



"The last year has been an extremely successful one for the Scotland area of British Transport Police. Our officers and staff have excelled, achieving individual and team success."

**Chief Superintendent Ellie Bird
Area Commander**

Visit of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI



The Papal Visit in September was a challenging operation for everyone.

We worked closely with our partners to ensure the safe transit of tens of thousands of pilgrims between Scotland's two largest cities and beyond, to enjoy what was without question, a once-in-a-lifetime public event.

Our event planning and preparation will become the norm for this sort of large scale event in the future such as the Olympics next year and the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Scottish Policing Awards

Constables David Price and Alasdair Burnie received an award from the Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Kenny MacAskill, at the Scottish Policing Awards 2010.

The 'Paperclip Experiment'

was commended in the Making Communities Safer category and hailed as an invaluable contribution to working with partners to facilitate an outlet for Glasgow's young Gothic community, who would congregate in Glasgow Central Station.



On Train PACT meeting



Our North Ayrshire neighbourhood policing team held the first on train Police and Communities Together meeting. Together with ScotRail staff they were able to meet passengers and other rail users at first hand to discuss areas of concern.

A commitment to Diversity

This year, the area showed real commitment to diversity by being part of both the PRIDE Scotia and PRIDE Glasgow marches. A number of officers including the Area Commander and special constables were part of the parades.

We also were key supporters of the first Youth Interfaith Conference held at the Scottish Police College and the annual Asian football tournament.

To help celebrate this important date in the Muslim calendar, area staff were joined by stakeholders and pupils from St Brides and Blackfriars primary schools. The schoolchildren who attended each wrote a letter of thanks after the event.

Our submission to LGBT Youth Scotland met the required criteria for the Scottish Area to be the first police force to attain the organisation's Charter Mark.



This accolade means that staff have shown a real commitment to diversity and engagement, as well as valuing and supporting young LGBT people.

Additionally, LINK - BTP's support network for LGBT staff - held a hugely successful charity quiz to mark LGBT History Month, with over £1000 being raised for the nominated charity - LGBT Youth.

The month of action formed part of an ongoing 12 month joint campaign to tackle anti social behaviour at the station.



To mark the end of Ramadan, the Scottish area, in conjunction with SAME, hosted the first ever BTP Eid event, at Glasgow Central Mosque.



Diploma success

Constable Michael Magee was presented with the Best Academic Student Award at the Diploma in Police Service Leadership and Management graduation ceremony.

Michael achieved the highest total marks across all units of the award.

Sergeant Anne Dickson and Constable Christopher McGivern graduated at the same ceremony.



Area Commander's commendations

The bravery, diligence and hard work of officers and members of the public were recognised with the awarding of Area Commander's commendations at a special ceremony held at Glasgow's City Chambers.

Among those being honoured were the ScotRail train crew, who led 70 passengers to safety, following the derailment of their train at the Falls of Cruachan near Loch Awe in Argyll.



National Suicide Awareness Week coverage

During National Suicide Week, Constables Ian Graham and Stuart Cowan took part in an in-depth interview with a national newspaper, highlighting the training they have undergone to help prevent people taking their own life.

The area also linked up with the Samaritans and Network Rail to help launch a campaign with the intention of deterring young men taking their own life on the railway.