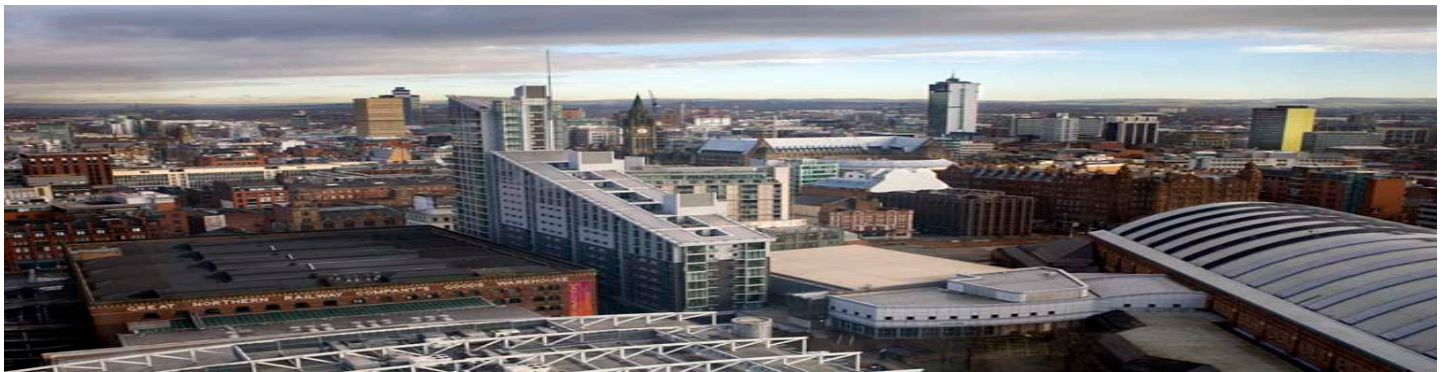




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## CITY CENTRE WEEKLY UPDATE



### Castlefield & Southern Gateway

PCSO's Ben Hannan & Mike Long have been closely working with licensing unit after reports of late night revellers leaving bars & pubs are causing anti-social behaviour in the area. The two teams will be working closely together over the coming weekend, and will be taking positive action on individuals who feel they are above the law.

Ben & Mike have also been working with the council & Network Rail to look at obtaining fencing for the Duke St arches this will secure the area and reduce reports of rough sleeping & ASB, good news for everyone.

Finally the SG team have started planning the 'Freshers' operation for the new arrivals at the end of summer, more on this next week.



### China Town

Last week the area held a 'Week of Action' which was a great success. During the operation the team carried out a number of initiatives including begging/homeless sweeps, plain clothes patrols, license premises checks and crime prevention events in particular Bike marking which went down 'wheelie' well marking over 30 bikes.

Staying on a positive note it's been a good week with no burglaries or theft from motor vehicle offences and to top the week off there was an arrest of a local trouble causer after he breached his anti-social behaviour order, great week all in all.

Finally a date for your diary is 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012 where there will be a charity dragon boat race around China Town, More info soon...



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## Piccadilly Gardens



PC Prakash Patel, Jo Green and the PCSO's will launch the Piccadilly Gambling Initiative next week, the new integrated approach designed to tackle antisocial behaviour issues that gambling premises suffer and bring about long term improvements in the area. This is a strong message to the small minority that come to Piccadilly to cause problems that it won't be tolerated, and that they will be dealt with if they chose to upset other peoples peace! Consistent with this message is the continuing court cases the Piccadilly Team are attending to put forward evidence and gain ASBO's, this is all thanks to yourselves and the information you provide us with that's gets these results, so a huge thank-you and keep it coming in.

Finally, PCSO Emma Jones will be leaving the City Centre team to take on a new career in custody. I'm sure we all wish her the best of luck and she will be greatly missed not just by colleagues but in the community.

## Commercial District

It's been a busy week there's been area 'clean up's, police advice surgeries, crime prevention events and even duck racing, yes you heard me right duck racing. Firstly PCSO Jamal held an advice surgery last week at Left Bank apartments, where residents could pop down for a chat about local issues, concerns or just to find out what's going on in the area. Thank-you to those who came down, more surgery dates soon.

Secondly PC Jo Shaw & the commercial PCSO's have conducted a number of crime prevention events with the first being at the 'Manchester Duck Race'. Then on Saturday the team held a community event at the URBIS and the Arndale Centre, where they organised activities & competitions for all the family with some great prizes for the winners and freebies for all those who took part including our oldest contestant, 89 year old Eric, well done young man. Along with all the fun the team were handing out crime prevention material to raise awareness and give advice on keeping yourself and your property safe.

## The Village

This week the team have focussed on seeking out 'Your' views so we can form our priorities. To do all this the team held Police Drop In surgery's at China, Asia and Orient House as well as Granby Village, all of which were a huge success and thank you to all of those who signed up to be one of our community contacts. Thank you also to all of those who visited us on the 'Have Your Say Crime Prevention Van' we gave out lots of property and bike marking kits and it was great to get your feedback about what you, the residents of the Village, see as the main priorities for the Police in your neighbourhood.

Good news after your help and the assistance of Manchester City Council, we are pleased to report that we have obtained an Anti Social Behaviour Order which bans a known beggar in the Village from the whole City Centre.

We are also sad to announce that after over 7 years working as a neighbourhood officer in the Village PC Sam Tennant has left the post for new challenges in GMP and will be sorely missed.

## Northern Quarter



After great feedback from residents and businesses around the Piccadilly trading estate area the crime caravan returned last Thursday. This is a great tool in our armoury, reassuring our residents/businesses we're in the area, gathering valuable intelligence and also it's a flag of intent to our offenders letting them know 'we're about so watch out'. After the caravan was last out residents reported the general quality of the area in particular the litter around Longacre St, there is now a scheduled 'clean up' event planned which will improve the area significantly.

Last but not least, PCSO John Sheridan after 3 years as a NQ officer is leaving the City to start a new career in custody. I'm sure we all wish John the best of luck and agree he will be sadly missed by members of the community and colleagues alike.



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