

TeamLondonBridge

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Community Safety Report



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June was another positive month for partnership working across London Bridge, with a well-attended Pub Watch meeting focused on the World Cup, the successful delivery of Operation Honey Badger and continued joint intelligence sharing between partners. Proactive planning has helped ensure there have been no significant football-related incidents within the BID area. Crime performance also remains encouraging, with overall crime down 8% compared with the previous month and theft from person reduced by 39%, reflecting the positive impact of partnership activity and targeted policing.

Partnership Working

One of the month's standout partnership activities was Operation Honey Badger, a proactive retail crime operation led by PC Joshua Head and the Metropolitan Police Neighbourhood Policing Team, fully supported by Funded PC Lee Noble with support from the British Transport Police, Team London Bridge, Southwark Council, local businesses and a range of partner agencies.

Throughout June, the operation targeted prolific shoplifting, anti-social behaviour and associated criminality affecting businesses across North Southwark, from Elephant and Castle through to Tower Bridge, with a strong focus on identifying repeat offenders while also safeguarding vulnerable individuals.

The operation delivered outstanding results, including:

- 7 arrests
- 38 charges secured against prolific offenders, including individuals wanted for multiple outstanding offences
- 15 stop and searches targeting known drug users and repeat shoplifting offenders
- 5 Community Resolutions
- 3 intelligence reports identifying addresses suspected of being used to store stolen property
- 2 Anti-Social Behaviour Warnings issued
- Multiple safeguarding referrals made through Southwark Council wardens.

Of the seven people arrested, four have already received custodial sentences, including one offender linked to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) offences and three prolific shoplifters responsible for significant harm to local businesses. A further offender has been bailed to court to face multiple shoplifting offences. (Continued Page 2).



A Strong Team - Throughout June Officers and staff from several agencies took part in Operation Honey Badger

Partnership Working

The operation is an excellent example of intelligence-led policing, strong partnership working and a shared commitment to tackling retail crime, protecting businesses and making London Bridge and the wider Southwark area safer for everyone. The overwhelmingly positive feedback from businesses following the operation reinforces the importance of this collaborative approach and highlights the tangible benefits that coordinated partnership working can deliver for the business community

Pub Watch

Our June Pub Watch meeting focused on preparations for the FIFA World Cup and was one of the best attended meetings we have held, with standing room only. Businesses received updates on:

- Community safety priorities
- Current crime trends
- Ask for Angela developments
- Violence reduction initiatives
- Partnership activity across the BID

We were also joined by dedicated Metropolitan Police Football Officers who provided an operational briefing on the tournament, highlighting expected crowd movements, policing plans, emerging risks and practical advice for licensed premises.

The session generated excellent discussion, with businesses sharing experiences, raising questions and exchanging information directly with policing partners.

At the time of writing, we are pleased to report that there have been no significant football-related incidents affecting London Bridge and we hope this continues throughout the final week of the tournament.

If your business experiences any football-related issues, please contact the Metropolitan Police directly or notify Nick at Team London Bridge, who can assist in coordinating an appropriate response with police partners.

Intelligence Meeting

Our monthly Intelligence Meeting brought together key partners to share the latest information on crime patterns, emerging issues and operational activity.

We were pleased to be joined by Paul Clarke (EY), who provided an excellent briefing on the current political landscape and protest activity, helping businesses understand forthcoming demonstrations and any potential impact on the London Bridge area.

Regular intelligence sharing continues to play an important role in ensuring partners remain informed, coordinated and prepared.

Crime Stats

Crime levels across London Bridge remain encouraging, with overall recorded crime falling by 8% during May. Theft, which continues to account for the largest proportion of recorded offences, reduced by 20%, while theft from person fell by an impressive 39%, reflecting the impact of visible policing, intelligence-led deployments and strong partnership working.

Although violence against the person increased, the rise was driven primarily by common assaults without injury, including several offences involving emergency workers. More serious violence continued to reduce, with violence with injury falling to just one recorded offence during the month.

Robbery remained relatively low and stable, decreasing slightly compared with April. Retail crime remains an area of continued focus. While shoplifting increased to 10 offences during May, this remains below the level recorded during the same period last year. Team London Bridge continues to work closely with businesses and the Metropolitan Police to identify prolific offenders through the Shop Safe intelligence platform and targeted enforcement operations.

Events

Security Forum & Networking Event

Tuesday 14 July 2026, 11am – 1pm – Norton Rose Fulbright.

Partnership briefing with TLB and London Bridge City on crime trends, policing activity and community safety updates.

ACT Awareness Training

Free counter terrorism awareness training for businesses and frontline staff.

Monday 14 September 2026, 10am – 12pm Team London Bridge Hive Space.

Selecta DNA Property Marking – Free property marking service to help deter theft and identify recovered property. By appointment, at your business premises.

Team LB Community Fitness Sessions – every Wednesday, 6:00–7:00pm.

Free Fitness sessions promoting a safe, inclusive environment for all whilst promoting wellbeing and community connections across our district.

Contact nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk to attend all the above – thank you.