

# British Transport Police



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Dear Headteacher,

## **ROYAL NORFOLK SHOW 2002**

This year British Transport Police will be attending the Royal Norfolk Show, with a major theme highlighting Route Crime. Route crimes are incidents which occur on or close to the railway, and they frequently lead to injuries, fatalities, and damage to the infrastructure. Overall, the crimes committed by individuals break down into three main categories, namely:

- placing small objects on the line to see the effect of a train running over it;
- throwing stones at trains; and,
- using the railway as a short cut.

Such crimes can cause a very serious danger, not only to those committing them, but also to police, railstaff, and passengers. They also cause delays to rail services, leading to associated problems beyond the area of the incident.

One of the main issues for us to address is the fact that route crimes greatly increase during the school holidays throughout the year. The long daylight hours, combined with school children having more free time tend to be contributory factors to this situation.

In order to try and reduce such serious incidents, British Transport Police is launching a number of initiatives, including attendance at the Royal Norfolk Show in conjunction with our rail industry partners. During the event, we will be aiming to highlight the issues relating to route crime and one way will be a schools related competition. Full details of the competition are contained in the enclosed sheet, and I would therefore very much welcome any help you could give us in promoting it to your staff and pupils.

Yours sincerely,

Peter J Edwards  
Chief Superintendent, Territorial Operations

## **ROYAL NORFOLK SHOW JUNE 2002**

### **RAIL INDUSTRY ROUTE CRIME COMPETITION**

**In conjunction with rail industry partners, the British Transport Police will be running a prize draw competition at its stand at the Royal Norfolk Show, in June 2001.**

**The competition will be divided into two age groups:**

- **under 12 year olds;**
- **12 year olds to sixteen year olds.**

**and will be based on aspects of the British Transport Police display stand, (Stand 293 Avenue 10 East).**

**Answers to all the questions except a tiebreaker will be accessible to entrants and those participating will be invited to complete and return a free entry card.**

**The tiebreak question will form part of the entry form, and be used in the event of one or more correct entries being received.**

**Two sets of prizes can be won. Individual prizes for the winning entrants and runners-up, and Schools prizes for the schools they attend.**

# DANGER

DID YOU KNOW?

**THERE ARE HIDDEN DANGERS  
EVERYWHERE ON THE RAILWAY**

TO FIND OUT MORE

COME AND VISIT:

**BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE**

AT:

**THE ROYAL NORFOLK SHOW  
STAND 293 ON AVENUE 10 EAST**

ON:

**26<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2002**

LEARN ABOUT THE **DANGERS** AND ENTER OUR PRIZE DRAW

**HELP US KEEP THE RAILWAY SAFE  
FOR EVERYONE TO USE**

A PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE WITH:

