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"Welcome to the Winter
edition of the Leeds
Neighbourhood Policing
Team's newsletter.
Sgt Mark Burgess.



Winter train patrols

On November 4 and 5, 2009 the Leeds Neighbourhood Policing Team took part in a National Operation called 'Not in My Neighbourhood Week'.

This was part of an ongoing initiative to deter the theft of personal property and luggage. It is designed to disrupt the activities of offenders especially in the run up to Christmas.

Police officers and PCSOs from the West Yorkshire Neighbourhood Policing Team patrolled trains providing a Highly – Visible presence.

This type of operation greatly increases our profile. It reassures members of the public and rail staff allowing them to feel safer and view the railways as a viable form of travel.

It also allows rail staff to work in an environment which is safe and secure and it also indicates to potential offenders the likelihood of being dealt with for committing offences.

The picture below shows PCSOs Ben Whitaker and Tony Bilinski meeting up with Carlisle Security officers Mark Smith and Pete Longworth on a Trans Pennine Express train at Leeds Station.



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Store Nets Thieves!

A member of the public recently reported two people shoplifting at Gateway Yorkshire at Leeds railway station and BTP officers (using their Store Net radio) were quickly alerted.

Using their BACIL Store Net radio system security staff at Leeds Shopping Plaza soon found three people matching the descriptions passed to them. It was found that the suspects had stolen five watches from the Tourist Information Centre.

Neighbourhood Policing Team PCSOs Will Collinson and Mandeep Dalay made their way to Albion Street where they stopped the suspects who were then arrested by PC Kevin Webster.

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More on the Not in My Neighbourhood Week winter train patrols ...

On November 4 the NPT officers were split up into pairs and travelled on East Coast Trains and Cross Country Trains throughout the day, calling Leeds, Doncaster, York and Newcastle.

The teams were organised into 'Pulse Patrols', which is a tried and tested method of patrolling which has been used successfully in London when dealing with robbery offences. The officers travel in pairs at hourly intervals and this keeps the police presence flowing throughout the operation.

On day two, November 5, the focus switched to Trans Pennine Express train services with officers travelling between York, Leeds, Dewsbury and Huddersfield.

Business Against Crime in Leeds

If your business, or your customers and staff, have been victims of crime or anti-social behaviour you could benefit from joining BACIL, the business crime reduction partnership for Leeds.

Do not be a victim - fight back and join the BACIL partnership, which is dedicated to protecting local businesses, providing them with a collective voice on crime issues and encouraging Leeds businesses to develop and prosper in a crime free environment.

BACIL was officially launched on the 1st June 2006. BACIL now has 134 members in the city centre and the Crossgates shopping centre to the east of Leeds.

Recorded crime in the city centre fell by 13.7% in BACIL's first year and continues to fall.



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Welcome back to the team Kev!

Former British Transport Police Community Support Officer Kevin Webster has re-joined the Neighbourhood Policing Team ... but this time as a Police Constable!

After completing two years as a Student Officer at the BTP station in Leeds, which also involved attending the British Transport Police training school in Tadworth, Surrey and City University in London, Kevin has joined the Trans Pennine Express team and will work alongside PCSOs Jemma Mitchell and Tony Bilinski. The TPE team cover the line between York, Leeds, Dewsbury and Huddersfield.

Kevin's previous experience involved working as a PCSO with West Yorkshire Police in Garforth and Killingbeck before he joined BTP.

... and more new faces!

Police Community Support Officers Ben Whitaker and Zoe Virco have also recently joined the NPT in Leeds having transferred from York.

Both Ben and Zoe joined BTP in 2008 and spent their first year in the job patrolling the trains and stations on the East Coast Mainline between York, Northallerton and Thirsk.



Huddersfield knife arch operation

On Friday, November 27, members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team paid a visit to Huddersfield Railway Station, and invited 227 passengers to pass through a 'knife arch', which they had erected in the booking hall.

Our colleagues from West Yorkshire Police's NPT assisted with the operation. The reassuring news was that no weapons were found!

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Operation Garland



Throughout the festive season, the Leeds Neighbourhood Policing Team took part in Operation Garland, which was run to reassure staff and the travelling public.

The operation involved officers continually travelling in pairs on trains in 'pulse patrols'.

This was done with the intention of deterring and disrupting criminal activity on the rail network.



On the right, you can see one of the festive greetings card which was handed to members of staff who work on the Leeds NPT's patch.

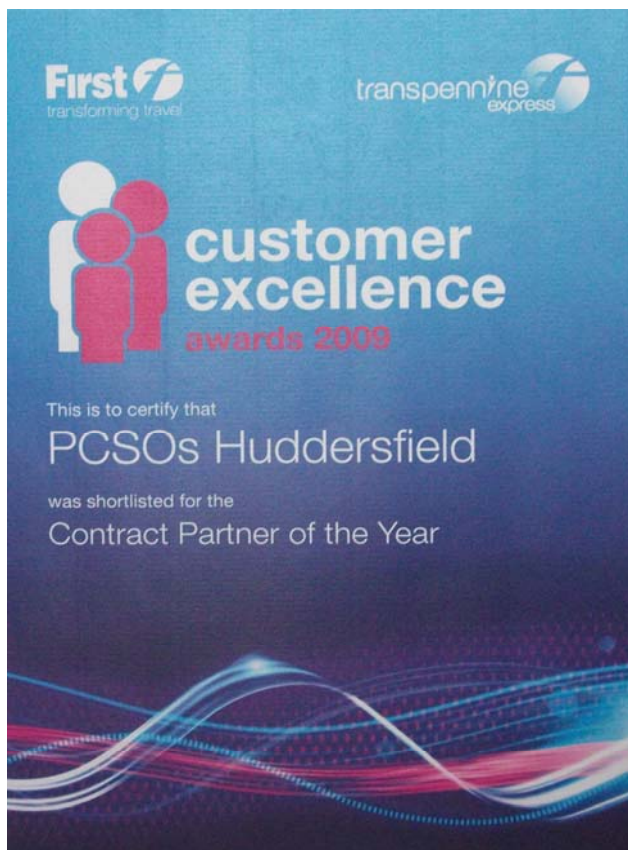
As we all know, the festive season can bring its own challenges, and the card included a few tips on how to manage any over-indulgence in the holiday season.

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TPE NPT attend Customer Excellence ceremony



PCSO Sue Driffield, PC Sandra Murray, PCSO Tony Bilinski



On the night of November 21st, the First Transpennine Express NPT attended a gala evening at *The Palace Hotel*, Manchester.

The team had been nominated for the *Customer Excellence* awards for 2009 after being short listed for 'Contract Partner of the year', which was eventually won by *Bombardier*, the rail transport engineering group.

The team were put forward for all their efforts over the past year, for their work on TPE between Leeds, Dewsbury and Huddersfield.

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Baby joy for Keith and Emma

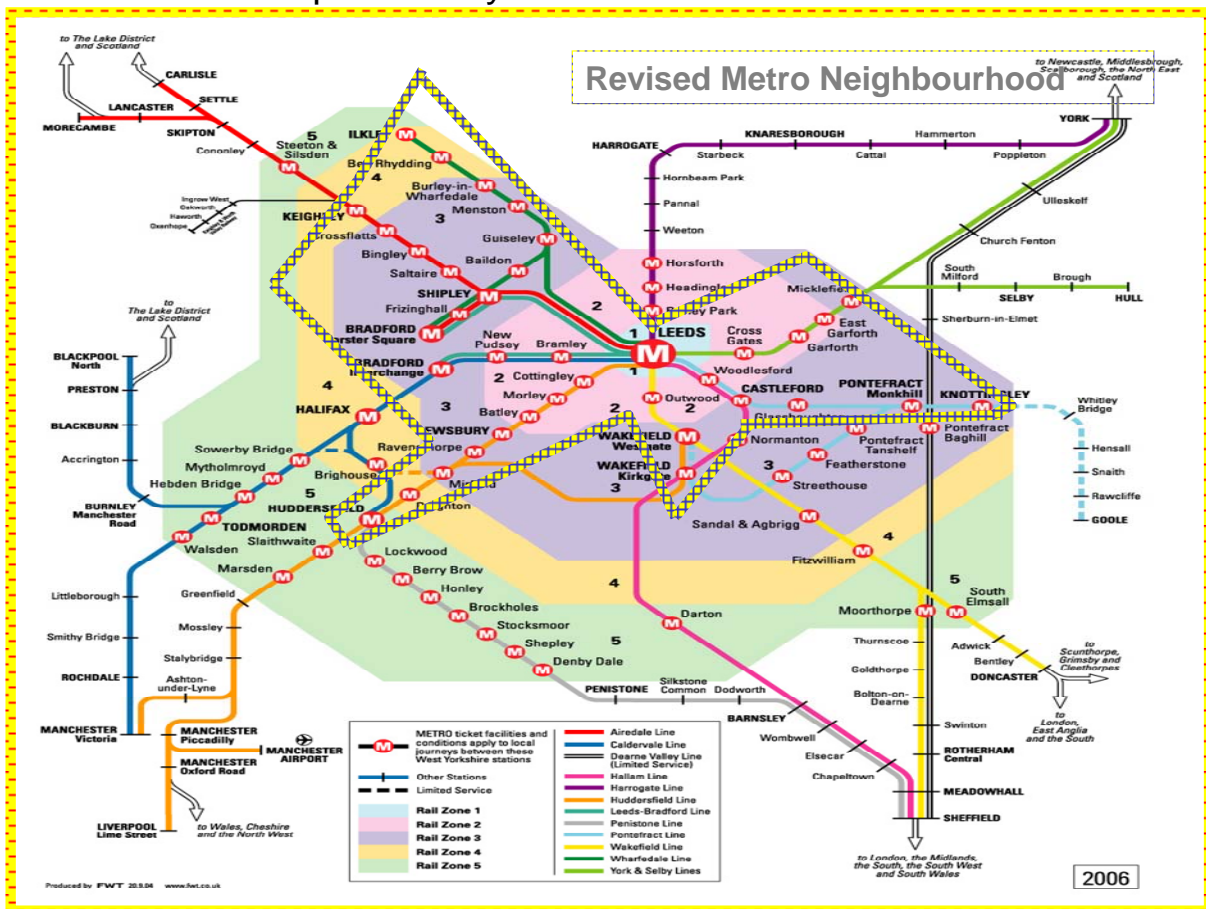
PC Keith Warner, who covers Leeds station and the Airedale / Wharfedale lines, recently celebrated with his wife Emma the birth of their first child, Rhys, in September. Baby Rhys weighed in at 7lb 8oz!

Bingley update

PC's Paul Wood and Keith Warner have recently announced a new initiative at Bingley with their latest Problem Solving Plan (PSP) which involves tackling anti-social behaviour at the station. ... We'll keep you updated.

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Below is the area map which is covered by the BTP West Yorkshire NPT. The inner patterned yellow line indicates the stations covered



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