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TOWN CENTRE SECTOR

I am pleased to report that there has been a steady decrease in the number of purse thefts on the Town Centre NPT. This is a distressing and aggravating offence, which necessitates the cancellation and replacement of bankcards. There is now, on average, one purse dip a day, this is still too high and the Team, ably supported by the Street Wardens and the SCRIPT radio team have worked hard to advise shoppers and visitors to the Town about the security of their purses and wallets. I would urge everyone visiting the Town Centre to be careful of the security of their belongings, in particular items have been removed from open bags left on the back of shopping trolleys, disability vehicles and baby buggies. Intelligence gathering has been undertaken to identify and target a number of the prolific offenders, one of these has recently been arrested and admitted to more than twenty purse thefts.

The Team continue to target daytime antisocial behaviour and several arrests have been made for possession of Class A drugs. Operation Diamond continues to challenge those people who come to the Town Centre on Fridays and Saturdays nights and who drink to excess resulting in alcohol-fuelled violence, disorder and anti social behaviour.

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