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## Saddle up! Neighbourhood team gets on its bike to tackle crime

The Neighbourhood Policing Team is preparing to saddle up and get on their bikes to tackle criminals in the area.

The move comes as BTP prepares to roll out cycles to many of its police stations across the North West, including Southport.

Sgt Caroline Farrow said “The new mountain bikes will give our officers greater freedom to police the railway—particularly in those lineside locations which can be difficult to access through more conventional methods.

“We aim to use the bikes as often as possible and they will be particularly

useful in tackling some of the anti-social behaviour issues we face in and around the network— particularly during school holiday periods when youngsters seem to be drawn to certain parts of the railway.”

The arrival of BTP’s specialist mountain bikes has coincided with the launch of new cycle storage at various points on the Merseyrail network.

Sgt Farrow added “The security offered by the new storage is excellent and will certainly make life more difficult for thieves seeking to profit by stealing cycles from the area’s rail stations.”



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## Cycle theft warning

Customers who use the cycle racks at stations on the Merseyrail system can apply for a pass to use the new cycle sheds which provide a much more secure storage facility.

Apply online to Merseyrail or at any Merseyrail station for your free key fob to open the steel cage storage sheds, if you have any difficulty contact us on [southport.npt@btp.pnn.police.uk](mailto:southport.npt@btp.pnn.police.uk)

## Other news

Truants beware!

Regular truancy operations are being carried out in partnership with Merseyside Police and Sefton Borough Council's Children's Services.

Officers will be on the lookout for anyone out of school without a valid reason and will be reporting any truants to their parents and the relevant authorities.

Plans are also underway for the next Beachsafe initiative to ensure the safety of visitors to the coastline.

## Local policing priorities: What has the team been doing?

PC Jane McGee and PCSO Michelle Johnson organised an event at Southport Railway Station for Red Nose Day. Passengers received a joke for donating money to comic relief. This not only gave the passengers a smile but also provided another opportunity to engage with our travelling community.

"It was nice to give the passengers a smile as they pass through the station. They were even exchanging jokes with each other outside the station", said PC McGee

The money was collected by Jenny Taylor a volunteer from Oxfam; her assistance was greatly appreciated. The total raised was £110.33. One passenger in particular was very generous and donated £10.



"I bought a 2 litre bottle of Tipex yesterday...Big mistake!!!!!!"



**YOU SAID:** What are you doing about the increase in disorderly behaviour amongst youths Southport line?

**WE DID:** We utilised our mobile CCTV unit to cover the station whilst officers travelled on these trains to detect and deter this activity.

**YOU SAID:** What is being done about those who travel on the rail network without valid tickets?

**WE DID:** The NPT organises regular joint operations with colleagues from Merseyrail's Revenue Protection team.

Passengers found without tickets can face Fixed Penalty Notices or a court summons.

## Forthcoming events and surgeries

- **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** Railway safety at Cubs in Birkdale
- **March 25<sup>th</sup>** Railway safety talk and ASB at Range Hill High School
- **March 31<sup>st</sup>** Ormskirk Railway surgery
- **April 21<sup>st</sup>** Southport Railway surgery

## Your Neighbourhood Policing Team

**Inspector:** Gary Jones

**Sergeant:** Stephen Lawman

**Police Constables:** David Smith, Ian Williamson, Gordon Sharp, Paul Tozer, Jane McGee and Linda Nixon

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