

TeamLondonBridge

MPS & BTP Report

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October was a highly productive month for the Team London Bridge Funded Police Officers, with several key arrests, banning of prolific offenders, and strong intelligence sharing focused on retail crime. An investigation into a high-value bag theft resulted in one offender receiving an eight-month prison sentence and a fine, with a second awaiting court in December. There was an increased police presence around key BID locations such as Southwark Crown Court and The Shard that has reduced crime through visible patrols and intelligence-led deployments. PC Noble led a successful multi-agency operation at London Bridge Station, recovering stolen property, making three arrests, and developing intelligence on organised retail theft groups. This builds on the work carried out in September, with our latest crime statistics showing that offences across the London Bridge area remain significantly lower year-on-year — down 27% compared with last September.

Arrests of offenders in popular chemist store:

PC Mannings has been working hard to combat the prolific offenders who have been relentlessly targeting a well-known store. PC Mannings made an arrest in the beginning of October for an individual who was a frequent offender. The quantity of theft on its own wasn't particularly high but due to repeated visits, the accumulative volume was very high indeed. The suspect was arrested, charged and remanded in custody before being found guilty in court. As part of their conviction, the suspect was ordered to repay the financial loss back to the store in two week increments until the loss has been fully repaid. PC Mannings also issued a Banning Letter to the suspect on behalf of the store, meaning that should the suspect return, they'll be charged for Burglary rather than Theft, which holds a significant greater amount of weight in court and almost guarantees prison time. This suspect has been given a sentencing date in court in November, so the results will be shared in next months report. This suspect has also been given a Banning Letter on behalf of the store. The ShopSafe AlertID for this suspect is 825538.

PC Mannings also arrested another offender from this same store at the end of last month, who store £859.05 worth of items in under a minute. This suspect was difficult to chase down and this took a month straight of work. This is because the suspect had several name aliases, date of birth aliases and false addresses. After a heavy period of investigation including contacting the Department for Work and Pensions, food delivery companies and several other sources of intelligence, an accurate name, date of birth and address was found. PC Mannings arrested this suspect and managed to get an admission of guilt recorded on Body Worn Video. This suspect will be attending court in November and we are confident of them being found guilty. This suspect has also been given a Banning Letter on behalf of the store. The ShopSafe AlertID for this suspect is 825538.



A highly successful Phone Marking and Bike Marking Event on Tooley Street with MPS & BTP

Court Result of High Value Bag Theft Offender:

PC Mannings started investigating the theft of a high value item that took place in early September/2025. A full investigation and case file was built with three statements and a large amount of CCTV exhibits. The suspects were seen a couple of weeks later by a private security firm who immediately called police, which led to them being arrested. One of them has appeared in court and was sentenced to eight months in prison and a fine of £187.00. The other suspect will be going to court in December/2025. Both of the suspects can be seen on ShopSafe AlertID 699598. This incident was an excellent example of collaborative working between the Funded Team London Bridge Officers, other MPS Officers and private security firms.

Theft Overview:

Our latest crime stats show offences across the London Bridge area remain significantly lower year-on-year, with a 27% reduction compared with last September. This reflects the continued success of our joint efforts to reduce acquisitive crime across the district.

Bicycle theft has remained low, with levels well below those recorded last year. Theft from person offences have also fallen sharply, down 30% compared to the same period last year. Shoplifting shows a particularly strong improvement, down 65% from last September, with no clear repeat locations identified this month.

Other theft has seen minor fluctuations but remains below historic levels. These sustained reductions demonstrate the impact of the BID's funded police officers and our ongoing partnership work between businesses, private security, the Metropolitan Police. and BTP. Together, these coordinated efforts continue to make London Bridge a safer and more resilient district for all.

Operation In London Bridge Station:

PC Noble coordinated and delivered an excellent operation in the station along with colleagues from BTP and also from the MPS. They worked relentlessly over the course of several days last month with excellent results. Several key offenders were identified and a large amount of stolen property was recovered and given back to their rightful owners. The operation also resulted in three arrests, with the offenders being taken to custody. One of the stops and identified offenders has developed intelligence of an organised crime group for retail theft, which will be investigated during a slow-time investigation.

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Meetings with MPS Deputy Assistant Commissioner:

Nick Morant joined a Heart of London session with the Deputy Assistant Commissioner and Chief Inspector Titus Halliwell. The group reviewed key pressures on the MPS and plans under the New Met for London model. Deputy Assistant Commissioner Louise Puddefoot outlined current priorities. Nick raised concerns about fewer officers and the impact on London Bridge and other lively districts, stressing the importance of protecting businesses as operations evolve.

Proactive Intelligence:

You may have noticed that on certain days, there has been an increased police presence in certain areas of the BID, especially around Southwark Crown Court and The Shard. A lot of this has been the hard work from PC Mannings who has been proactively creating Criminal Intelligence Reports and who has been updating the MPS Public Order Planning Team with key events. This increased police presence doesn't just aid the designated facility but this also prevents crime occurring in the first place throughout the majority of the BID due to having a uniformed presence. This is a useful reminder to make police aware as early as possible of any key events that may take place at your venue as this will allow for the most proactive response.

Phone Marking and Bike Marking Event:

On 09/October/2025, a highly successful Phone Marking and Bike Marking Event was delivered by London Bridge & West Bermondsey Safer Neighbourhood, BTP and TLB Funded Officers. This was the first Phone Marking event to take place inside the BID and we are delighted to say that a huge amount of people turned up to have their items securely marked - *Well done MPS PCSO Paul Durrant for the constant engagement throughout the day!* We have to emphasise how useful this is for members of the public, employees and customers. Thieves will typically check bikes before stealing them, and if they are seen to be visibly marked they are much more likely to be instantly discarded. The goal of the police and security services is to always prevent crime happening in the first place, rather than try to tackle it later on. We will continue to advertise future phone and bike marking events, so please do attend them when you see them advertised.

How to access the ShopSafe Alert App:

Please email nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk. This app is completely free of charge when you are part of Team London Bridge and this allows businesses, police officers and security firms share suspect data in compliance with the law and GDPR regulations.

Forthcoming events (email Nick for an invite):

- Remembrance Day Service – Monday 11th November at 11:00am, taking place at various locations.
- Quarterly Retailers Meeting – Tuesday 12th November at London Bridge Station.
- Security & Resilience Forum – Wednesday 13th November, 09:00–10:30am at The View from The Shard.
- Monthly Intelligence Meeting – New Date: Thursday 11th December, including updates on New Year's Eve planning.