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NPT partners up with North Yorkshire Police for Altn8

The ECML NPT at York have continued to improve links with North Yorkshire Police by taking part in a NYP –led campaign to reduce disorder on the streets.

The campaign, called 'Altn8', encourages weekend revellers to alternate alcoholic drinks with a soft drink.

It also encourages club goers to alternate a night out on the town with a night at home.

The evenings have proved a great success.

During the campaign, freebies are given out to promote safe drinking. A clear message is also sent out that drink related disorder will not be tolerated.

The freebies aim to be educational and informative as well as useful.

Bottles of water are given out to encourage drinkers to alternate their drinks; free maps of York are also given out. These assist people not familiar with York. Taxi ranks and bus stops are indicated. They also promote the Altn8 message, along with a list of useful phone numbers.

Free flip-flops were provided as an alternative for uncomfortable high heels.



The campaign is run by North Yorkshire Police, by the Safer York Partnership.

Ben Whitaker, ECML NPT PCSO says: "This closer partnership is of obvious benefit to BTP as it all links in with reducing disorderly behaviour on the railways. This links in with reducing the fear of crime. Law abiding members of the travelling public have the right to travel on the network without fear."

The ECML NPT hopes to further strengthen the partnership by attending the Altn8 event.



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Retford Stabbing: One arrested

UPDATE:

A young female has been arrested and charged over the attempted stabbing of a young male which occurred in April. She has been bailed whilst further enquiries are made.

South Sector PCSO Scott Sharlotte said: "We are now directing patrols at Retford station, as it is part of our problem solving plan. To achieve this, we are holding surgeries at the stations we cover to stay in touch with the local community with the aim of working together to reduce crime and the fear of crime".

Street Life

ECML NPT has made a new contact with The Salvation Army which carries out regular patrols in the areas known for rough sleeping.

This includes the areas which BTP police and



North Sector

PC Provins & PCSO Price

Covering Newcastle, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Alnmouth, Morpeth, Durham and Darlington.

Central Sector

PC Andrews, PCSOs Whitaker and Virco

Covering York, Northallerton and Thirsk.

South Sector

PCSOs Andrew and Sharlotte

Covering Doncaster, Retford, Newark North Gate, Grantham

See the back page for contact details

Knife Crime Tackled

PCSO Vaughan Price & PC Mick Provins helped tackle knife crime in Newcastle recently. The pair, stationed at York, apprehended the male as Burger King staff reported threats were being made against them.

The arrest follows a successful knife arch operation at York and ECML PCSOs hope to run more in the near future.

IMMOBILISE 
PROPERTY CRIME

Bike tagging success- again!

The second free bike tagging operation since the inception of the ECML NPT was held recently at York.

Once again, the Immobilise message was highlighted to encourage rail users to sign up to the government backed scheme.

The scheme enables property to be registered on the secure central database, including bicycles, mobile phones, laptops and other electronic equipment.

In the event of the property being lost or stolen, the owner can go to the immobilise website at www.immobilise.com, and create a report.

If the property is recovered at a later date, it can be traced back to its rightful owner and returned.

The event was even more popular than the previous tagging operation, partly due to the increased media coverage.

Posters were once again used on the station to advertise the event, and a pre recorded telephone interview was played on a York station *Minster FM* prior to the event.

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ECML NPT go 'back to school'

ECML NPT went 'back to school' for a day at Hunslett Fire Station, Leeds recently.

The safety day hosted by West Yorkshire Fire service aims to teach primary school kids how to be safe

The ECML NPT attended with recently knighted BTP schools liaison officer, PC Stephen Wareing, based at Leeds to be trained in the use of a Network Rail funded-and-developed piece of kit called a 'Ghost Box'. The 'Ghost Box' is a self contained device with built in speakers, and through sound and pictures, gives children an insight into how dangerous the railway environment can be if it is misused.

It is designed to engage primary school aged children to put them on the right track early on in their lives. Other partners included the council, promoting food and health & safety around the home, and West Yorkshire Police teaching the dangers of weapons carried for personal protection.

The council's road safety team were also present with a car which children could sit in and 'drive' to simulate stopping distances.

Said PCSO Zöe Virco: "The children who attended went away with an understanding of the dangers of playing on the railway and the consequences of doing so."

The ECML will be putting their new training into practice in July, when similar events for children will be held at Retford Fire Station.



Above: West Yorkshire Fire Service demonstrates the devastating effects a vehicle produces when on fire

Saton Force...here we come

The ECML NPT proved a force to be reckoned with when they took part in Operation Saton Force.

The course, run at the Catterick Garrison army base, was found to be useful by all who attended.

As well as a chance to watch the army's Royal Disposal Corps in action, the two day event also allowed the NPT to practice preserving evidence and cordon duty.

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Problem Solving Plans

Central

York

- *Graffiti in the Cinder Lane area*

Southern

Retford

- Anti-social behaviour

Doncaster

- Anti-social behaviour

Northern

Darlington

- *Anti-Social behaviour*

Berwick-upon-Tweed

- Anti-social behaviour on last train between Edinburgh and Newcastle

Problem Solving Plans

- What is a PSP?

A problem solving plan, or PSP, is written when it becomes apparent that an area is suffering from a specific problem or number of problems.

- How do they work?

A log is kept of any incidents that occur and what is being done to tackle the problem. For example, a log could be created to record anti social behaviour occurring around the back of a particular railway station on, say, a Wednesday night.

- Why do they work?

Patrols can then be stepped up and targeted at specific times and locations. The issue can then be dealt with.

- How long do they last for?

A PSP aims to tackle the issues as quickly as possible. However, a PSP can last as long as is necessary.

See the previous page for ongoing PSPs being dealt

Red Nose Day Update

£584 was raised for this worthy charity cause by the ECML NPT

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