

**Shoplifting Update for Stockton**

1. In response to discussions at previous meetings of Safer Stockton Partnership, this overview has been produced to provide a summary on the actions being taken to tackle shoplifting. Members are asked to note the content and be aware that Shoplifting remains a priority.
2. D/Chief Inspector Downes has held a force meeting with regional managers of key stores in order to express issues we are having around repeat stores.
3. In November 2015 we are projecting 120 offences for the month which is lower than last month (147) and November 2014 (148).
4. Monthly Shopwatch meetings continue with retail security, this is led by the Police.
5. Operation Shadow is a daily task where specific visits/activity completed around the top 10 offenders.
6. Operation Carbon is also taking place with officers where repeat stores are visited and a patrol route is in existence which includes checking second hand shops. Funding for the this operation have been supported through the PCC Office.
7. The top five stores identified for October are as follows and to be visited by Neighbourhood Sergeant to discuss crime prevention/deter opportunities:-
  - Boots
  - Stockton High Street 8
  - Asda Allensway 8
  - Coop Redhill Road 6
  - Coop High Street Norton 5,
  - Matalan, Bridge Road 5
8. Numbers of repeat offence stores are passed onto the town centre managers by Neighbourhood Inspectors to make them aware of numbers and demand on Police, with view to also speaking with store management.
9. The top 10 repeat stores for Cleveland are to be visited by police force crime prevention officer.
10. Monthly shoplifting meetings are in place for the police, which is chaired by DC/Inspector Downes.

11. Operation Delivery reviewed daily where a named suspect is outstanding for an arrest for shoplifting; these are tasked daily at police morning meetings.
12. Police have two officers working overtime from now to cover the Christmas period in order to increase proactive patrols/visibility.
13. Police Acquisitive Crime meeting Chaired by Chief Insp Anderson monthly where repeat stores, offenders are highlighted/ reviewed and action taken to target offenders and look to problem solve repeat stores.