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# TeamLondonBridge Police & Security Report



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## Update - MPS Funded Officer Role

We start this month's report with a disappointing update regarding the MPS Funded Officer Role. As many of you will be aware, the dedicated MPS officer has been a key part of our security offer over a number of years, providing strong engagement with businesses and supporting day-to-day issues across the area. However, the Metropolitan Police have recently made changes to their operating model, with neighbourhood policing expanding and specialist/dedicated roles becoming more limited. Alongside this, the cost of the funded officer position has increased significantly (by around 100%), which is no longer financially sustainable for the BID.

Given these changes, we are currently reviewing alternative options to ensure we continue to provide effective, visible and intelligence-led support to businesses. Our priority remains maintaining the outcomes you value most, including responsiveness, coordination, and crime reduction. We also continue to have our BID-Funded British Transport Police officer, PC Lee Noble, who remains available and contactable should you require assistance. As always, we would strongly encourage all businesses to continue reporting incidents directly to the police, and in an emergency always dial 999.

Finally, I would like to personally thank Tom for his work during his time with Team London Bridge. He has been outstanding in his commitment and support to the BID and its businesses and I know many of you will wish to stay in touch with him going forward.

We will continue to keep you updated as we explore all available options. If you would like to discuss further please do reach out to [nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk](mailto:nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk).

## PC Noble Leads Proactive Patrol Leads to Arrest of Top 20 Nominal

Whilst patrolling the More London estate, PC Noble identified a male whose behaviour raised suspicion. The individual was subsequently observed entering a major supermarket before quickly exiting with unpaid items. Following a stop, the male repeatedly provided false details; however, PC Noble recognised him from a previous police interaction approximately two years earlier. Further checks confirmed the male was wanted in connection with a high-value theft from Boots at Waterloo, involving approximately £1,800 worth of stolen goods. Subsequent intelligence checks identified the individual as being among Lambeth's current "Top 20" active prolific offenders. Notably, the offender had not returned to the London Bridge area since the earlier interaction with PC Noble, demonstrating the value of proactive engagement and local officer knowledge.

## **Wanted Offender Arrest – Essex Theft Offence**

Whilst deployed on football duty at London Bridge Station, PC Noble identified a male who had come to police attention after becoming involved in a dispute with railway staff regarding ticketing. Following checks on the Police National Computer, the individual was confirmed as wanted by Essex Police for theft offences linked to a TK Maxx store within the Essex area. The male had been outstanding for several months and was subsequently arrested and charged on behalf of Essex Police.

### **Suspect arrested by PC Mannings for eight offences:**



PC Mannings stopped a suspicious looking female subject in the BID area in early April/2026, following reports that somebody matching her description had been shoplifting. PC Mannings initially arrested her for shoplifting recovered the stolen items, which were returned to the store. The suspect initially refused to give her details, but after finding a bank card in her possession, PC Mannings was able to successfully conduct background checks on this individual. It turned out that she was wanted for a further seven offences, including multiple Breaches Of Court Order, multiple Breaches Of Tag and multiple Failures To Appear In Court. PC Mannings arrested her for all seven of this offences, on top of the initial shoplifting offence and she was taken to custody, where she was successfully charged and remanded for all of the offences. The photo and details of this suspect can be seen on ShopSafe AlertID 224353.

### **Operation MYOSOTIS – Large Scale Anti-Theft Operation**

BTP and Metropolitan Police recently conducted a large-scale pre-planned operation under Operation MYOSOTIS, involving approximately 60 officers deployed across the London Bridge and Southwark footprint. The operation focused on tackling two-wheel enabled phone theft, robbery and wider acquisitive crime, which remain key concerns for residents, commuters and businesses. The operation also attracted media coverage from local news agencies, helping demonstrate visible enforcement activity and reassuring local stakeholders that proactive action is being taken to address rising phone theft offences. Within minutes of deployment, PC Noble identified a male and female acting suspiciously along Tower Bridge Road with their faces concealed. Following engagement, the male was identified as being linked to recent local shop theft offences, whilst the female was confirmed as wanted for breaching electronic tag conditions. She was subsequently arrested and conveyed to custody before appearing at court the following day.

### **Suspect arrested for multiple offences**

PC Mannings was on duty when an Immediate Response call came out of a supermarket in the London Bridge area, near Tower Bridge Road, SE1. A suspect had punched two members of staff in the face, resulting in one of them bleeding from their mouth. This suspect had also verbally racially abused these two members of staff. The description of the suspect was circulated and PC Mannings quickly located the offender and promptly placed him under arrest. CCTV and Body Worn Video footage was seized along with victim statements from both victims. This suspect was brought to custody and will be going to court in the next few months. The two victims were incredibly distressed, being racially abused and punched in the face is clearly unacceptable and unlawful behaviour. The photo and details of this suspect can be seen on ShopSafe AlertID 229149.

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## **Operational Activity and Enforcement**

During the reporting period, PC Noble has continued to deliver a proactive and intelligence-led policing presence across the London Bridge area, working closely alongside Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT), BTP colleagues and BID partners to target prolific offenders, retail crime, anti-social behaviour and violence affecting the area.

### **Joint Enforcement Activity Targeting Anti-Social Behaviour and Shoplifting**

Working alongside the Metropolitan Police SNT team in response to persistent shop theft and anti-social behaviour concerns within the BID footprint, PC Noble assisted in the arrest of a prolific street drinker who was wanted for assaulting an emergency worker, breaching a Community Protection Notice on three separate occasions. The individual formed part of a wider group of entrenched street drinkers operating around the station environment who are regularly linked to low-level theft, anti-social behaviour and nuisance offending affecting local businesses and visitors. The arrest and subsequent conveyance to Walworth Custody demonstrated a clear enforcement response against repeat offenders causing harm within the area. It also reinforced wider partnership efforts around tackling violence, anti-social behaviour and safeguarding vulnerable people.

### **Violent Offender given a suspended prison sentence in Stratford Magistrates Court:**

In January/2026, there was an unfortunate incident where a violent male assaulted a victim in the vicinity of Tower Bridge. PC Mannings took on board this investigation as the OIC and he successfully identified the suspect using DNA evidence that had been left at the scene. The suspect appeared in court on in April/2026 and was found guilty for three offences which were: Assault By Beating, Criminal Damage and committing a Section 5 Public Order offence. The suspect was given a prison sentence of ten weeks, suspended for twelve months. The suspect is likely to commit volume crime offences in the future so he will almost certainly be caught and sent to prison in the very near future. The photo and details of this suspect can be seen on ShopSafe AlertID 227796.

Team London Bridge would like to thank the staff at Tower Bridge who were incredibly quick to provide statements, supply CCTV and be prompt to respond to all queries – this certainly helped facilitate the successful prosecution of this suspect.

### **Targeted Night-Time Economy Operation**

PC Noble also worked alongside Metropolitan Police SNT officers on a targeted operation focused on preventing bag thefts within licensed premises across the BID area.

Plain-clothed officers were deployed across several bars and pubs that had recently experienced theft-related incidents. The operation passed without any bag theft offences occurring and additionally resulted in the arrest of a male wanted for breaching a Sexual Harm Prevention Order.

Importantly, the individual confirmed he had intended to enter one of the monitored venues, highlighting the preventative safeguarding impact of the operation and its contribution towards protecting women and girls within the night-time economy.

### **Important Information**

Access to the ShopSafe AlertID App can be requested via [nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk](mailto:nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk). Upcoming PubWatch and ShopWatch meetings, key sporting events, and anticipated protests will be communicated to ensure businesses remain informed of high-footfall periods and potential risks.