PCSOs team up with local police to show kids how to beat bullies

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PCSO Wally Cox and PCSO Neil Cartledge joined forces with their colleagues from Merseyside police at Southport College for two seminars on bullying.

With students from the college, they explored various types of bullying that have come to the forefront of young people’s lives and identified three different types of bullying that have encountered, peer group bully through school, bullying in the work place and cyber bullying.

At the first seminar the discussion focused on bullying people with learning difficulties, while the second dealt with work place bullying and cyber bullying.

With their colleagues PCSOs Cox and Cartledge discussed tactics for dealing with bullies and what action could be taken to report and prevent it happening again.

PCSO Cox said: “The students took an active part in the discussions and developed some strong approaches to combating bullies, they were also surprised to learn how seriously we take the issue and the extent of powers we have to intervene and resolve problems.”
Local policing priorities: What has the team been doing?

**Cycle theft warning**

Over the past weeks officers from the team have arrested three people in relation to cycle thefts at stations between Waterloo and Hillside, unfortunately none of the cycles have been recovered.

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 on line to Merseyrail and a £5 deposit provides you with a key fob to open the steel cage storage sheds, if you have any difficulty contact us on southport-npt@btp.pnn.police.uk

**Shopwatch**

Throughout December and January the NPT will continue to focus on the Shopwatch scheme.

We are determined to tackle those who steal from traders on our patch.

**Forthcoming events and surgeries**

The next PACT meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 25 January 2011 at 10:00 Liverpool police station, Rail House, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool.

Call: 01704 501337
Email: southport-npt@btp.pnn.police.uk

**You Said:** What are you doing about the increase in disorderly behaviour amongst youths on the last trains into Ormskirk station.

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

To date we have reported three people for offences, police checked 12 youths and removed a further six from these services as a direct result of their behaviour.

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

**We Did:** The NPT organised a joint operation with colleagues from Crosby Neighbourhood Policing Team at Waterloo rail station.

A Merseyside Constabulary Sergeant and five PCs attended with BTP officers and Revenue staff from Merseyrail.

Revenue staff issued five fixed penalty notices to people travelling without tickets and reported one person for travel-related issues.

One person was stop checked and issued with a cannabis street warning after being found in possession of a cannabis grinder and remnants of the illegal drug.

**Your Neighbourhood Policing Team**

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Police Constables: David Smith, Ian Williamson, Gordon Sharp, Paul Tozer, Jane McGee, Linda Nixon
PCSOs: Neil Cartledge, Walter Cox, Derek Kinnish, Michelle Johnson

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