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## The Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter



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“...the right people at the right places in the right numbers and at the right time.”



## Crossing advice is on the level thanks to NPT

On 18 October the Neighbourhood Policing Team held a Level Crossing Awareness Day at Leasowe Railway Station.

This involved working with Network Rail and Merseyrail to provide a high visibility presence, deliver information leaflets to stationary vehicles and passing pedestrians and try to educate our community in the correct and safe way to use the crossings.

Most people the team spoke to agreed that they found the traffic light system on level crossings confusing.

Four people were reported for failing to conform within the day at Leasowe.

It is important you use the crossing at all stations correctly and safely.

Follow this advice to ensure your safety:

- 1 Drive carefully up to the crossing and be ready to stop behind the white line.
- 2 If the amber light is on, or the red lights are flashing, you must stop behind the white line.
- 3 If you have already crossed the white line when the amber light comes on, keep going.
- 4 If the red lights keep flashing after a train has passed, wait because another train is coming.
- 5 Only cross when the barriers are fully raised and the lights go off.

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## Christmas Initiative

On the run up to Christmas, the Wirral team will be working alongside officers based in Liverpool to provide high visibility and reassurance to passengers, by patrolling the late night trains into the city centre stations.

During this time Merseyrail have banned alcohol being consumed on trains departing from the main city centre stations at the weekends.

Wirral officers will be concentrating on the last trains going into Liverpool from West Kirby which can be particularly busy at this time of year.

## Wirral Policing priorities: what has the team been doing?

Over the past few months, the Wirral team has been busy attending a number of community events across the Wirral as well as patrolling problem areas.

We have had reports from members of the public as well as rail staff about instances of anti social behaviour occurring on the New Brighton line due to the large number of school children travelling on this line.

As a result of this, the Wirral team has been patrolling the early morning and afternoon trains from Birkenhead North to Wallasey Grove Road.

One youth is to be interviewed and reported for 'surfing' the train. We have liaised with Revenue Protection Officers who have been present at Birkenhead North station to check tickets and also the headteacher of St. Mary's school in Wallasey.

This has led to an improvement in the behaviour of the children travelling on these trains and rail staff have provided us with positive feedback.

On 2 and 24 November, we attended Hayfields special needs school in Upton to give rail safety advice.

This was a successful event with the help of a model railway set



which the kids loved and helped us to show them what the dangers of the railway can be.

PC Chris Kerins, our dog handler came along with his dogs, Jack and Tia, as well as Tony Mullaley, a guard from Merseyrail.

Over the recent months we have had reports from Leasowe station that there have been a number of incidents of passengers trespassing by taking a short cut off the platform onto the crossing which can be very dangerous.

In response to this we conducted a plain clothes operation which led to a person being reported for the offence.

## Forthcoming events and surgeries

9<sup>th</sup>. December- Depot Drop In @ Birkenhead Central.

10<sup>th</sup> December- Community Event at Vikes Youth Club, Rock Ferry.

13<sup>th</sup>. December -Level Crossing Awareness Day @ Leasowe & evening at Vikes Youth Club.

14<sup>th</sup>. December- Level Crossing Awareness Day @ Hoylake.

We are also arranging further events at Tranmere Rovers FC and Hayfields school to attend in the new year.

## Your Neighbourhood Policing Team

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