

TeamLondonBridge

MPS & BTP Report

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April 2025 has called for funded officers to be both adaptable and resilient in their efforts. This necessity arose due to a persistent threat to businesses, particularly retailers, who experienced a significant uptick in theft and shoplifting incidents, including cases where staff were threatened with weapons. In response, PC Mannings adjusted his shift pattern and cancelled rest days to reassure staff and apprehend those responsible. Over a span of just seven days, he made four arrests, with all four suspects charged by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), an outstanding effort. Furthermore, PC Mannings has conducted several prison visits aimed at charging and remanding bag thieves and pickpockets who have targeted workers in the London Bridge area. PC Noble has engaged in community visits with businesses throughout April, fostering relationships and bolstering communication to enhance safety and security within the community.

Prison Visits:

PC Mannings conducted two prison visits to interview two high-value bag thieves. Organising prison visits requires significant effort, but conducting these interviews enhances the chances of securing a custodial sentence. Additionally, it prevents officers from having to track down these offenders once they are released. This proactive approach not only contributes to public safety but also plays a crucial role in maintaining the security of London Bridge. Offenders often share information with one another, warning their associates to avoid certain areas, which helps deter criminal activity in those locations.

Arrests:

This month, PC Mannings made several notable arrests, including two significant ones targeting a prolific shoplifter. This individual had been committing theft and robbery at a local supermarket, threatening staff with a knife on one occasion. PC Mannings started the day at 5am and paid a visit to this store, waiting in plain clothes for the suspect to hopefully arrive. The suspect entered the store, and similar to previous occasions, threatened staff before he stole goods to the value of £75. PC Mannings was there to meet him at the exit where the suspect (continued)





was quickly handcuffed and suitably detained. The suspect was taken to custody where he was further arrested for criminal damage.

This suspect was successfully charged and bailed for a court hearing. However, upon release he started reoffending. In order to catch him again without being recognised immediately, PC Mannings waited inside a store CCTV Control Room for several hours, paying attention to the screen the entire time. The suspect eventually entered the store, enabling PC Mannings to sprint downstairs and make another arrest. The male was charged and remanded in custody to prevent further offending. Whilst in Custody, the suspect was further arrested for criminal damage and racially aggravated public order offences after he racially abused a member of Police Staff.

Arrest of Prolific Offender

PC Mannings arrested another suspect who was wanted for two offences, one for the Metropolitan Police Service and one for the British Transport Police. The suspect had evaded arrest several times, including on one occasion where he jumped onto a moving vehicle to enable his escape. PC Mannings was determined to find and arrest the individual so he could be charged for his crimes against businesses within the BID. Whilst on patrol, PC Mannings spotted the suspect from afar and intercepted him. The suspect, true to form, made off. He entered an enclosed dock yard via an open gate, locking it closed behind him. He then proceeded to goad PC Mannings and stated he couldn't be caught. However, our funded officers do their homework. To the suspect's surprise, PC Mannings had already memorised the entry code for the electronic gate from prior intelligence checks. PC Mannings opened the gate, entered the yard and made the arrest. The suspect was charged and remanded for court the next day.

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Team London Bridge Ballot

The Team London Bridge ballot is now live and will conclude on 5th June, when all ballot papers must have been received. To allow Team London Bridge to continue to make London Bridge safer, businesses within the BID area participate in a ballot process. Ballot papers have been sent to eligible businesses by post.

Our proposal for 2026 - 2031 is available for review online. Please visit our website at teamlondonbridge.co.uk/ballot to explore all the exciting plans for London Bridge

Over the next 5-years, we're aiming to make London Bridge the capital's safest night out — ensuring the area stays welcoming for everyone. We will;

- Fund a full-time Metropolitan Police Officer, dedicated to the London Bridge area.
- Fund a full-time British Transport Police Officer, dedicated to London Bridge Station.
- Allow retailers to predict, prevent and protect with safety intelligence using Shop Safe.
- Alert businesses to security incidents and updates by continuing to operating a Mass Notification Platform.
- Reinforce our commitment to keep the community safe by being the first Business Improvement District to gain a 'Secured Environments' accreditation.
- Build relationships, share insights and best practice by coordinating the Southwark Safety and Resilience Forum, Pub Watch and Shop Watch groups.
- Improve resilience by providing crisis and business continuity training.
- Support vulnerable people and explore opportunities for a dedicated accessible Safe Space.
- Continue to protect property by hosting free bike and property marking events.

We would love to discuss our plans with you, so don't hesitate to reach out to nick@teamlondonbridge.co.uk to arrange a meeting and have any questions addressed.

