



NBCC NEWS

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NBCC SaBA Week

The third annual NBCC Safer Business Action Week (SaBA Week), took place in October with police and partners from across the country joining forces to tackle retail and business crime in their local communities.

All police forces in England and Wales, along with The Police Service of Northern Ireland, supported the national week of action and early results show that it has had a significant impact in disrupting and tackling prolific offender of shop theft and other business crime.

The NBCC are working with forces to collate the results, but with results of 18 forces so far, we know that between them there were 408 SaBA Days held involving over 2,750 officers and staff, with over 500 arrests made and thousands of businesses engaged.

With many forces who took part have yet to share their results, these numbers will increase significantly.



Here are some of the highlights so far:

Greater Manchester Police:

- 75 SaBA days
- 435 officers & staff
- 96 arrests, plus over 143 stop searches
- 308 store visits,
- 24 partnership meetings
- 56 crime reduction visits
- 49 offender disruption visits

GMP have several good news stories whereby prolific offenders were arrested and charged with numerous offences.

Hampshire Police

Police and crime commissioner (PCC), Donna Jones, announced the establishment of the Business Crime Partnership, aimed at reducing crime impacting businesses and the communities they serve.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

- 276 businesses engaged with across the county.
- 'Wanted Wednesday' social media circulation in Cambridge of unidentified offenders

Sussex Police

During the week, response attended the call of a vehicle believed to be involved in an Organised Crime Gang targeting clothing stores. Recovered from the car was £2280.07 worth of clothing. A second car of five suspects was stopped and five arrested for theft offences interviewed and released on bail.

Following an alert from Waitrose, three were arrested for travelling across Brighton, Lewes and Wealden areas bulk shoplifting at national stores. S18 searches revealed a significant haul of stolen goods, drugs and £4000 cash seized from an address in Brighton.



Metropolitan Police

- Across the week they engaged with 1409 businesses
- Held 108 SaBA Days
- Involved 860 officers/staff
- Made 92 arrests.

NBCC lead Patrick Holdaway said: "A huge thank you to all the police, partners, PCCs, BCRPs and BIDs who supported SaBAWeek 2024. There has been so much activity taking place to tackle retail crime and business crime in local communities. A great team effort from all involved which demonstrates the joint commitment to tackle crime impacting our business communities."



NBCC on the road

On the **4th October** at the Retail Risk awards, the NBCC and Tesco were winners in the new product category for the Op Portum Safe Spaces initiative.



The **9th October** saw Patrick support X-Hoppers with a panel discussion around retail crime.

As part of Safer Business Action Week, Patrick visited a number of stores in the City of London with Assistant Commissioner Paul Betts, NPCC lead for business crime, to hear their experiences of retail crime and the policing response.



On the **16th October** PCC Donna Jones chaired the inaugural Hampshire Business Partnership in Southampton, which later featured in her Police and Crime Plan.



The next day saw Patrick present to the Data & Analytics Practitioners Event where he presented in a new approach to data sharing with retailers.



On the way back, Patrick called into the Bucks Business Group meeting and provided an update on the work of the NBCC.

The next day saw Patrick return the Thames Valley Police area to support the High Wycombe BID with a meeting which included Emma Reynolds MP, PCC Mathew Barbour and Association of Town Centre Management, Chief Exec, Ojay McDonald

The NBCC support a range of areas of business crime over and above retail, a good example of this is a meeting Patrick attended hosted by the tool manufacturers association on the **22nd Oct**, to discuss what more could be done to mitigate the theft of tools.

Later that day Patrick attended the **Institute of Couriers Awards** evening where he was honoured to be recognised for his work in developing police guidance to better identify courier crime.



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Revisit security measures as the clocks go back

With the official end of British summer time, comes the clocks going back and nights getting darker much earlier. Unfortunately that can also benefit opportunistic criminals looking for the cover of darkness to target business premises, building sites and farms.

As well as burglaries and thefts from vehicles, mindless vandalism can also be extremely costly to businesses. It is estimated that theft and vandalism affects one in five construction sites and costs the sector £800 million per year.

There are lots of easy, practical things you can do to make your business premise more secure whether it's a warehouse, retail outlet or a construction site or a farm in the middle of nowhere. We have developed bespoke crime prevention guidance to help you deter and prevent criminals and vandals. Download via the links below or by clicking the images.

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