

TeamLondonBridge

MPS & BTP Report

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February 2026 was a busy month for policing across London, with several strong results delivered within the BID area by PC Noble and PC Mannings. Their work has directly supported businesses, reduced harm and reinforced confidence across the district. We are pleased to report that no sexual offences were reported in January within the BID area, reflecting the continued partnership work to make the area safer for women and girls. We continue to monitor events in the Middle East. There is currently no specific intelligence impacting our area, and our approach remains proportionate while maintaining heightened situational awareness. This means sustaining visible reassurance activity and ensuring partners feel informed and prepared. This is a timely reminder to attend our forthcoming security events, including ACT Awareness and the Cyber Attacks Webinar hosted by London Resilience. Further details can be found on page 3.

PC Mannings – Burglar Successfully Charged for Four Offences

A burglar broke into two premises in December 2025 and stole items from both locations. The investigations were initially closed due to limited lines of enquiry. PC Mannings reopened both reports and took ownership as Lead Officer in Case. He obtained four separate victim and witness statements and worked with a private security firm to review CCTV footage which led to the suspect being identified. Following a no comment interview the suspect was charged with two counts of burglary and two counts of criminal damage relating to forced entry. The case was heard at Croydon Magistrates Court in February 2026 where the suspect was found guilty of all four offences. Sentencing has been adjourned to early March 2026. The current MPS burglary charge rate stands at 5.2 percent due to evidential challenges. Securing four guilty findings represents a strong outcome for the businesses affected. A photo of the suspect is available on ShopSafe AlertID 183568 and his name will be shared following sentencing.



Safety in Action:

Attendees engaged and learning at the our Self-Defence workshop, the Safer Business Network's Women's Night Safety Charter Event and the London First Resilience event in partnership with the Greater London Authority.

PC Noble – Football Operations and Crowd Management

February saw several high-profile football fixtures in the London Bridge area that required careful coordination between local security teams, transport partners and police forces across London Bridge and the surrounding areas. During the Millwall vs Birmingham match, a group of visiting supporters was identified in Borough Market. Thanks to close collaboration between PC Noble, football spotters and rail partners, the group was safely escorted to South Bermondsey, avoiding contact with rival fans and preventing any disruption. PC Noble has received written thanks from the MPS Public Order Command recognising his, and the wider BTP response; *‘The wider footprint at London Bridge also deserves recognition. There were no issues whatsoever despite several hundred well in drink’*. The message closes stating *“Your collective efforts ensured that a determinedly volatile event was managed safely, assertively, and to an exceptionally high standard. Thank you again for your leadership and for the work of all your teams”*.

For the Crystal Palace Europa Conference League fixture, over 500 visiting supporters were present in the BID area. PC Noble coordinated with rail managers to ensure they travelled together under escort to Norwood Junction. The atmosphere remained positive throughout, with no incidents affecting local businesses. Across all February fixtures, London Bridge experienced high footfall, but proactive engagement and visible policing helped maintain safe conditions for businesses, residents and visitors alike.

PC Noble – Business District Patrols and Targeted Enforcement

Throughout February PC Noble maintained a visible presence across the BID focusing on retail crime hotspot patrols, repeat offenders and reassurance for staff. Working alongside local policing teams PC Noble was involved in a series of proactive deployments targeting persistent offenders resulted in

- Seven arrests across the month for theft and related offences.
- One offender recalled to prison.
- One offender remanded to custody.
- Over a dozen proactive stop searches linked to known offending patterns.

In one incident during a routine break whilst attending a training course PC Noble identified a female suspect concealing £86 worth of goods. She was later confirmed as a top three offender in another borough and was conveyed to custody and remanded.

On another occasion PC Noble detained a suspect who initially provided false details. PC Noble recognised the offender as an *‘Old School’* prolific offender he had stopped 3 years previously. Due to this knowledge and attention to detail, he challenged the males identity which revealed two outstanding theft warrants. The offender was transported to custody and put before court the following morning.

These arrests remove repeat offenders from the area and provide immediate relief for retailers affected by ongoing theft.

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PC Mannings – High Value Shoplifting Convictions

PC Mannings was lead officer for a December 2025 shoplifting offence involving £630 worth of goods taken in a single incident. The suspect was arrested in January 2026 and appeared at Croydon Magistrates Court in February 2026 where he was found guilty. He was ordered to pay a fine higher than the value of the items stolen. The offender had no previous criminal record and was not previously known to police. This was a positive outcome for the retailer involved. Details can be found on ShopSafe AlertID 190588.

Another Successful Result In Croydon Magistrates Court for High Value Shoplifter

PC Mannings has secured a successful conviction at Croydon Magistrates' Court against a prolific shoplifter operating within the BID area. The offence took place in September 2025, with £859.05 stolen in a single incident. Following a targeted arrest in October, the offender was charged and remanded. This case highlights the time, persistence and partnership work often required to achieve a successful conviction, with sentencing only concluded in February 2026.

The court imposed:

- Community Order until February 2027 (breach likely to result in custody)
- Electronic tag until May 2026
- Drugs Rehabilitation Programme
- Activity Rehabilitation Programme
- £199 fine and a reduction in benefits

The offender has also been banned from the store for life. A photo and name are available via ShopSafe AlertID 173640.

Business at the Heart of London's Resilience

Nick Morant also spoke on the panel at the Business at the Heart of London's Resilience event delivered by Resilience First as part of the London Business Networks for Resilience programme. During the discussion Nick outlined how Team London Bridge BID acts as a link between police local authorities and businesses. Examples included intelligence meetings, security forums, coordinated communications during disruption, and encouraging practical business continuity planning. The key message was simple. Resilience needs to be routine, clearly owned and built into everyday business practice not just considered after an incident.

Self-Defence Workshop – 12th February

On 12th February, we hosted a free Women's Self-Defence UK workshop at The Hive Space in partnership with Southwark Council. Led by Joanna Ziobronowicz, a 2nd-degree Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt and security expert, the session covered practical techniques, de-escalation tactics and safety awareness. The event was extremely well attended, one of the most oversubscribed we've hosted, and we look forward to running more sessions in the future.

Upcoming Security and Resilience Activity

TLB Intelligence Meeting – 5 March 12:00 - 12:45

Action Counters Terrorism Training, led by Met. Police CT Protect Officers – 16 March - 10:00 - 12:00

Cyber Attacks Webinar - How London's SMEs Can Prepare and Respond – 19 March 10:30

Fraudulent Documents Training, led by the Met. Police – 23 March 10:00 - 12:00

SE1 Pub Watch, licenced venues, Southwark, Police and Partners Meeting – 24 March 10:30 - 12:00

Businesses and office teams are encouraged to attend and remain engaged with the BID security programme, email nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk to register for these events.