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“...the right
people at the
right places in
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Wirral team engaging in the Community....

The British Transport police dedicated Wirral Neighbourhood team has been busy over the past month attending a number of schools on the Wirral in order to raise awareness of the dangers the railway can pose.

Along with Tony Mullaley, a guard from Merseyrail, we have recently visited Hayfields School in Upton, New Brighton Child Care Centre, Holy Cross Primary School in Birkenhead and Three Gables Day Nursery in Greasby.

This involved input from Tony on advising how dangerous the railway can be – hitting home the message

‘Don’t Play on the Railway’ along with opportunities for the children to try on police uniform and have a guided tour of the police car and sirens.

Also in the past month PC Wendy Simpson and PC Richard Thompson attended an event at the National Child Birth Trust along with one of our drugs dogs.

Alongside this, PCSO Clare Doyle and PCSO Amanda Sutherland regularly attend the drop in centre at the Terence Higgins Trust, Birkenhead which is a charity offering advice and support on sexual health, HIV and sexuality.



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Operation Beach Safe

Over the summer months, the nice weather means an increase in passengers travelling to West Kirby and New Brighton.

This time of year, historically, leads to more anti-social behaviour in these areas.

In order to counter act this, our team has linked in with Merseyside police on Operation Beach Safe.

This means extra patrols at the weekends with particular attention made to policing the late night trains which leave on Fridays and Saturdays from West Kirby which can be particularly busy.

Sergeant Carol O'Brien said: "Wirral Neighbourhood Policing Team officers will be out and about throughout the summer looking for those who cause trouble for other people.

"We will be paying particular attention to anyone acting in an anti-social manner and will not hesitate to take action against people who step out of line.

"We want everyone to have a fun summer, but want people to be aware of the boundaries."

Local policing priorities: What has the team been doing?

This month the Wirral NPT has teamed up with Merseyside police and Rail Byelaw Enforcement Officers in a week long operation.

This ran between Monday 11 and Friday 15 July targeting criminals using the rail network in order to commit burglary and theft offences between West Kirby and Eastham.

As well as this one of our main priorities has been tackling anti social behaviour and ticketless travel between Hooton and Ellesmere Port.

Wirral NPT has been making regular patrols in the evenings along this line with Revenue Protection staff from Merseyrail in order to provide a high visibility presence and reassurance to the public.

On 19 July we worked with the Initiative team on a revenue operation conducting stop checks with Merseyrail between Rock Ferry and Green Lane.

Further to this, Merseyrail have reported incidents of anti social behaviour occurring on the last trains from Bromborough on Friday and Saturday nights. This has been a priority for the team over the past few weeks, we have been supporting booking office staff and the train guards in maintaining a presence at the station and on the trains at these times.



Meanwhile, on 20 July Sergeant O'Brien and PC Simpson took part in a level crossing awareness initiative with Network Rail, Merseyrail, ASLEF and Crime Reduction Officer Gill Smythe.

This involved visits to the level crossings at Hoylake, Carlton Lane and Elm Grove speaking to drivers of vehicles using the crossings and local residents as well as completing a leaflet drop of the local area.

Forthcoming events and surgeries

- 1 August** – Rail Safety Talk at the Sea Cadets, New Ferry
- 5, 6 and 7 August** – Operation Beach Safe with Merseyside Police
- 8 August** – Level crossing checks
- 16 August** – Surgery @ Birkenhead Park station
- 19 August** – Level crossing checks
- 22 August** – Level Crossing Awareness Day with multi agencies.

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