

TeamLondonBridge

MPS & BTP Report

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2026 has started positively, reflecting strong partnership working between businesses, private security and local police, alongside continued investment in safety and prevention across the Team London Bridge area. Recent activity has delivered positive outcomes through coordinated responses to incidents, ongoing investigations and targeted interventions. Overall crime in December remained stable, with notable reductions in violence and shoplifting, and no recorded bicycle thefts. While phone snatch theft remains the primary concern, clear patterns are now well understood and being addressed through focused patrols, prevention activity and business messaging. This work was reflected in the London Bridge 'A Great Place to Work' Awards 2026, which recognised outstanding contributions to safety, security, innovation and community engagement across the district.

Successful Result in Wood Green Crown Court:

PC Mannings was the Officer In Case for an incident of theft worth £1,920.00 which took place in October/2024; this is now well over a year ago. The suspect was a career criminal and after months of looking for the suspect, PC Mannings eventually arrested, interviewed, charged and remanded him in August/2025. The suspect has been remanded in prison since then due to excellent remand application grounds and he originally went to a Magistrates Court. However, the suspect then chose to be heard in a Crown Court instead. After continued months of work from PC Mannings and the Crown Prosecution Service, the suspect was found guilty and was sentenced to an additional twenty-four weeks in prison on top of his time already served. The suspect was also found guilty for a separate incident. The photo and name of this suspect can be seen using AlertID 250402.

Proactive Policing and Partnership Activity at London Bridge

In preparation for the high risk Millwall vs Charlton fixture, PC Noble was on duty as part of the policing operation for what was anticipated to be a challenging South London derby. In the days leading up to the match, PC Noble conducted proactive visits to licensed premises and engaged with train operating companies to support planning for the safe and controlled movement of supporters and to reduce the likelihood of public order issues.

Working in collaboration with licensed venues within the London Bridge footprint, PC Noble provided guidance on risk management and crowd behaviour. As a result, several premises increased their security measures and agreed to serve drinks exclusively in plastic containers to reduce the risk of glass being used as a weapon or projectile. This early engagement helped to reduce tensions and contributed to preventing breaches of the peace both before and after the match. On the morning of the fixture, PC Noble received information regarding the early arrival of a risk group of Charlton supporters at London Bridge under a substantial police escort. To prevent any disorder within the station or onboard services, PC Noble liaised directly with Southern Rail. Following discussions, arrangements were made for three separate train carriages to be reserved for this risk group, allowing them to travel safely under police supervision without mixing with the general public or rival supporters.

This intervention proved highly effective, ensuring the safe transit of the group and preventing potential flashpoints within the station and across the rail network. Metropolitan Police Silver Command expressed their appreciation for the early planning, coordination, and support provided, noting that these actions played a significant role in preventing disorder and contributing to the overall success of the policing operation.



London Bridge – ‘A Great Place to Work’ Awards 2026

London Bridge Businesses Recognised Achievements in Safety, Sustainability, Social Impact, and Health focused projects. The ‘A Great Place to Work’ Awards 2026 were held at Amazing Grace on St Thomas Street, a converted chapel providing the perfect venue to celebrate projects, milestones, commitments and personal successes that help us all enjoy and thrive in London Bridge. Member of the board, Tim Molden (Capital Arches Group) proudly introduced the awards for Safety and Security. The additional security and safety services provided by Team London Bridge require strong partnerships with our many stakeholders. Fortunately, the area has outstanding expertise, both organisationally and individually, which allows the community to provide a robust response to the challenges of keeping a busy, central London district safe.

Winners from the Safety and Security sector this year were chosen from five categories;

- Outstanding Security Team of the Year – London Bridge City
- Security Officer of the Year – Asadullah Zerak, London Bridge City
- Life Saver Award – Tower Bridge Security Team
- Community Engagement – Guy’s and St Thomas’ Hospital Security Team
- Best Innovation in Security Practices – Shard Quarter Security Team



Congratulations to all our award winners

Arrest and Charge of New Offender for Two Offences:

PC Mannings was the Officer In Case for two incidents of shoplifting in a high street store with the value of stolen items being over £600.00 for each incident. A full investigation was executed with statements taken and CCTV seized. Whilst PC Mannings was on Annual Leave, this offender returned to the area and was seen on CCTV by a private security company. They called 999 and they gave the Crime Reference Number – officers promptly arrived and arrested this individual. He has been successfully charged and is due to go to court in February/2026. This suspect has never been seen until this month and was not known to police at all, so this has been an excellent arrest as it has gathered valuable data. The photo and name of this suspect can be seen using AlertID 911308.

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Arrest, Charge and Remand of Offender for Three Offences:

This was an excellent example of collaborative working inside Team London Bridge and resulted in excellent success. PC Noble was walking along a busy street inside the BID when he spotted three individuals who were acting suspiciously. PC Noble then called PC Mannings to assist and he also called a private security company who had cameras in the area. These individuals were monitored for several minutes before being approached by the Funded Officers. Upon seeing the individuals close-up, it was immediately recognised that one of them was currently Wanted by PC Mannings as he was a key suspect in a case of theft. This individual was immediately arrested and upon checking the Police National Computer, it was discovered that he was also wanted for two more offences. PC Mannings took this person to custody, got all three charges authorised and he was remanded in custody overnight, appearing in Croydon Magistrates Court the following day. He was found guilty in court and has been court bailed until April/2026, at which point he will return for sentencing. This person was also issued a Banning Letter by PC Mannings on behalf of a high street store, meaning that should he return to the store he can be charged with Burglary rather than Theft. The photo and name of this suspect can be seen using AlertID 941726.

Forthcoming Operational Activity

PC Noble is currently in the planning stages of a dedicated weekend of action aimed at reducing retail theft and enhancing staff safety across the London Bridge station footprint. This forthcoming operation will involve collaborative working with Network Rail, retail partners, and other policing teams. The operation will focus on providing high visibility reassurance, enforcing relevant legislation, deterring repeat offenders, and strengthening reporting pathways for retail staff. Engagement activity will also be used to reinforce crime prevention advice and build staff confidence. This planned activity is intended to further strengthen partnerships, improve staff confidence and to promote a safer working environment for all station employees.

Safeguarding of a Vulnerable Missing Child During New Year's Eve Operation

During the New Year's Eve deployment, PC Noble was alerted to a highly vulnerable 14 year old female found alone within the station. She was visibly cold, extremely intoxicated and unable to provide personal details or stand unaided, presenting an immediate risk of harm. PC Noble escorted her to London Bridge BTP HQ to safeguard her and conduct enquiries to locate her parents. While at the police facility, her behaviour deteriorated and she became emotional and volatile due to intoxication. PC Noble maintained calm engagement and built rapport over a prolonged period, which was essential in keeping her settled and safe. Enquiries with the Metropolitan Police and Social Services confirmed she was a missing person from the Charlton area. London Ambulance Service attended and conveyed the female to St Thomas' Hospital due to alcohol intoxication. PC Noble accompanied her to hospital to provide reassurance and maintain her safety, where she was later reunited with her mother. This incident demonstrated effective safeguarding through early intervention, communication and coordinated multi agency working during a high demand New Year's Eve operation.

TLB Intelligence Meeting Update

On 29th January we held an Intelligence Meeting for TLB Businesses. It gave us a good opportunity to review current issues affecting the area, share intelligence and sense-check emerging risks together. A key part of the discussion focused on protest activity, including ongoing issues affecting the City of London and how wider US–Iran tensions are influencing protest behaviour and disruption to businesses. We looked at whether any of this activity could realistically spill over into the London Bridge area and what early indicators to look out for.

Overall, it was a good, open conversation, with valuable input from partners, and exactly the kind of forum that helps us stay ahead of issues rather than reacting to them after the fact.

Key Information and Upcoming Dates

- London Business Networks for Resilience Briefing (Trailblazers Programme) – Tue 10 Feb 2026, 09:00–11:00, Team London Bridge, 8 Holyrood Street SE1
- Women's Self Defence Class – Thu 12 Feb 2026, 17:30–19:30, Team London Bridge, 8 Holyrood Street SE1
- SAFE by CST: Martyn's Law Practical Walkthrough – Thu 19 Feb 2026, 14:00–15:00, Online
- Women's Night Safety Charter Summit – Thu 26 Feb 2026, all day, Fire Nightclub
- TLB Intelligence Meeting (Online) – Thu 5 Mar 2026, 12:30–13:00
- Pub Watch (Team London Bridge and Better Bankside) – Tue 10 Mar 2026, 10:30, Team London Bridge, 8 Holyrood Street SE1
- ACT Awareness Training – Mon 16 Mar 2026, 10:00–12:00, Team London Bridge, 8 Holyrood Street SE1
- Fraud Documents Training with Metropolitan Police – Mon 23 Mar 2026, 10:00–12:00, Team London Bridge, 8 Holyrood Street SE1