

TeamLondonBridge

MPS & BTP Report

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September saw increased footfall and a rise in opportunistic crime as people returned from summer holidays. Funded Officers achieved strong results, including the arrest and recall to prison of a prolific offender and the successful arrest, charge, and remand of two high-value bag thieves through excellent partnership working. A key shoplifter targeting Boots was identified and charged, while joint operations in the station led to multiple arrests for theft and CBO breaches. Positive progress was made in reducing offending, with three of the area's main criminals now in prison and one relocated permanently. Officers also delivered strong community engagement at King's College London Freshers' events, educating new students on crime prevention and reporting. Upcoming activity includes free bicycle and phone marking sessions on 9 October to help businesses protect their property, read more about this event on page 3.

Protests and Public Order – 13th September

On 13th September, Team London Bridge worked hard with local businesses and partners to manage the impact of Tommy Robinson's march. Ahead of the event, we held a crucial intelligence meeting to ensure all relevant parties were fully briefed on the expected movement of crowds and potential risks. This meeting allowed businesses to prepare, security teams to coordinate, and our officers to plan effectively. We are particularly grateful to PC Tom Mannings for pulling together all the relevant information and providing a clear briefing to partners.

On the day, over 125,000 people attended the march on Stamford Street, with many passing through the London Bridge area. This coincided with a full day of football, which could have created additional flashpoints across the capital. Despite these challenges, proactive engagement and planning meant that no incidents were reported in our area, and the day ran very smoothly. This demonstrates the value of early intelligence sharing and strong partnership working in keeping the London Bridge area safe.

Good News – Key Offender Updates:

There are four main offenders in the area who commit the vast majority of volume crime and who also control the vast majority of retail crime, as they have other subjects working for them and Handling Stolen Goods. The officers work hard to keep these four offenders away from the area at all costs. September/2025 was a very successful month as one of the subjects has permanently relocated and three of the subjects were in prison thanks to the dogged determination of officers to investigate, arrest and remand these individuals for every offence they committed in the BID area. Fantastic work!



Arrest Of Prolific Offender For Recall To Prison:

PC Mannings was conducting plain-clothes work in the area when he spotted a subject who was Wanted by police in order to go straight back to prison. PC Mannings then apprehended the subject who became aggressive and violent upon hearing that he was going back to prison. After quite assaulting PC Mannings several times, the subject was eventually placed into handcuffs and put behind bars. This was an excellent result and it was welcomed by the retailers. The subject can be seen on ShopSafe AlertID 749028.



Arrest, Charge and Remand of two High Value Bag Thieves:

A high value theft took place at the end of August/2025 in the area. PC Mannings took over the investigation and worked hard to build an excellent quality trail of evidence. In early September/2025, the suspects were spotted by a private security firm who promptly called police. These suspects were arrested, charged and remanded for court. They are currently awaiting their sentencing, this will be shared in December/2025's report. This is a tremendous example of a Joint Working Partnership between the Team London Bridge Funded Officers, colleagues in the Metropolitan Police Service and the private security firm who spotted the suspects. The suspects can be seen on ShopSafe AlertID 699598 and 699610.

Charging Decision Reached For A Shoplifter:

There is a shoplifter who is quite prolific and favours a well known health and beauty retailer. She stole from there quite frequently and this has been a long-term issue. The retailer recently upgraded their CCTV system which has allowed this offender to be identified and she was warned to attend court by PC Mannings via a Postal Charge Requisition. She has Failed To Appear for court, so the Funded Officers are keeping a look out for her.

UPDATE - On Tuesday 7th October PC Manning utilised local intel sources to identify her location and arrested her, despite her denials she was not the person in question. She was remanded to appear in court for these offences. ShopSafe Alert ID: 795091 refers.

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Shoplifting Operation In The Station:

Officers from the Metropolitan Police Service and British Transport Police Officer PC Noble executed a Shoplifting Operation at the end of the month. This led to two arrests, one suspect was Wanted for Theft and the other suspect was Wanted for Breaching his Criminal Behaviour Order. Both suspects were taken to Walworth Custody Suite, the court results of these arrests isn't yet known. This was a productive day of action including numerous stops and a clear, visible, policing presence inside the station.

Community Engagement:

Officers from the Metropolitan Police Service and British Transport Police Officer PC Noble hosted a Community Event at Guys Campus, Kings College London, SE1. PC Noble is incredibly good at engaging with members of the public from all walks of life and he takes pride in delivering high quality information that help in keeping Londoners safe. This event was aimed at "Freshers", who were mostly foreign students and who were unaware of the risks that London has in terms of drink spiking and theft. Furthermore, these students were unaware of how to report something to the police, so the event was well hosted, well received and well delivered! See pictures page 2.

Following this event, the officers then went to the university adjacent campus in Waterloo, which also went very smoothly and was welcomed by all parties involved.

Upcoming Events To Take Note Of:

We have a Bicycle Marking Event and also a Phone Marking Event on Thursday 09/October/2025 between 1200 hours and 1400 hours. This will take place on Tooley Street, SE1 directly opposite Battleridge Lane, SE1. We strongly encourage everybody to get their bicycle marked and their phone marked. The vast majority of bicycle thieves will only target bicycles that are not marked and the majority of phone thieves will drop the phone if they see that it has been marked. This makes a huge difference to victims as ultimately, their property is not being permanently deprived from them. This is normally a paid service if done privately, but the Metropolitan Police Service will be delivering this free of charge to all members of the public.

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.