




British Transport Police

Chief Inspector Paul Richards
South West Sector Commander


Our history



We are one of the world's oldest police forces. We were the first to recruit female police officers, the first to use technology to assist in solving crimes and the first to use police dogs.


Crime history

We recall some of our most infamous cases.



Visit our rogues' gallery > Great Gold Robbery > Great Train Robbery >


Meet some notorious transport criminals of the past in our rogues' gallery. Four men committed an audacious gold robbery in 1855. The Great Train Robbery is one of the most infamous crimes of all time.



Murder of Sarah Hart > First railway murder > Murder of Isaac Gold > Murder of PC Byrnes >



Sarah Hart was murdered in Slough by John Tawell in 1845. The first railway murder was committed by Franz Muller. Train passenger Isaac Gold was murdered by Percy Lefroy in 1881. PC Byrnes was murdered by a rampaging group of men in 1885.

7/7 London bombings of 2005



On 7 July 2005, four suicide bombers struck London's transport network, killing 52 people and injuring over 770

2012 London Olympics

About us




- BTP cover England and Wales
- BTP Police officers 2,880
- BTP Police Community Support Officers 370
- 6 million people use the rail network **every day**

Our aim



- Helping to keep rail transport systems running
- Helping to make the railway safer and more secure
- Deliver value for money through continuous improvement
- Promoting confidence in use of the railway

Reducing crime is at the core of BTP's purpose and activities, and alongside reducing disruption, it has consistently been identified by stakeholders as a top priority for BTP

- Over the nine-year period to the end of 2012/13, BTP has reduced offences by 35%
- Reduced robbery down 80%
- Violence against the person down 7%
- Route crime down 71%
- **With a further 20% reduction of crime by 2019**

Our local BTP Neighbourhood Policing team



- Based in Bath Spa rail station
- 2 Police officers
- 6 Police Community Support Officers
- Street Marshals patrol and CCTV assist
- First Great Western is the main operator
- Over 5.9 million passengers last year - now ranked FGW seventh busiest rail station

Local area



How are we doing?

- BTP PACT meetings – next one 10 December 2013 (Royal Hotel Bath)
- All Officers trained to deal with sexual offences
- B&NES NPT annual ASB Delivery Plan
- Passenger Focus groups undertake surveys
- Advisory Networks within BTP
- Citizen Focused panels
- Local community and faith groups
- BTP and Community Safety operations

To date BTP has established an overall 43% reduction in reported crimes since 2009



Bath Spa Recorded Crime Figures			
Year	Offences Reported	Arrested/ Reported	Yearly % +/-
2009	221	126	-
2010	174	92	-22
2011	159	70	-9
2012	126	45	-21

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Safer station safer journey

The Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter
 The Bath Neighbourhood Policing Team
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 South Gloucestershire

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Team effort helps drive down assaults at Bath Spa

Thanks to Bath operator First Great Western (FGW) have joined the Neighbourhood Policing Team for helping to drive down crime – and importantly assaults on and aggression towards its members of staff – at Bath Spa station.

Early analysis of FGW figures suggest staff assaults/treatments dropped by 77% in the second half of 2012 compared with January-June 2012.

Steve Black, FGW's senior station manager for the Bath area, said the number of assaults on staff had dropped significantly since the Bath-based NPT was launched in March 2012.

Mr Black said: "I've been area manager since last March – around about the same time as the NPT came into being.

"At that time, verbal and physical assaults on our staff were spilling out of control in the Bath area. However, since the NPT has come into place, and the officers have been patrolling in the area, we've seen a significant decrease in the number of assaults and aggression towards our staff.

"There has been some re-education for station staff from our point of view to correctly identify and report incidents to British Transport Police and the results are very good."

"This partnership with the NPT is bearing fruit now and is working extremely well."

BE AWARE GUIDE TO THIEVES TACTICS

Level crossing safety

LOCK thieves out

Support for Victims of Crime

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BE AWARE GUIDE TO THIEVES TACTICS

HOME PICKPOCKETS GADGET CRIMERS LUGGAGE THEFTS REPORT A THEFT

LUGGAGE THEFT TACTICS

Protect your luggage from thieves by keeping bags with you whenever possible and checking regularly on stored bags at stops.

KEEP YOUR LUGGAGE SAFE

- Try to keep luggage close by and in view and check on your bags regularly.
- Remove valuables from your luggage before placing it in luggage racks or in overhead storage compartments.
- Don't leave valuable items unattended on a train when you visit the toilet or buffet car.
- If you are going to sleep on a train, do not leave valuables in view on the table or seat next to you. Keep them hidden.
- Ensure any bags placed on the floor are in front of you so that any movement of the bag will be noticeable.

CONTACT US

To report an incident on the railway call 0800 40 50 40. In an emergency dial 999.

<http://btp.police.uk>

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We get the message

We're making it easier for you to talk to us

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• 'We get the message' text launch and campaign (March 2013)

• For the first time, passengers and the public can text us to report non-emergency incidents on the railway

• Our launch helped to publicise the new text service and advise people how to use it

Trespass and Cable Theft

- Trespass and vandalism cause millions of pounds worth of damage and puts lives in danger
- Cable theft and metal theft

Anti-Social Behaviour Order - ASBO

ASBO granted for 4 years – prohibited from

- Entering any railway station or railway premises within England and Wales without written permission from BTP
- Travelling or attempting to travel on any train in England and Wales without written permission from BTP
- Abusing, intimidating, assaulting or otherwise harassing any member of staff who is working or works upon any part of the railway system in England and Wales



February 2013

One drunk man (43 years) fooling around and lying on the rail track resulted in the cancellation of 54 trains costing the rail industry £56,000

WITH SAMARITANS



Managing suicidal contacts – bespoke training for:

- Street Pastors
- Volunteers
- Street Marshals
- Taxi Marshals





Thank you
Questions ?

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