

TeamLondonBridge

MPS & BTP Report

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We're delighted to share the result of the 2025 Team London Bridge Ballot. Despite the challenging voting process, business voted YES overwhelmingly. The results are:

- 97% voted YES.
- 98% voted YES by rateable value.
- 72% turnout - a phenomenal response!

This is a resounding vote of confidence in our shared vision and the work we do together. Thanks to your support, over £11 million will be invested in our district between 2026–2031 to ensure London Bridge remains a Great Place for Business. Please get in touch to discuss our vision for London Bridge over the next 5 years, you can view the full BID proposal [here](#).

PC Mannings Social Media Star

Following the arrest of a phone snatcher in January 2025, we can now show the footage from this incident. PC Tom Mannings spotted the male running on Tooley Street continually reactivating the phone he had just stolen to prevent it locking. Tom exited the unmarked police vehicle he was travelling in and pursued the suspect on foot before he successfully detained him to make the arrest. The suspect was subsequently found guilty at court and the footage released. The dramatic moment was featured on the Met. Police official Instagram account, where it has since been viewed over 5 million times. *We're fairly certain the majority of those views came from Tom himself.* You can view the footage [here](#).

Stolen Property Recovered

Thanks to the determination and professionalism of our BID-funded police officers, two high-value items stolen from a local business were successfully recovered—despite the case initially being closed by the wider Metropolitan Police. Despite the compelling footage, no further action was taken at the time, and the investigation was brought to a close. PC Mannings personally gathered all relevant CCTV footage, secured witness statements, and collected exhibits to build a clear picture of the events. The suspect refused to return them unless “postage was compensated” and blamed the business for a “misunderstanding”.

PC Mannings escalated the matter by arranging a formal interview with the suspect at a police station. His calm but firm approach led to the safe return of both items to their rightful owner—something that would not have happened without this proactive intervention.



Football Events:

PC Mannings and PC Noble were kept very busy last month due to the high volume of key football fixtures, which include the Europa Conference League Final, the Europa League Final, the final day of the Premier League, the Championship Play-Offs and the FA Cup Final. PC Noble has an excellent professional relationship with the pubs and was kept busy monitoring the different groups of supporters on these key days.

PubWatch: Stronger Together for Safer Nights

This month's PubWatch meeting brought together licensed venues from across the London Bridge area to share intelligence, review crime data, and discuss practical safety measures. The session was well attended, reflecting the shared commitment of our night-time economy to maintain safe and welcoming spaces for staff, businesses, and visitors.

Key topics discussed included:

- Recent crime stats and incident trends
- The ongoing issue of theft from customers
- Opportunities to utilise police dogs in upcoming targeted operations
- Identifying repeat offenders and coordinating preventative action



Special Guest Appearance:

The meeting also featured a police dog in training – a very cute puppy who, while not quite ready to sniff out suspects just yet, absolutely stole the show. The pup was a big hit with attendees and served as a light-hearted reminder of the human (and canine!) side of policing.

Court Results: Justice Delivered

Effective policing doesn't end at arrest. Two prolific offenders, detained by PC Mannings earlier this year (March and April 2025), had their cases go to trial last month. Both were found guilty and sentenced to 12 weeks in prison.

These individuals had been responsible for repeated disruption in the BID area, and their removal from the streets marks a significant success for both the local community and our efforts to maintain public safety

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Presentation at The Association of Security Consultants Spring Seminar

Nick Morant was invited to present at the Security Consultants' Spring Seminar held at the British Library. Representing the BID's commitment to maintaining a 24/7 environment that supports both business and tourism, Nick spoke about the range of targeted initiatives that have successfully contributed to reducing crime in the London Bridge area.

His presentation highlighted the power of collaborative working—showcasing how partnerships between the BID, local businesses, police, and security teams have delivered real, measurable improvements. These examples served as valuable case studies for the wider security industry, demonstrating how place-based, business-led models like BIDs can contribute to safer, more resilient urban spaces.

Nick later joined a panel discussion alongside speakers from Poole RE, SW-ONE Communications, and leading security technology companies. The conversation centred on public-private sector readiness for the upcoming implementation of Martyn's Law, and the practical steps businesses and security professionals can take to prepare.

The event provided an excellent opportunity to make meaningful connections across the national security sector and to reinforce the relevance of BID-led work in informing and supporting broader industry responses. Importantly, it also helped to identify potential new partnerships that could benefit London Bridge in both the short and medium term—enhancing our preparedness, resilience, and reputation as one of London's safest destinations.

Crime Statistics – May 2025 Overview

Overall, reported crime in the London Bridge area decreased in May, continuing a positive trend and reflecting the ongoing effectiveness of joint security efforts.

Headline Figures

- Total Crime fell by 12% compared to April (a reduction of 18 offences).
- Theft offences (95) decreased by 14% compared to April (111).
 - This represents a 13% drop on May 2024, and a 26% drop compared with May 2023.

Breakdown of Theft Offences

- Theft from Person:
 - Decreased by 22% to 39 offences (from 50 in April).
 - However, this remains slightly higher than May 2024 (36) and May 2023 (30).
- Other Theft:
 - Remained stable at 40 offences, unchanged from April.
 - Represents a 22% decrease compared to May 2024 (51), and 31% down from May 2023 (58).
- Shoplifting:
 - Fell by 33%, with 6 fewer offences than last month.

Modus Operandi Notes

- Cycle-enabled thefts: 5 offences identified — 4 related to theft from person, and 1 bicycle theft.
- No offences were flagged as involving mopeds or e-scooters.

Crime by Day of the Week

- Peak day: Saturday (28 offences, accounting for 21% of total crime)
- Quietest day: Wednesday (11 offences, 8%)

This data continues to support the targeted approach being taken in hotspot areas and provides valuable intelligence to guide future patrols and venue engagement.