

TeamLondonBridge

MPS & BTP Report

December 2025



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We would like to wish everybody within the BID area a very happy and successful 2026. December is consistently one of the busiest months of the year for criminal activity, driven by increased footfall, seasonal trading and greater opportunities for offending. Throughout this period, the Team London Bridge funded police officers and their colleagues worked proactively to mitigate risk, deter offenders and support businesses and visitors. Some key outcomes from this work are outlined below.

Prolific Bag Thief Gets Prison Time

In September/2025, an elderly lady who had recently retired as State School Teacher had her bag and all of its contents stolen from her, the total value of the loss was over £1,400.00. The investigation was very thorough, as PC Mannings travelled to the victim's home to take a statement due to her being worried about leaving her house. The suspect was identified by PC Noble and excellent quality CCTV was provided by one of the security companies inside the BID area. This collaborative working paid off and the suspect was found guilty in Croydon Magistrates Court, resulting in him receiving a two-month prison sentence and a fine to be paid directly to the victim. You can see the name and the photo of this offender here [Bag Thief Arrested](#) as he has previously appeared on the mainstream media due to his level of serious offending. You can also see the suspect on ShopSafe AlertID 98585.

Successful Engagement and Networking Events at The Shard Quarter

Nick Morant, PC Noble and PC Mannings hosted events at The Shard on the 10th and 17th December, along with colleagues from Southwark Council, the British Transport Police and the Metropolitan Police Service. The aim of these events was to make members of the public aware of the security risks that are often missed on a daily basis and how to help prevent themselves becoming a victim of crime in the future. The events were a huge success. There was a large number of leaflets, posters, videos on display but it was the appearance of two Police dogs that *stole* the show! Importantly, over 180 mobile phones were marked in order to prevent them becoming stolen. Team London Bridge and Officers were also able to listen to attendees concerns about staying safe around where they live and work. These events often prove to be invaluable as they really inform members of the public about safety awareness which prevents the crime taking place. Team London Bridge would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who attended.



PC Lee on celebrity close protection duty as children light up the Lantern Parade

Christmas Lantern Parade

In December, Team London Bridge supported the return of our annual Christmas Lantern Parade, a much-loved tradition that has lit up the neighbourhood for 17 years. Over ninety children from Tower Bridge Primary, Robert Browning Primary, and Snowfields Primary proudly carried their handmade lanterns through Potters Fields Park, Hay's Galleria and into London Bridge Station. PC Noble accompanied the children throughout the parade, ensuring their safety and wellbeing. London Bridge City Security provided essential on-the-ground support, helping to make the event safe, smooth and enjoyable for all. A big thank you to Marks & Spencer and Tesco for supplying chocolate coins and to Crosstown Doughnuts for providing treats for the children – they put even bigger smiles on already happy faces!

Volume Criminal is Recalled To Prison

PC Noble conducted proactive patrols inside London Bridge Station with colleagues from the British Transport Police and the Metropolitan Police Service. This operation led to a great level of success as they successfully deterred numerous retail criminals and reduced the levels of offending in the station area. A moment of note is when PC Noble stopped a shoplifter red-handed in one of the stores and upon conducting a background check, found out that he was Wanted for a Recall To Prison. In plain English, this means that the suspect can be taken straight to prison. These arrests are always excellent news because it gives our retailers a sense of relief, knowing that the suspect who regularly targets them is off the streets and cannot reoffend. This offender was previously arrested by PC Mannings in July/2025, so he will have been in prison for the majority of 2025 – this really highlights the excellent work from both of the Funded Police Officers and Team London Bridge. You can see the suspect's photo and name on ShopSafe AlertID 494033.

Offender arrested

On Saturday 13th December, PC Lee led a plain clothes crime-fighting operation at London Bridge Station. While Lee was in custody with another prisoner, his team continued patrolling and noticed a male acting suspiciously on a Jubilee Line train. The individual was removed from the train and arrested for sexual assault after being seen behaving suspiciously around passengers and committing an offence.

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Prolific Offender is arrested, charged and remanded

PC Mannings arrested a Prolific Offender who statistically committed the greatest number of crimes in the BID Area in 2024. This offender significantly reduced his offending in the BID Area in 2025 as a direct result of enforcement action and a zero-tolerance approach, and had not been seen for a long time. However, after committing just one offence, he was immediately arrested by PC Mannings, taken into custody, charged, and remanded for a court appearance the following day. He was found guilty in court and has been told to return in February 2026 for sentencing. He is now banned from every M&S store in the UK, including their online shopping portal. Whilst in custody, he was also arrested and charged by the British Transport Police for a separate offence. You can see the suspect's photo and name on ShopSafe AlertID 901497.

Great Place to Work – Security Awards

Our Great Place to Work Awards will return in January 2026, celebrating the outstanding people and teams who help keep London Bridge safe, welcoming and resilient.

Taking place at Amazing Grace, the awards recognise excellence across several categories, including Outstanding Security Team of the Year, Security Officer of the Year, Best Innovation in Security Practices, Community Engagement, and the Life Saver Award.

Security partners are invited to submit nominations by Friday 16 January 2026. All entries should be sent to nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk, highlighting the exceptional work, professionalism and impact delivered over the past year.

If anyone would like help or advice with their entry, or would benefit from talking through examples of strong submissions, please do reach out to Nick, who is very happy to support and guide teams through the process.

The Power of Hello – Counter Terrorism Awareness Training

Team London Bridge recently hosted a session on The Power of Hello, an NPSA initiative promoting purposeful greetings in customer-facing environments to improve safety and deter suspicious activity. We brought together local businesses, BID members, and security services for a practical workshop. It was very useful, with ideas and feedback shared openly, and we look forward to piloting the campaign within our BID area in the future.

Key Information and Upcoming Dates

- Applications for the Great Place to Work Security Awards – Friday 16th January 2026.
- ACT Awareness Training – Monday 19th January 2026 at 10:00 -12:00 hrs at the Team London Bridge Hive, 8 Holyrood Street, SE1 2EA.
- TLB Intelligence Meeting – Thursday 29th January 2026 at 13:00. Please email nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk to request an invitation.
- ShopSafe Alert App – If you do not currently have access, please email nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk. This GDPR approved platform allows the lawful sharing of offender information to help businesses recognise known offenders.