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West End Town Centre Team Monthly Newsletter

From the Chief...



**Chief Inspector
Amy Milton
West End
Neighbourhoods**

On Wednesday 30 July, Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley and the Mayor visited officers in our West End teams, while the Deputy Commissioner Matt Jukes went to visit the Town Centre team in Brixton – two of the areas we're bolstering as a result of the £32m additional funding.

The West End is one of our busiest areas to police, and the Commissioner and Mayor recognised the brilliant work of our officers as they walked through Shaftsbury Avenue to Piccadilly Circus. In Brixton, Deputy Commissioner joined officers to meet local residents and speak to them about issues that matter most to them. The extra funding will mean an additional 80 Officers posts for the West End!

As well as protecting Londoners and visitors, businesses also rely on us to keep them safe. Earlier in the day, the Commissioner and Mayor were joined by Commander Andy Featherstone to speak to local businesses about what we can do to tackle volume crime. Representatives from Selfridges, New West End Company, My Local Bobby, amongst others, joined the discussion.



Arrests, Arrests Arrests!

Since the West End Town Centre Team started in September 2024 we have made **573 arrests!**

The majority of the arrests are for violence, drug possession, robbery and sexual assault offences.

Royal Humane Society Awards

PS Russell Easterbrook from West End Town Centre Team B has been awarded a Bronze Medal from the Royal Humane Society for his actions in saving a victims life following an incident in Oxford Circus tube station in October 2024.

Additionally PS Corey Hackett and A/PS Jake Clarkson from the West End Policing Team are to receive Royal Humane Society award commendations for their actions in delivering life saving CPR at Notting Hill Carnival last year.

Oxford Circus Incident Summary:

On Saturday 12th October 2024 at 02:20hrs, PS Easterbrook was single crewed and first to respond to reports of a stabbing at Oxford Circus tube station, he immediately took a first aid kit and went into the station alone, he saw the victim who was covered in blood, there were 2 suspects close by and a crowd of 10 other males all getting involved, PS Easterbrook used force to split them and the 2 suspects ran off, PS Easterbrook gave suspect descriptions and direction of travel and the 2 suspects were arrested. PS Easterbrook focused his attention to the victim and had to use 3 trauma bandages to try and stem the bleeding and put his thumb into the head wound to stop the bleed, the victims hair, face, chest, t-shirt and hooded jumper were soaked with blood, PS Easterbrook's field jacket, shirt and trousers all became covered in the victim's blood.

PS Easterbrook was on his own saving the victims life for 9 minutes until the next unit and Ambulance arrived. The lead Paramedic declared that the injury was a catastrophic arterial bleed and HEMS (Helicopter Medics) were activated. The victim was in tachycardia with a resting heart rate of 110bpm and had lost a considerable amount of blood, the HEMS Dr declared his condition to be life threatening initially and recognised that the speed of the police response and the initial first aid by stemming the bleeding likely saved his life.

Once the victim was in the Ambulance, PS Easterbrook then focused on the investigation and within 2 hours from the initial 999 calls, PS Easterbrook has saved the victims life, effectively communicated allowing for 2 suspects to be arrested, liaised with LAS, HEMS, BTP and CID, setup 3 crime scenes including shutting down Oxford Circus tube station, completed a walkthrough with CID of the scene and through speaking to witnesses they found the alleged weapon used which was a broken brandy bottle, in hospital the victim received 17 staples to his head and survived.



Bronze Medal

The Royal Humane Society bronze medal was introduced in 1837.

It is awarded to people who have put their own lives at great risk to save or attempt to save someone else.

It is accompanied by an A4 size certificate signed by the Society's president, the chairman and the secretary.

Leicester Square – Operation Martello

We have been working with Westminster Council, WESG, HOLBA, My Local Bobby and Met CCC to see if we can get public access bleed kits installed in Leicester Square, currently there are some bleed kits stored around the West End but mainly inside stores so only available during opening hours and there is no public signage or awareness.

Following liaising with Avon and Somerset Police as they have run a project in the South West with Heartsafe and South West Ambulance and they have installed public access bleed kits in various places such as Bristol and Bath, they have also include the locations on the CAD systems so if a member of the public calls 999 they can be directed to the nearest bleed kit, we have submitted a funding bid for 6 kits.

Bleed Kit Contains:

- 1 x 'Standalone' Bleed Kit Dispenser
- 1 x Bleed Kit Dispenser Fitting Kit
- 1 x Community Bleed Kit Pouch Including
 - 2x Trauma Dressings
 - 2x Haemostatic Dressings – 2 year lifespan
 - 1x Tourniquet
 - 2x Individual Pair of Nitrile Gloves
 - Medical Shears/Scissors
 - Foil Blanket
 - CPR Face Shield
 - Whistle



Operation Pulsejet

TCT A have been leading on Op Pulsejet which is a covert plain clothes operation targeting pickpocketing and mobile phone theft. Across 3 days in July the team had **6 arrests**

2 Arrested for Theft on Oxford Street.

Officers noticed two suspects stealing from an Elderly females bag on Oxford Street by Oxford Circus. Officers stopped the two, recovered the phone and returned it owner. The Officers also got a round of applause from the public! The victim was very happy and wrote a thank you email.

Both suspects Charged and remanded – 10 weeks each in prison

2 Arrested for theft on Charing Cross Road.

Officers were patrolling Charing Cross road en route to Oxford Street. Noticed to suspects and followed them to Montagu Pyke Pub. As soon as they entered officers witnessed the suspects steal a phone via distraction theft. Officers stopped them and they were searched. The stolen phone down top of a female suspect. The phone was restored to owner and he was able to get to Oasis Concert!

2 arrested for theft on Oxford Street.

Officers patrolling Oxford Street, noticed two females acting suspiciously. Officers observed and witnessed them trying to steal from Tourist backpack. Both arrested and Charged/Remanded.



Madalina PATAR
19/09/1997



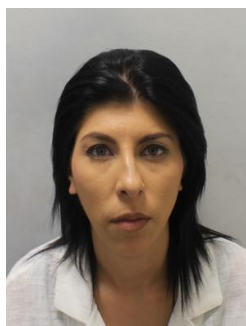
Marius ZAVACHE
20/11/1995



Maria Danila
08/09/2004



Serena Danila
21/06/2006



Magdalena Ivanova
19/04/1997



Madona Taneva
22/08/1994

Live Facial Recognition Operations

In July, we have ran 2 Live Facial Recognition (LFR) operation in Leicester Square, we had 11 arrest across the 2 operations.

Really pleased to have **Safer Business Network** with us as well to showcase the technology and the benefits in targeting recidivist retail crime offenders although with the expert eagle eyes of **Taylor Mann** and **Rachelle O'Sullivan** we have our own SBN LFR team spotting wanted offenders!



Breach of CBO Arrest

Janelle Johnstone was given a Criminal Behaviour Order on 24/06/2025 banning her from Westminster and Camden boroughs, on the 25/06/2025 she breached her CBO and on the 11/07/2025, she was arrested and sentenced to 10 weeks in prison for the breach.

A CBO is a really effective tool that we have to manage prolific ASB offenders



NPAS Pursuit

On 15/07/2025, a car failed to stop for Police in Islington and a high speed pursuit reaching speeds of 100mph took place through Islington, Camden and into Westminster. The National Police Air Service (NPAS) deployed and the helicopter picked up the pursuit.

The Helicopter Officers guided officers in to the area as the driver decamped the vehicle in the West End and he was arrested for multiple offences!



Interceptors Tackling Knife Crime

We have had the SE Interceptor team working in the West End and St James Wards this week, they are a specialist unit who work across London focusing on tackling knife crime, they have had an excellent week with 7 x arrests, 14 x searches and 7 x recovered vehicles including 2 that recently been stolen.

The results are a great example of the professionalism and can-do attitude of the SE interceptors. Of particular note they have made arrests for serious VAWG offences through the intelligent use of NAS and were on scene within minutes and able to detain a number of suspects believed to be involved in a string of knife point robberies across Southwark and Westminster

Having no thought for their break or refreshments the team hotfooted out of Charing Cross Police Station to respond to reports of a knife point robbery. As the group of robber's starburst from Whitehall, PS Northover and his team flooded The Strand to assist. The main suspect did not account for the presence of the interceptors and was taken to the floor, the male was searched and found in possession of a large kitchen knife & 2 stolen phones, one of which had been taken at knife point from a 14-year-old on the Old Kent Road 2hrs prior.

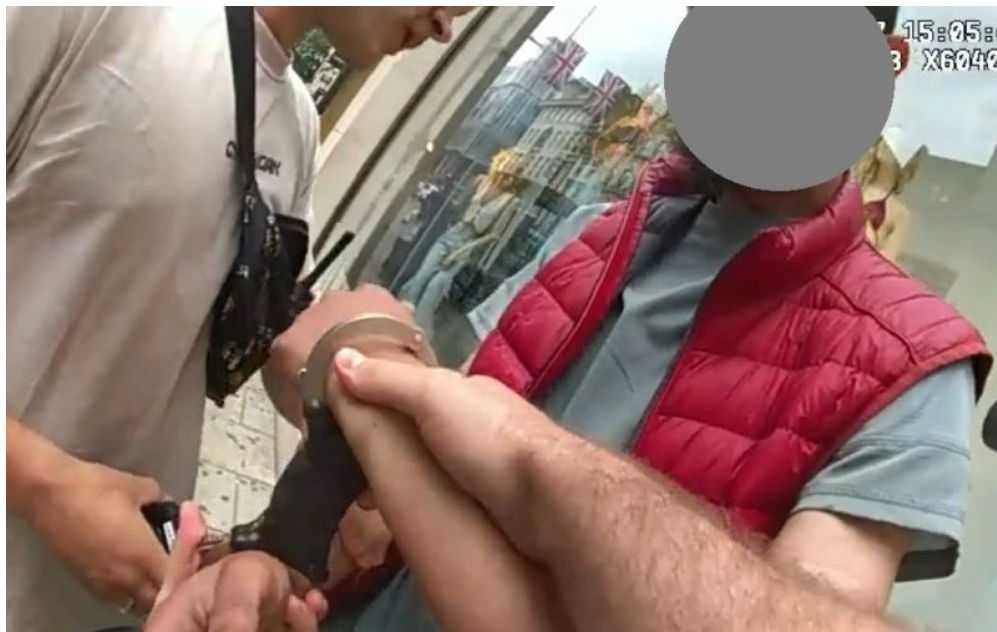
A knife off the streets, suspects in custody and stolen property returned to victims is another outstanding example of the value added by the MO7 Interceptors.



Plain Clothes Operations

Brilliant work by TCT B on a covert anti -pickpocketing operation, Officers went down to The Mall for the Lionesses victory parade and mingled in the crowd, using their specialist counter terrorism behavioural detection and situational awareness training, they spotted someone in the crowd who clearly wasn't interested in the celebrations and the Officers saw him put his hands into a females bag trying to take her property, they swooped in on him and arrested him for theft, the female victim was completely unaware and extremely thankful for the teams actions in stopping her from loosing her phone and purse.

Separately TCT B worked on a plain clothes shoplifting operation with Primark on Oxford Street, a suspect was spotted in the store hiding products in bags, Officer stopped him and searched outside the store and £143 worth of stolen clothing found! Arrested and also wanted by Immigration as involved in large scale shoplifts across Europe



Knife Arch Operations

The West End Policing Teams working alongside the West End Town Centre Teams conducted 2 separate knife arch operations, one in Leicester Square and one on Argyll Street near Oxford Circus.

Multiple stop searches were conducted and arrests were made for drug possession, no knife arrests were made.

These operations are a really great proactive chance to engage with the community and to discuss the dangers of knife crime.



Prolific Shoplifter Arrested

PC Mason O'Connor from TCT B has been working with a large book selling retailer over the last few weeks in regards to the shoplifting issues in the West End. On Thursday, PC O'Connor was on overtime with our response tem, when he saw one of regular shoplifters called Omar Innis walking into Chinatown carrying boxes of board games,

PC O'Connor jumped out of the car, chased after him and then arrested him for theft.

Omar was wanted for 6 other thefts and a quick call to the retailer showed that 10 minutes prior to the stop he had stolen to the games from their Covent Garden store.

Omar was charged and remanded and on Friday morning, the court gave him 26 weeks in prison.

The retailer have been so impressed with PC O'Connor's ongoing good work with them that the Head of Loss Prevention for the UK has invited him to the head office for a coffee and a meeting to discuss how they can replicate the good work in the West End across the UK



Omar Innis
07/01/1993

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Moment prolific thieves are caught as Met Police vow West End crime crackdown

Extra 80 officers join team focusing on hotspots around Oxford Circus and Regent Street

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West End Town Centre Team



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PC Rhys Dance
PC Ben Farley
PC Archie Ganasooriar
PC Sophie Hull
PC Ben Pullen
PC John Redmond
PC Jake Shepherd
PC Jack Sibley
PC Albie Stapleton
PC Lewis Taylor
PC Nadine Von Seller
PC Matthew Wells

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APS Oli Fox

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PC Nicola Eades
PC Marc Forrester
PC Oli Fox
PC Phoebe Gibson
PC Mason O'Connor
PC Angus Reeves
PC Callum Scutt
PC Ben Talbot
PC Matt Taunton
PC Chris Warrilow

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PC Freddie Smith
PC Rory Young

Project PS Russell Easterbrook

