

TeamLondonBridge

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Community Safety Report

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July was a busy month, with a strong focus on proactive policing, crime prevention, intelligence sharing and business engagement. PC Lee worked closely with the Met. Police, BTP colleagues and businesses, resulting in a number of arrests and interventions against prolific offenders, including an individual linked to 13 thefts at a retailer within London Bridge Station, with theft subsequently reducing at the store.

Partnership working remained strong through the successful London Bridge Security Forum at Norton Rose Fulbright, continued intelligence sharing with neighbouring BIDs and regular engagement with licensed premises during football fixtures. There were no major incidents or significant disorder reported within the BID area. Crime prevention also remained a priority, with over 180 mobile phones marked during a London Bridge City Community Action Day as well as the continued rollout of SelectaDNA property marking.

Proactive Policing & Crime Reduction

July saw a number of successful proactive policing operations. On 4 July, a joint Metropolitan Police and PC Lee operation targeted theft across the London Bridge area. The operation resulted in several arrests, including offenders wanted on recall to prison, a breach of court order and failure to appear.

One prolific offender was detained following a foot chase and found in possession of stolen goods and medication believed to have been taken from local retailers.

The operation demonstrates the value of targeted activity and the ability of Team London Bridge to work alongside statutory policing resources to identify and apprehend offenders.

On 20 July, PC Lee Noble met with Network Rail's retail management team to discuss ongoing theft issues at London Bridge Station. Particular concerns had been raised by Oliver Bonas, which had experienced repeated bulk thefts by a prolific offender, with losses exceeding £3,000.

Following a review of CCTV, PC Lee identified the individual involved. Shortly afterwards, while on patrol on Tooley Street, PC Lee located and arrested the suspect in connection with 13 theft offences. The individual subsequently admitted 11 of the 13 offences and was bailed with conditions preventing him from attending London Bridge Station.

The proactive intervention has had a positive impact, with the offender no longer being seen at the location and theft at the store subsequently reducing.

Crime Prevention & SelectaDNA

The BID has continued to work directly with businesses on SelectaDNA property marking, providing an additional layer of protection against burglary and theft. Property can be marked with a unique forensic identifier, making it more difficult for offenders to dispose of stolen goods and helping police identify property if it is recovered.

SelectaDNA reports reductions in burglary of up to 83% through its schemes, including an 83% reduction recorded during a Greater Manchester Police trial. The initiative is being promoted as part of the BID's wider approach to practical, preventative crime reduction.

If you feel your business may benefit please contact nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk for further details.

Retail Crime – Arrest

On 25 July, while on football duty at London Bridge Station, PC Lee identified a male acting suspiciously and carrying a large designer shopping bag.

Following information received from shop staff, the male was stopped and searched and found in possession of two unpaid items valued at £46.50. He was arrested and conveyed to custody, removing another prolific offender known to both the Met. Police and BTP from the immediate area.

These incidents demonstrate the importance of visible, proactive policing and strong relationships between officers and retailers, allowing officers to act quickly when intelligence or suspicious behaviour is identified.

Security Forum

The London Bridge Security Forum, hosted by Norton Rose Fulbright, was a particular success.

The forum brought together businesses, security professionals and key partners, with Metropolitan Police Superintendent Alan Duncan providing an update on policing priorities and the current security environment.

A further presentation on crisis management provided practical guidance for businesses around preparing for and responding to significant incidents. The event also provided an excellent opportunity for networking, intelligence sharing and strengthening relationships between security teams across the area.

Resilience & Crisis Management

Work has continued to strengthen the BID's approach to business continuity, crisis management and emergency preparedness. This includes developing practical guidance and action cards for a range of incidents, ensuring that businesses and the BID team have clear information available during a significant incident.

Planning is also progressing for a future multi-agency crisis management exercise, providing an opportunity to test communication, decision-making and coordination between businesses and emergency partners.



The BID continued regular engagement with businesses, providing crime prevention advice, responding to concerns and encouraging the sharing of intelligence.

On 23 July, the team took part in a Community Action Day at London Bridge City and More London, providing crime prevention and public safety advice to businesses and the wider community.

Officers from both the Met and BTP, supported by PCSOs, were available to engage with the public. More than 180 mobile phones were property marked during the event, alongside wider crime prevention advice and community engagement.

The day provided a strong opportunity to demonstrate the visible partnership approach across London Bridge and engage directly with businesses, workers and members of the public.

Events

The focus for September will include a number of important security and engagement activities.

ACT Awareness Training

Monday 14 September – 10:00 – 12:00 The London Bridge Hive. Delivered with CT Protect Officer Paul Johnstone, providing businesses with practical counter-terrorism awareness and preparedness guidance.

PubWatch

Tuesday 15 September, 09:30 – 11:00 – Redwood Sports Bar, London Bridge. The meeting will focus on preparations for the Millwall v West Ham fixture, including venue security, intelligence sharing, policing arrangements and managing potential disorder.

Contact nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk to benefit from all the above.