

AGENDA ITEM 5a

Community Warden report for the city

We are now coming up to Christmas so there will be an increase in shoppers in the city adversely this may also mean an increase with begging, shoplifting, and pickpocketing, although begging has dropped significantly and there have been very few reports of pickpocketing at the moment. Obviously as Christmas is nearing I will be increasing my patrols around the city focusing on potential thefts, while working closely with BID security and the police.

E-cycles and bicycles are being targeted by thieves at the moment, especially E-cycles due to their value. They seem to be stealing bikes that have cable locks on them as they are easily cut with specialised pliers or bolt croppers. We are advising individuals to use D-locks and if possible two locks, and to put a GPS tracking device on expensive bikes which would be more desirable to your would-be thief.

ASB associated with alcohol has reduced a bit, this is mainly because of the cold and wet weather, making it less appealing to people to sit outside and drink. I was getting reports from the cathedral staff, with regards to some of our street community that were gathering on the green being loud and using colourful language as well as urinating on the property. I asked staff to call it into the police whenever it happens as they have power to confiscate alcohol if it is associated with ASB in the city. I increased my patrols in the area and seems to have quietened with the help of some pretty wet days.

Incidents of graffiti have dropped since our graffiti cleaning service started, which I suspect have put people off doing it in the first place and now the city looks so much tidier.

There has been an increase in fly posters these last couple of months, but most of these are linked to a couple of events that were happening around the city these have been removed straight away.

There has been less reports of ASB coming from the multi-storey we are continuing to do patrols here every couple of weeks with the police and the college.

I continue to work very closely with BID security and offer as much support as I can, it is a very complimentary relationship as they keep their eyes out for anything that I could deal with and report it on to me and vice versa.

Other than that role on summer, as I am already tired of all the rain. 😊

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