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The Neighbourhood
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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 at southport-npt@btp.pnn.police.uk



Our neighbourhood team

The Southport neighbourhood team were invited to attend the Chapel Street Farmers Market. This market is held on the last Thursday of every month. The invitation was gratefully accepted by the team, who attended with the fantastic model railway that was donated by the Southport Model Railway Club.

The team engaged with members of the public who had travelled from far and wide! Our model railway attracted many people who were extremely interested in how we use it in schools, local clubs and groups to get the safety message across to children in a very clear and visual way. PC Nixon said "It is lovely to reassure the public and talk about a number of issues, not just railway safety".

Pedal POWER!

PCSO Kinnish pedalled into action when a call came in about a trespass at Duke Street crossing. A male had reportedly climbed over the barriers while a train was approaching. PCSO Kinnish attended on his police issue bike and soon after he arrived the offender was identified and was later issued with a fixed penalty for trespass. British Transport Police take trespass very seriously and will not tolerate it, as it not only endangers the lives of those trespassing, but also the lives of others using the railway network.



Fantastic success...

PC Smith and PCSO Johnson, along with Mark Johnson, completed their 60-mile bike ride from Manchester to Blackpool. The sponsor money raised came to a incredible total of **£1,217.63**

PC Smith said "The last few miles really hurt! But the generosity of individuals is fantastic. On behalf of the three of us, I would like to thank everyone who sponsored us to raise money for Queenscourt Hospice, and a BIG thank you to St Michael's School."

Our advice and upcoming events

- The Southport team will be attending the Model Railway Exhibition, where we look forward to engaging with the public and extending our contacts and links with the community, some of whom are very interested in getting our safety messages across to their groups and clubs.
- Level crossings - all members of the Southport team are continuing to target level crossings. Not only to take a firm stance on prosecution, but also as a matter of safety. Level crossings are extremely dangerous. For more information you are welcome to contact us, or take a look at the Network Rail website <http://www.networkrail.co.uk/asp/2292.aspx>
- Over the coming months, our multi-agency work - specifically with Merseyrail Revenue Protection - will continue, and we will be working together to reassure the travelling public that we are not only dealing with people failing to pay for their journey, but also continuing to stamp out anti-social behaviour.
- As the new term begins and new travelling students come through our neighbourhood for the first time, we would like to welcome them and ensure that they travel wisely and safely on our network. PCSO Cox handed out Travel Wise and Level Crossing leaflets to students to help them use the railway more safely.
- As the Christmas shopping season is fast approaching, the Southport Team are keen to encourage members of the public to keep their belongings safe. Please do not leave your bags unattended, and keep your valuables safe and secure at all times.



Forthcoming events and surgeries

Police and Community Together (PACT) Meetings

- **Wednesday 14th September 2011** at 2:00 pm at Burscough Bridge Railway station in Greenshoots Community Café on the station.

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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