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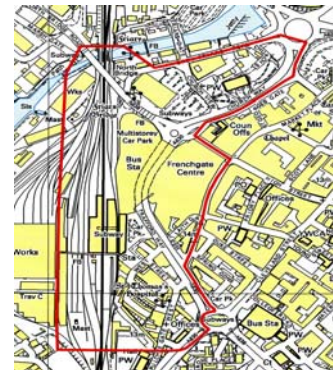
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## Section 30 Dispersal Order Secured for Doncaster

A Section 30 Dispersal order has been granted for Doncaster Station by the Superintendent, Timothy Innes of South Yorkshire Police and Chief Superintendent Terry Nicholson of the British Transport Police. Under Section 30 of the Anti-Social Behaviour act 2003 British Transport Police and South Yorkshire Police will work together to disperse groups of 2 or more people and direct them to leave for any period of time up to 24 hours if it is believed that they are acting in an anti social manner. It also gives the Police the power to remove youths under 16 years of age to their place of residence after 2100 hours. Failure to disperse or returning inside the period ejected for would result in arrest. The area designated under the power covers Doncaster station, Frenchgate Shopping centre, Frenchgate Bus Interchange and the Minster Quarter (for the full list of the area covered see the Section 30 Poster at the end of this newsletter.) The power commenced at 0001 on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and will cease on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 2359 although it can be extended if required. Officers from the East Coast Mainline Neighbourhood Policing Team began the application for the Section 30 three months ago due to the amount of anti-social behaviour

mainly from youths gathering on the front of Doncaster Station. Officers also received a number of complaints from staff regarding local people who frequent the station and act in an anti-social manner. PCSO Scott Sharlotte



said “The Section 30 Dispersal will make a real difference to Doncaster Station and the surrounding area as it gives us the ability to take a no nonsense approach to anti-social behaviour which has troubled the area for some time.”

Since the power commenced there have been 12 people ejected from the station 1 person removed to their place of residence and 1 person arrested for breach of the act. As well as increased patrols at Doncaster, the team will be running regular Anti-social behaviour operations.



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# Fight on Graffiti Continues

**Since June 2009 the ECML NPT have had a Problem Solving Plan to tackle Graffiti in the Cinder Lane area of York.**

Officers have conducted letter drops to residents in and around the affected area asking for anyone with any information to come forward. The feedback from residents has described the graffiti as a real nuisance as even their houses have been hit by graffiti.

The worst affected area seems to be the foot bridge which leads from Cinder Lane on to Wilton Rise and the boundary walls along Cinder Lane.

The NPT have been conducting regular morning and late night patrols in the area every week and speaking to people as they pass through. As a result of these a male was arrested on the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009 for criminal damage after he had been seen by a member of the public spraying the boundary wall along Cinder Lane with spray paint. The member of the public alerted Officers and a short time later the male was arrested.

Graffiti is still on going in the area and anyone with any information is urged to come forward and contact;

PCSO Shaun Hardcastle on  
07833047792

Or email: [ecml.npt@btp.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ecml.npt@btp.pnn.police.uk)

# Explosive time at Saton Force

On the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2009 PC Andrews and PCSO Snaith from the ECML NPT attended Operation Saton Force. The operation is a course aimed at honing Officers skills in the identification and process involved when handling suspect packages and explosives. Officers are given scenarios to deal with and are then given feedback on how they have performed by both army and police specialists. The Royal Logistics Corps Bomb Disposal were also present as the course is used for them to re – license.

PCSO Snaith said, "I really enjoyed the experience of Saton force and learnt a lot from it".



# ECML NPT go back in time to See Sergeant

On November 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 the East Coast Mainline NPT went to Beamish to see Sergeant Reynolds who is a volunteer at the open air museum.

The team enjoyed a great day out in Durham taking a step back in time to see what life was like back in the 1800's



# Not in my Neighbourhood Week

As part of the Not in my Neighbourhood Week on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 the team carried out a knife arch operation at Newcastle with the York OSU. On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> we carried out a number of Pulse Patrols on trains on the East Coast Mainline and between York and Huddersfield giving out leaflets regarding property safety and also offering property marking. On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> bike tagging took place at York Railway station.

All activities were well received by the travelling public and staff alike. As a result of the operation in Newcastle there were 2 people reported for the possession of cannabis and 1 issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice for the same offence.

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# Christmas Presence for Staff and Passengers

**Over the holiday season the ECML NPT have increased patrols on the East Coast Mainline as part of Operation Garland – The BTPs Christmas operation.**

The ECML NPT started Operation Garland on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December at York. For the first part of the shift we had a Drink Awareness stand where we were handing out freebies and giving information to customers traveling through York, information regarding things like, drinking sensibly and taking care when indulging themselves in alcohol and traveling on the railway.

Later in the evening we provided a high visibility presence to deal with any anti-social behaviour coming back through the station.

We did the same thing at Newcastle on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of

December, where we were joined for the first part of the shift by Officers from Northumbria Police, Street Rangers and Safer Newcastle.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> we were at Doncaster Station in relation to the Section 30 Dispersal order already mentioned, where 10 youths were dispersed and 1 arrested for a breach of the order.

On the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> the team carried out Pulse Patrols on the East Coast Mainline traveling on trains where we talked to the public, offering advice in relation to safety of personal property and also offered UV property marking.

This was well received by the traveling public.



## A fresh three for NPT

**Since September the ECML NPT has gained 3 new PCSOs after a swap of Officers with Leeds.**

The change was mainly due to Officers living closer to their new postings. Officers who have joined the team are;

- PCSO 4286 Mark Hunt - North Sector
- PCSO 4284 Jade Snaith - South Sector
- PCSO 4294 Shaun Hardcastle - Central Sector

## NPT assist in Arrest of two wanted people

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009 Officers from the ECML NPT and York were called down to meet a male and a female off a Cross Country train who had absconded from Durham Police the pair were abusive and subsequently arrested. During the arrest PCSO Cara Andrew was assaulted.

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Whilst the pair were being taken to vans situated close by the female began to kick out at officers and she was shouting and swearing. PCSO Andrew pulled her back after she had kicked out at another NPT officer and was headbutted as a consequence. PCSO Andrew said, “It hurt but I was more concerned about her lashing out at other officers, she was really aggressive”.

The female is still awaiting a court trial and the male received a £35 fine for Section 5 Public order.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to PCSOs Andrew and Charlotte who will be taking up positions as PCs at Leeds and Manchester respectively having successfully passed their assessments. They will be taking up their new positions on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2010.

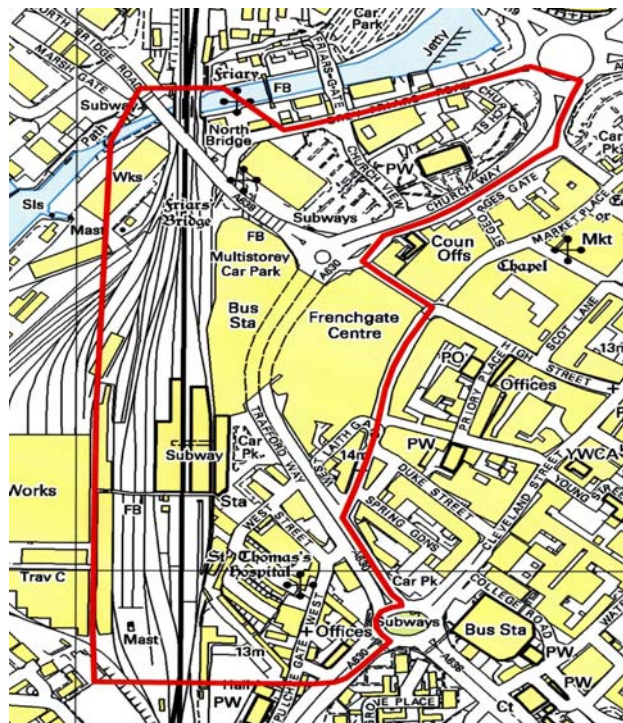


## Section 30 Dispersal Order

South Yorkshire and British Transport Police in agreement with Doncaster Council have secured a written authorisation under Section 30 of the Antisocial Behaviour Act 2003 for the dispersal of groups (two people or more) and/or removal of persons under 16 to their place of residence under circumstances where Anti-Social Behaviour is present.

The Dispersal Order covers the below mentioned areas and will run from  
**14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

**Grey Friars Road, Church Way, Church Street, Doncaster Minster, Tesco Superstore, Church View, North Bridge Road, Frenchgate Shopping centre, Frenchgate bus interchange, St Sepulchre Gate, West Street, Doncaster railway station, Stewart street, Gordon Street, Burnaby Street, Trafford Court, West Laith Gate and Factory Lane**



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