	0	0
Tie Rack	0	2 (0)	0
Uppercrust	0	0	0
WH Smith	4 (4)	0	1 (1)
Anti Social Behaviour (total)	32 (32)	36 (33)	19 (19)
ASB – breach of the peace	3 (3)	6 (6)	10 (10)
ASB – disorder	7 (7)	9 (8)	3 (3)
ASB – alcohol offences	10 (10)	5 (5)	4 (4)
ASB – urinate in public	1 (1)	0	2 (2)
ASB – begging	8 (8)	13 (12)	0
ASB – travel fraud	3 (3)	3 (2)	0
Hate Crime	0	1 (1)	1 (1)
Drugs Offences	4 (4)	0	5 (5)

Neighbourhood: Queen Street

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

Period of Review: December 2007

Crime Review (detections in brackets)

	Dec-07	Nov-07	Dec-06
Violent & Sexual Assault	3 (1)	2 (1)	0
Staff Assault	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Theft of Passenger Property	2 (0)	1 (1)	2 (0)
Theft by Shoplifting (total)	1 (0)	0	1 (0)
Boots	0	0	1 (0)
WH Smith	1 (0)	0	0
Anti Social Behaviour (total)	16 (16)	14 (11)	7 (6)
ASB – breach of the peace	3 (3)	2 (1)	2 (2)
ASB – disorder	2 (2)	1 (1)	2 (1)
ASB – alcohol offences	2 (2)	5 (4)	1 (1)
ASB – urinate in public	0	1 (1)	1 (1)
ASB – begging	9 (9)	5 (4)	0
ASB – travel fraud	0	0	1 (1)
Hate Crime	0	0	0
Drugs Offences	2 (2)	1 (1)	0

Neighbourhood: Edinburgh Waverley

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

Period of Review: December 2007

Crime Review (detections in brackets)

	Dec-07	Nov-07	Dec-06
Violent & Sexual Assault	1 (1)	5 (5)	5 (3)
Staff Assault	0	0	1 (1)
Robbery	0	0	0
Theft of Passenger Property	1 (0)	6 (2)	1 (0)
Theft by Shoplifting (total)	3 (3)	0	1 (1)
Boots	0	0	0
Flower Stall	0	0	0
Marks & Spencer	1 (1)	0	0
WH Smith	0	0	1 (1)
Whistlestop	2 (2)	0	0
Other (not specified)	0	0	0
Anti Social Behaviour (total)	20 (19)	22 (22)	16 (16)
ASB – breach of the peace	6 (6)	7 (7)	13 (13)
ASB – disorder	7 (6)	6 (6)	2 (2)
ASB – alcohol offences	1 (1)	2 (2)	1 (1)
ASB – urinate in public	4 (4)	4 (4)	0
ASB – begging	2 (2)	3 (3)	0
ASB – travel fraud	0	0	0
Hate Crime	1 (1)	0	
Drugs Offences	3 (3)	2 (2)	1 (1)
Trespass	3 (3)	2 (1)	3 (2)

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