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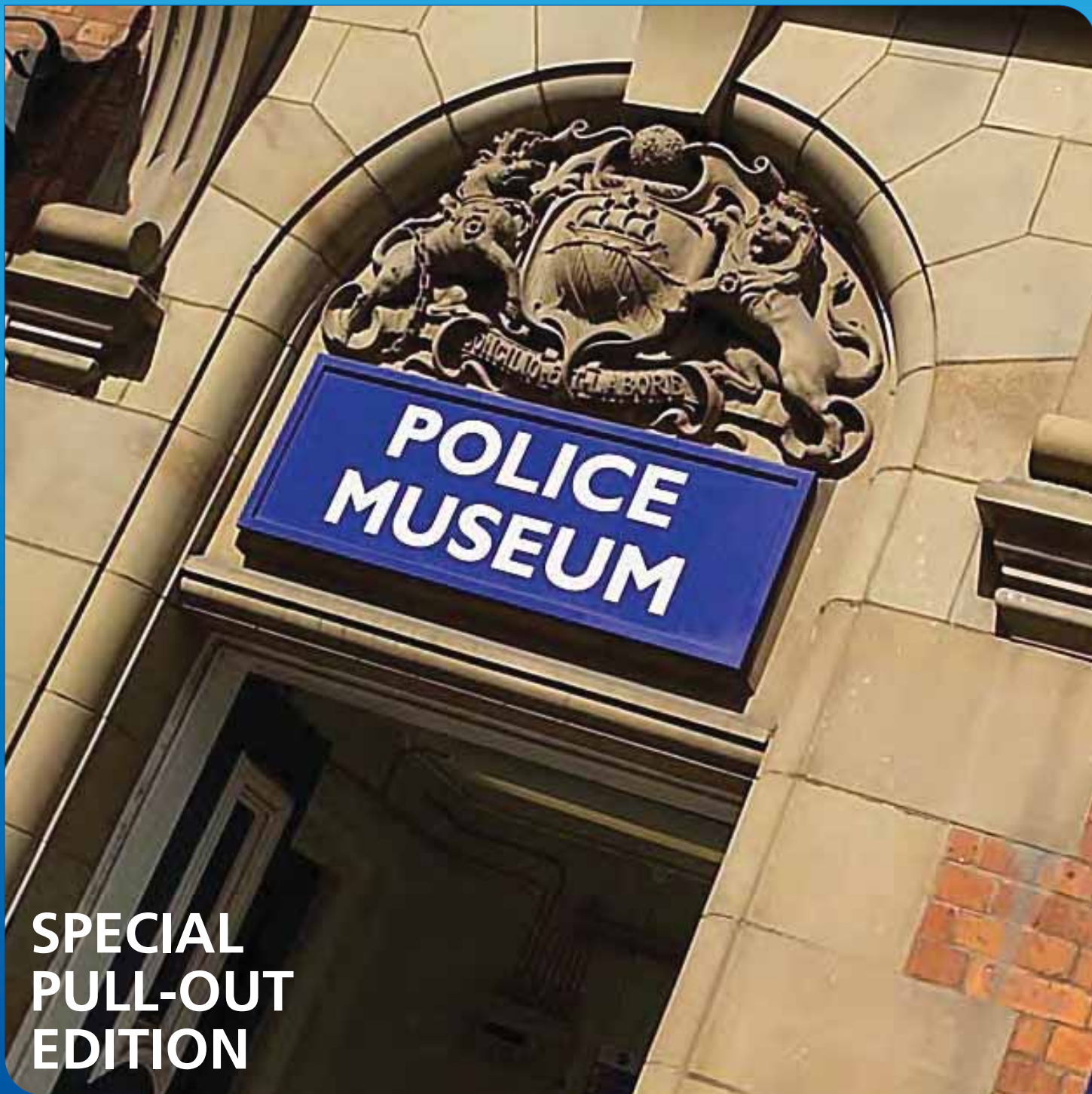
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SUPPORTING OUR STAFF

This is a very difficult time for the force but particularly for those colleagues whose jobs are now under threat. At the same time we recognise that many colleagues in other parts of the public sector are under a similar threat. It is crucial we do all we can to support staff during this difficult period.

Our staff have not let the service to the public suffer during this turmoil and we have seen a continued reduction in crime and many outstanding arrests and examples of excellent service to the community. The thirty year anniversary of the Moss Side riots reminds us that there have been other

difficult times in the Force's history that we have had to battle our way through. That was a frightening time when it looked like the inner cities could become war zones but we learnt the lessons and helped produce a brighter future for these areas.

The history of policing in Manchester is on show

at the force museum in which is also thirty years old and featured in this edition. It tells us that there are many lessons from the past best not forgotten.




Shaping a more efficient, first-class police service



BY now I'm sure you've all made yourselves familiar with the new Policing Plan for 2011/12 and are ready and determined to

fulfil the promises made to the public of Greater Manchester.

I recognise that these are challenging times and I applaud all staff and officers for their continuing patience and professionalism. Yes, we have set ambitious targets amidst a period of financial uncertainty, but despite this we still have a commitment to provide a quality service to our residents.

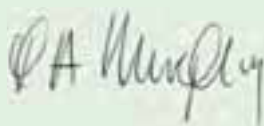
Key to the success of meeting this challenge is ensuring all staff and police officers strive to do the right thing - using professional judgement, discretion and common sense to act in the best interests of the public.

Greater Manchester Police Authority and GMP are continuously working to minimise bureaucracy and introduce more efficient processes, so that you can do your job to the best of your ability and we can be confident that

we are spending public money in the right way.

The Force has made great strides in increasing public satisfaction, but there is still more that can be done to further improve in this area. Making sure victims and witnesses are kept regularly informed as to what is happening with their investigation is vitally important. As is keeping residents up-to-date with what the police and relevant partners are doing to tackle priority issues in their community.

Always ask yourself this question: If this was my mother, father, grandparents, would I be happy with the service they have received? If the answer is no, then ask yourself what can be done to improve. By suggesting improvements to the way we do things, and taking pride in the job you do, you can help shape a more efficient, first-class police service for Greater Manchester.



Paul Murphy
GMPA Chair

Spot the early signs

by Caroline Anchor

Raising awareness of living a healthy lifestyle and being aware of changes to your body was the underlying theme of two cancer awareness events.

Staff from The Christie Hospital and Cancer Research talked about the importance of spotting the early signs, screening and living a healthy lifestyle. With breast cancer amongst women and prostate cancer amongst men being the most commonly diagnosed cancers in the UK, both received a strong focus at the events.

Amanda Lloyd, Occupational Health Advisor at GMP said: "It's really important to be aware of changes to your body and if you have any warning signs or symptoms, make an appointment to see your GP. It may not be anything to worry about, but it is always best to get a check up, especially as spotting the early signs can make a difference."

With more than 200 different types of cancer, each with different causes and symptoms requiring different treatments, Claire Rimmer, Senior Nurse at Cancer Research UK attended the event and gave two key points for everyone to consider:

- Get to know your body and that way it'll be easier to notice if something's changed. If you notice any changes that last 2-4 weeks, you should go to see your GP.
- Help to reduce your chances of developing cancer and live a healthy lifestyle, by:

NOT SMOKING

CUTTING BACK ON ALCOHOL

KEEPING A HEALTHY BODY WEIGHT

EATING A HEALTHY, BALANCED DIET

KEEPING ACTIVE

STAYING SAFE IN THE SUN

Information leaflets are available from Amanda Lloyd at the Occupational Health & Welfare Unit or visit www.cancerresearchuk.org.



Pictured (L-R): Amanda Lloyd, Occupational Health Advisor; Elaine Eves, Health & Safety Advisor; Karen Johnson, Nurse Clinician – The Christie Hospital; Carole Farrell, Nurse Clinician – The Christie Hospital; Claire Rimmer, Senior Nurse – Cancer Research UK.

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QUICK THINKING OFFICERS



The quick thinking of six Trafford officers saved two lives in two separate incidents just two hours apart.

In April this year, PCSO Peter Epstein and PCSO Steve Wright from the Urmston and Partington Neighbourhood Policing Team were on patrol in Partington when they heard Jade Wright's screams. Her two-year-old child Leylan was losing consciousness after banging his head on the floor following an accidental fall.

While PCSO Wright called for an ambulance and tried to calm Jade, PCSO Epstein checked Leylan's airways, discovered he was choking and started emergency resuscitation. Two more officers, PCs Brian Delaney and Nick Slater were quickly on scene to help and escorted the ambulance to Wythenshawe Hospital where Leylan was kept in overnight for assessment.

PCSO Peter Epstein said: "I didn't panic, I just did what any public servant would do and used my training and skills to the best of my ability to help a person in need.

"It was a real team effort and my colleagues played an equally important role during the event, calming the mother down, speaking to the operator, relaying instructions and then escorting the ambulance to hospital."

Later that afternoon, PC Clare Robinson of the Stretford Neighbourhood Policing Team and Response PC Ian Donagher were on patrol near to Old Trafford Stadium when a member of staff approached them from the Bishop's Blaize Public House. The officers were told that the duty manager Ben Plunkett had suffered an electric shock and had collapsed and gone into a fit.

After calling for an ambulance, PC Robinson revived Ben's breathing using mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, then chest compressions after his breathing stopped again. At this point Ben started to regain consciousness and was taken by ambulance to Manchester Royal Infirmary.



LIFE-saving officer PC Clare Robinson has been reunited with the man she kept alive. Pictured with Mr Plunkett, he presented her with a bouquet of flowers in thanks for saving his life.

PC Robinson said: "This is the first time I have had to call upon my CPR skills. It was all a bit nerve-wracking -

the victim was in a bad way when we got there, plus I had to get his breathing going on two separate occasions."

Chief Superintendent Mark Roberts, Trafford Division's Commander, said: "PC Robinson showed calmness, skill and excellent decision-making while under considerable pressure."

Gun enthusiast jailed

By Emily Pugh

Diligent work by firearms experts has helped put a gun enthusiast behind bars. Eric Mayes, a gun enthusiast was jailed for eight years after storing a deadly arsenal of firearms for a murderer and his brother.

When police investigating a vicious murder raided the home of father-of-two Eric Mayes in Gorton, officers uncovered a loaded key-fob gun, CS spray and dum-dum bullets that he was looking after.

They also found a pistol hidden under a cushion in his lounge as well as two Russian-made Tokarev guns, one of them with a silencer, in a drawer and rounds of ammunition, some of which were wrapped in a cloth and thrown onto the back seat of Mayes' BMW.

The large haul made the task faced by firearms experts in the Forensic Services Branch lengthy, complex and challenging. Senior firearms expert John Atherton said: "This case required the examination of a large number of weapons that had already been packaged at the scene.

"Examining 70 or 80 items for DNA is not an effective use of resources so our first task was to find the weapons that had been converted and focus on those in order to process the case that much quicker.

Police searched Mayes' home in connection with the brutal murder of Martin Gallagher, 37, who was fatally stabbed during a street brawl hours earlier. Last year Anthony Heaton, 39, was jailed for life after a jury found him guilty of the murder. He was told he must serve a minimum of 23 years before he could be considered for parole. Mark Heaton of Gorton was jailed for six years after he admitted possessing firearms and ammunition.

Mayes had kept the guns for Heaton and Heaton's brother Mark. The brothers had chosen him because they thought he seemed respectable and wouldn't attract attention from the police.

After the hearing Det Sgt Gill Jackson from the Serious Crime Division said: "We have all seen and read about the tragic consequences of guns getting into the wrong hands, and that is why Greater Manchester Police treats every illegal possession of a gun so seriously."

A SAFER CITY CENTRE



City centre police are stepping up the fight against crime and antisocial behaviour to ensure that visitors can enjoy the summer months in peace and safety.

Supported by dogs, mounted and tactical aid police units, Operation Metropolis started at the beginning of May and will continue throughout the busy summer months.

Divisional Commander for the North Manchester Division, Chief Superintendent Steve Heywood, said: "Manchester City Centre has such a lot to offer to shoppers, tourists and those visiting to enjoy the nightlife.

"With this operation we intend to make the city centre an even safer place for everyone while we create a hostile environment for criminals and troublemakers. We will intervene early and take tough action against

offenders intent on spoiling things for the law-abiding majority."

Officers are using a wide range of tactics to target drug dealers, thieves and people intent on causing antisocial behaviour. These include confiscation of alcohol from underage drinkers and those drinking in alcohol-free zones, robust police action for possession of all illegal drugs and ordering people who officers believe could get involved in alcohol-fuelled antisocial behaviour to leave the area under Section 60 powers.

The movements and actions of offenders known to frequent the city centre will also be scrutinised as part of this operation with the help of partner agencies businesses such as Manchester City Council, Cityco and the Piccadilly Partnership.



Cops and kids tackle speeding motorists

Pupils from St Mary's Primary School in Horwich lined Victoria Road wearing vests adorned with 30mph speed limit while two other children wore black vests representing the fact that 20 per cent of children will die if hit at 30mph.

PC Andrew Vernon said: "The children were keen to be involved in the project because they understand the need for traffic to slow down. The idea was for their personal involvement to have a significant impact on the drivers that are being targeted during this campaign."

If a car hits a child at 20mph, the chance of death is three per cent. However, this increases to 80 per cent if a child is hit at 40mph. The initiative was the latest in a series of measures devised by schools-based Police Officer Andy Vernon to make passing motorists think about their speed.

Digital Image Database rolls out

DATABASE that holds images of unknown offenders from across Greater Manchester is to be rolled out across the Force.

The Digital Image Database (DID) is a live system developed to facilitate the Forcewide circulation of images of unknown offenders. It can be accessed via a link on the intranet home page using a Lotus Notes password and is updated every hour.

The rollout comes after a successful pilot

on the Stockport, South Manchester, Salford and Bolton divisions. To date, more than 438 images have been recognised resulting in 350 detections. A further 90 recognition images are awaiting progression through the investigative process.

The forcewide rollout of the database is now complete. Staff are encouraged to log on to the database every day.

For more information please contact PC Elaine Monaghan on extension 62395.



Baroness Newlove with Insp O'Brien and Cllr Wendy Miekle

FROM MINIBUS TO AMBULANCE



Pictured left to right are: Ken Oakes, Insp Peffers, Garry Rhodes MBE, Chris Greenhalgh and Sgt Darbyshire.

A SURPLUS GMP minibus has started a new career as an ambulance after being donated to the Bolton Mountain Rescue Team, writes Amy Scott.

Tactical Aid Unit Search Team officers Inspector Graham Peffers and Sergeant Tony Darbyshire officially handed over the minibus in a blessing and dedication ceremony at the team's base.

The minibus was no longer used by GMP and was donated after Chief Constable Peter Fahy visited the mountain rescue team and suggested that GMP might be able to help.

The Tactical Aid Unit then arranged for three vehicles to be donated to Bolton, Oldham and Rossendale Mountain Rescue Teams.

BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

By Adam Higson

STOCKPORT is at the heart of a radical new approach to community activism that will see people reclaiming their streets, tackling local issues and improving their environment.

Baroness Newlove is the government's Champion for Active Safer Communities and visited Offerton to see to see how the community is working with local agencies to improve the area.

Offerton is one of seven handpicked areas across the country that Baroness Newlove visited. In 2007 her husband, Garry Newlove, was kicked to death near their Warrington by a gang of alcohol and drug-fuelled teenagers.

The Newlove campaign aims to improve facilities and opportunities for families and their children through education, and life skills for the betterment of communities.

Stockport East Neighbourhood Police Team Inspector Brendan O'Brien, said: "In Offerton the community are responsible for finding solutions to problems supported by police and other local agencies. The community lead the activity by commissioning services and deciding how money is spent to make the area a safer place to live. The great thing about the residents in Offerton is that they are up for this challenge."

Baroness Newlove said: "The difference in the quality of life between an active community like Offerton which looks out for each other, especially the most vulnerable, and a community which closes its front door and says 'it's someone else's problem', is enormous.

"I am especially impressed with the work I have seen in Stockport. I know there is a big appetite out there for volunteering and making a real difference. Together we can change the way we approach activism forever and build that happy, safe neighbourhood we all deserve to live in."

Salford peddles the environmental policing message



OFFICERS in Salford are fighting crime the environmentally friendly way thanks to a delivery of 20 electric-powered bikes, writes Danielle Newman.

The bikes enable officers to switch between pedal and electric power and have a top speed of 15.5mph.

The cycles are significantly cheaper to run than police cars and allow officers to cover more miles on their beat during shifts.

Sergeant Gary Stuart (pictured) from the Salford South Neighbourhood Policing Team has driven this project forward after using the bikes extensively while working for the police in Australia.

He said: "The bikes are robust, environmentally-friendly and put officers into the heart of the communities they serve, making them more accessible and visible.

"While police cars help officers cover a greater area, we have found that residents are more likely to stop and chat to officers on bikes. I know that by putting more officers out on these bikes we will be able to engage with more members of the community.

"The bikes are also perfect for responding to incidents quickly or accessing areas that cars can't, such as alleyways, and of course they are quiet which helps us catch criminals."

Chief Inspector Vincent Greener added: "We are very excited to be trialling the bikes for GMP. These bikes will assist officers on patrol by extending their reach, increasing our visible presence and effectiveness whilst keeping the streets safe."



BALLADS AGAINST BURGLARY: Salford's Crime Reduction Advisers Glyn Wood (right) and Fiona James (left) with Chris Brophy from Salford City Radio turn to music to get messages out to local residents.

The crime fighting song written by Salford Crime Reduction Advisers, Glyn Wood and Fiona James are to the tune of 'she'll be coming round the mountain'. Glyn Wood,

said: "We are always looking for new and cost effective ways to get crime prevention messages out to residents.

"Everybody knows 'she'll be coming round the mountain' and although the song is a bit of light hearted fun, it does have a serious undertone and I hope that people will take note of the important crime prevention messages on offer."



PICTURED:
PC Richard Beckinsale and Naomi Aktuna

Seized cash pays for family room

CASH and assets seized from criminals by officers from Greater Manchester Police's Metropolitan Division have paid for a new family room at Longsight police station.

The room will be used by families and children when they attend the police station as part of an investigation or are waiting for help from other agencies, such as Social Services.

The room has been fitted with a sofa, soft furnishings, brightly decorated and improved lighting, plus a selection of toys and games for children to play with.

Some of the toys have been donated by officers and staff who recognised the need to provide a suitable room for families and children who may be experiencing a great deal of distress.

The decoration and collection of toys and games was organised by admin assistant Naomi Aktuna and PC Richard Beckinsale.

Naomi said: "The officers and staff have worked together to make the room as family-friendly as possible.

"People have donated lots of toys and games for children of all ages - and the decoration makes it as welcoming as possible. Many people working at the police station have children of their own, so recognise that creating a room that they can feel comfortable in can make all the difference."

Chief Superintendent Russ Jackson said: "A police station can seem like an uninviting place, especially for young children, and staff and officers recognised the need to provide somewhere for them and their families to relax.

"We deal with children who have been witnesses or subjected to crime, and if the police can help them through this experience by making the station seem more friendly, so much the better.

"It is even more satisfying to know that the room has been paid for by cash seized from offenders and that their money is being used to help the local community."

Youth Club hits Bury

Bury East Neighbourhood Policing Team, partners and volunteers have re-launched their Junior Youth Club.

The B:Easties club at East Ward Primary School will be open every Friday evening to all youths in the community aged between 5 and 16 years.

The youth club, previously held at Topping Fold Community Centre, has been used as a way to promote and reward good behaviour and the scheme will continue to offer rewards, including fun days out to places such as Flamingo Land, Cadbury's World, the cinema, bowling and a weekend at PGL.

There will be a variety of activities taking



place each week, including computer games, pool, table tennis, team building exercises and weather permitting outdoor activities, including football and rounders.

For further information please contact PCSO Andy Bigland on 0161 856 8127.

Project Optimus - Support to Policing

PROPOSALS under the Support to Policing phase of Optimus have now been communicated to all affected staff.

At the end of June, plans on how the Force intends to make £33 million savings this year from the Support to Policing phase of Optimus were announced to staff at the Reebok Stadium.

Keeping staff informed of developments is an important part of the proposals during what has been an incredibly challenging time for the Force and most importantly for the individuals concerned.

Chief Constable Peter Fahy said: "It is quite understandable that staff find this whole thing very worrying. At the end of

the day we have no option but to ensure that the amount of work we do fits the staff we have and the budget available. This requires radical new thinking and finding new ways of doing things.

"We are now working through each one of the areas in Blueland so that we can consider how to implement any changes that we need to make to

allow the savings to be achieved."

Proposals will be considered at the Greater Manchester Police Authority on Friday 7 October. Details of what the changes will mean to the way GMP works are currently being published on the intranet, further information about the Optimus project can be found on the Optimus intranet site.

PAST TO PRESENT POLICING

Photos by Chris Oldham

WELCOME to the murder capital of Greater Manchester – or at least that's what fictional detective dramas would have you believe.

For literally tucked behind the hustle and bustle of modern life, lies a tranquil grid of cobbled streets in Droylsden much favoured by tv producers to recreate Victorian Britain, including the Sherlock Holmes programmes.

PC Dave Wright patrols the Fairfield Moravian settlement and he admits that his unique beat – a slice of history preserved into the 21st Century – faces rather more run-of-the-mill policing challenges.

"One of the problems is the small minority of people who live in the area who are committing antisocial

behaviour and criminal damage.

"We have had a certain amount of success in identifying the offenders and the successful prosecutions which have followed."

It was Czech émigrés fleeing from religious persecution in their home country who came to Britain in the 1730s. After being detained in London for three years, they moved north and put down roots. The settlement in Droylsden – dating from 1785 - is one of just two in the UK (the other is in Pudsey, West Yorkshire). Each of the 50 brick-built homes is now a listed building, and in its early years the settlement included an inn, shop, bakery, farm and laundry.

On the day Brief visited, PC Wright is speaking to residents to explain that action to tackle those who are

committing antisocial behaviour is imminent.

He said: "Young families and elderly people in particular may be reluctant to come forward with information, but now and in the future, my ultimate goal is to restore the quality of life by removing the criminal element.

"The developments we've made in neighbourhood policing have seen the community open up a lot more and we have a much better relationship with residents who know who their local officers are.

"Yes, geographically this area is unique, but it's typical issues I'm dealing with."



PC Wright speaks to resident Anthony Torkington in the settlement's church



On patrol: PC Wright and PCSO June Kelly.



'BIG CHIP AWARD' FOR FORCE

GREATER Manchester Police has collected a further award for its use of social media.

At a presentation at Manchester's Palace Hotel, the Force's Web Team fought off strong competition to collect the prestigious Big Chip 2011 award for best use of social media.

The award recognises the Force's 24 hour 'tweeting' of incidents in October last year. For that event, GMP has already gained awards in the Information Services and Public Service categories at the Golden Twits Awards, and was named a finalist in the Chartered Institute of Public Relations' Excellence Awards.

Web Manager Kevin Hoy (pictured) said: "The judges said one of the reasons we won was that we had clearly considered who the audiences were and what we wanted to achieve to get the right message across to engage the public."



HALFORD'S TOUR SERIES: Superintendent Bryan Lawton, Constables Helen Keogh and Jon Withington are pictured after a team cycle event.

Constable Jon Withington said: "Having been involved in the planning of the Halfords Tour Series which came to Oldham last month, the Force Events Section decided to enter the Team event which took place just before the main professional race.

"Designed as a tough course with plenty of hills, the race included teams from the local council, theatre groups and other Oldham based community and business groups."

The event raised almost £200 for BEAT, a UK charity for people with eating disorders (www.b-eat.co.uk).

Morrell does the trick for GMP

A fantastic bowling spell from Dave Morrell ripped through the South Yorkshire Police batting order as GMP cruised through the first round of the Police Sport UK National Cricket Knockout.

On a fine but blustery day, skipper Paul Gianassi won the toss and had no hesitation in batting first on the small but picturesque Hundall CC ground.

On a wicket that proved more unreliable than it looked, openers Darren Howarth and Steve Roberts made determined progress against some good, aggressive bowling, until Howarth went LBW for 20.

If the South Yorkshire attack thought that this might open one end up, they could not have been more mistaken. As Roberts continued on his way to a solid 63, No 3 Chris Costa despatched the bowling to all corners before eventually falling just before the end of GMP's 45 overs, for what would usually be a Man of the Match winning 126.

The middle order all came in swinging and a few more blows pushed the final score to 278 -6. A handy total against last years semi-finalists.

When the Yorkshire innings began, it was soon clear that Morrell was a class above the opposition and he finished with the remarkable figures of 7-1-7-11, (including a hatrick, all of which were clean bowled).

His support was always neat and tidy too and the Yorkshiremen subsided to 53 all out.

With some excellent fielding for good measure, a comprehensive victory was soon sealed.

Northumbria now stand in the way of a quarter final spot and GMP will be hoping for this kind of performance in the next round.

Policing Parades

A MATHEMATICS expert who was involved in coordinating the movement of well-wishers at the Royal Wedding was called on to help with the policing of the United and City parades.

Professor Keith Still, who first devised how to map the way crowds move at major events when he visited a rock concert 20 years ago, worked with GMP officers to establish how many fans could be safely accommodated in each viewing area along the parade route.

He has previously worked on the Sydney and Beijing Olympics, and is currently working with the London Olympic authorities.

Superintendent Bryan Lawton, silver commander for the city parade, said: "Professor Still's involvement has helped work out crowd capacity in certain areas, and allow us to identify diversion routes and access points. The barriered sections of the route in Princess Street and Portland Street worked very well."

Basketball win for GMP team



GMP's basketball team finished top of its division – losing only two games along the way, writes Tony Smithers.

Last season the team finished in fifth position in the Manchester Area basketball league Division Two.

With the team winning the league it put them into the playoff stages of the division which saw them playing games over the weekend of the 7/8 May at Leigh Sports Village. The first game was played against Tameside, which was a tough game throughout, until the GMP team pulled away in the final quarter to win 54/48.

This put them into the final where they played Our Ladies from Blackley. This was a team that

GMP had both beaten and lost to. The game was again very tough with the GMP team being down by 11 points at half time. The team then played an excellent second half, to not only pull back level, but then go on to win the game by 12 points with a final score of 74/62

The previous season saw new players coming into the team and along with more this season, the team has gone from strength to strength.

Next season the team will now be playing in Division One of the Manchester Area League, and if anyone wishes to come down and train with them, they are more than welcome. Training sessions will be held every Tuesday night between 7pm and 9pm at Hough End.

Celebrating 30 Years



August 2011

of the Force Museum



This year Greater Manchester Police's museum celebrates its 30th anniversary.

Based at the former Newton Street police station, the museum first opened its doors in 1981. Its creation was the final stage of a journey that started soon after Greater Manchester Police was formed in 1974.

There was a wave of nostalgia as GMP expanded following the merger of parts of

neighbouring forces and a historical exhibition was created for the Manchester Show. As a result of the interest shown, a historical society was created and a room at Longsight Police Station used to display items from the old police stations across the force area. The society disbanded once a secure location for a museum had been found and a curator appointed.

By 1980, the museum started to take shape on Newton Street and the following year, Duncan

Broady was appointed on a 12-month contract supported by temporary staff. Four years later the Museum Officer post became permanent.

The original museum was made of the charge office, two cells and the former parade room as well as the two adjoining rooms upstairs. The library catalogue listed just 60 items and in its first year it brought in 2,000 visitors.

Today it boasts approximately 11,000 visitors each year.

SUMMER EVENTS

Thur 4th August High in the Sky!

Have you ever seen GMP's helicopter in the sky above Greater Manchester? The Air Support Unit will be at the Museum to talk about their roles and showcase their work. Younger visitors can create a colourful masterpiece with our helicopter colouring-in sheets.

11.30am, 12.15pm, 1.15pm, 2.00pm

FREE OF CHARGE

(ticketed presentations, available on the day, first-come-first served basis)

Thur 25th August Let's talk Tactics!*

Meet the Tactical Aid Unit, find out what they do, what equipment they use and how they help to keep Greater Manchester a safer place.

10.30am - 3.00pm

FREE OF CHARGE

Tues 2nd, Thur 11th & Tues 30th August Mounted Unit*

Due to popular demand, the officers and their horses are returning to the Museum this summer!

Discover why horses are so important to police work and what it takes to become a Police Officer in the Mounted Unit.

Don't forget to see the Museum's very own horse Duff!

11.30am - 2.00pm

FREE OF CHARGE

Hats and Helmets!

Get creative and make a police hat or helmet at our drop-in craft session.

10.30am - 3.30pm

50p per hat/ helmet

Tues 9th August 30 Year Challenge!

Are you up for a challenge? Can you locate the 30 objects chosen to highlight the Museum's 30th Anniversary?

10.30am - 3.30pm

FREE OF CHARGE

Cracker and Echo

The Greater Manchester Fire Service Dog Unit will be at the Museum to talk about their role and answer questions.

11.00am - 3.00pm

FREE OF CHARGE

Fri 12th August

The Gangs of Victorian Manchester & Salford: 'The Story of the Scuttlers'

Using material from the Museum Archive, author Andrew Davies published his book 'Gangs of Manchester' in 2008. Here he provides an insight into the history of gangs and scuttlers in the local area.

4.00pm

FREE OF CHARGE

(advanced booking is essential)

Tues 16th August Official 30th Anniversary

Thurs 18th & Tues 23rd August

'Infamous Victorian Criminals'

Thurs 1st September Cut & Colour Craze!

Finish the summer holidays off in style with our cut and colour craze; design, colour, create!

10.30am - 3.30pm

FREE OF CHARGE



BECOME A VOLUNTEER

We are always looking for volunteers who can play a vital role in supporting museum staff and ensuring the museum remains operational and can open for visitors.

Becoming a volunteer provides the opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills and try something new. It's a way of making a difference to the local community, building confidence and self-esteem and to provide an escape from work or a busy lifestyle.

The museum currently boasts 34 volunteers, of all ages and varying roles both public facing and 'behind the scenes'.

Our volunteers commit different amounts of time a week.

If you would like to find out more please contact the Museum Officer on 0161 856 3287.

30 years at the Museum from the eyes of the Museum Curator

By Duncan Broady

I've been here since we opened our doors in 1981 and I can honestly say that no one day is the same. We conduct countless visits and while we anticipate they will go to plan we can't always guarantee they will all go smoothly. One of the first groups to visit the museum in its first year was a Cub Scout group - I remember one of the youngsters promptly locking himself in the cells. We couldn't find the keys, but we need not have worried, as a Cub leader picked the lock and got him out - needless to say we haven't locked up a visitor since.

The museum has always been about the real thing, and a chance for people to get first hand policing experience. I recall when a researcher was looking into the Strangeways Riot of 1990 and was delighted at the amount of archive material we had. I remember their amazement to being introduced to a volunteer who was one of the first police officers at the scene as the riot started.

We welcome visitors from all over the world, and for many the age of the building is their greatest surprise. A motorcyclist from Phoenix police department couldn't believe that our stone steps have been worn away by over 100 years of use - he said that in Phoenix no building would remain standing long enough for that to happen!

The former police station allows visitors to reminisce about

policing, which makes it a welcoming site to hear retired officers tell their story and help recreate the day-to-day account of policing in the past. I was particularly moved when a retired officer suffering from dementia shook my hand and thanked me for bringing back memories after his walk through the museum. I recall his face brightening as he walked round the museum, handled the once familiar equipment and looked through the old manuals.

About two months ago, during an open day a woman came up to me and said, "you won't remember me, but I came round this museum as a child, and you showed me round - today I brought my daughter to see the museum".

It brought home just how long we have been here and what an impact the museum has had over the years. The museum has welcomed generations of children,

all of whom have been excited by their visit. For many it was their first opportunity to meet the police and they had the chance to see police equipment of the past and present, to try on real police uniforms and to speak to retired police officers about what police work was like. It is hard to calculate, but I like to think that tens of thousands of people over the last 30 years have left the museum much better informed about, and more sympathetic to, the police service.

GMP's Museum's and Archives has succeeded because it has been able to bring the past to life. It connects history with policing today and allows for people to see its future. I would like to think that 30 years from now the descendants of our current visitors will follow in their footsteps by making a trip to the museum.

The museum is the long-term memory of the service.

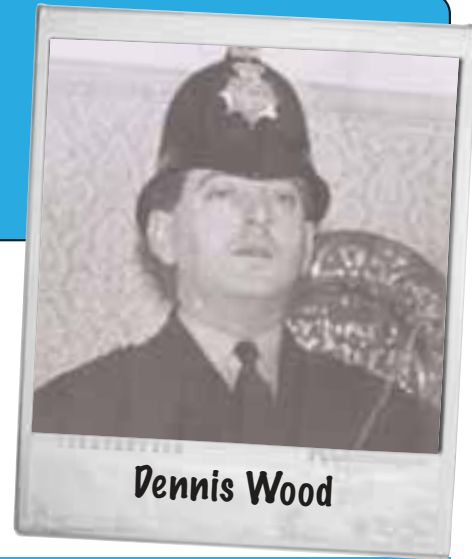


Volunteers Celebrate

Dennis was one of a number of officers serving in the Force at a time when it went through significant change. In his final year as an officer Manchester City Police became Greater Manchester Police.

He joined in 1950 after serving with the Scots Guards. He was assigned as Police Constable on the B Division, before becoming a plain clothed officer in the Vice Squad and trainee Detective. In 1963 he was appointed as Sergeant and moved to the C Division before joining CID as Detective Sergeant at Mill Street Police Station in Bradford in 1972.

Dennis became a museum volunteer in 1996 and enjoys bringing to life, policing of the past to the present. He values the excitement the museum brings to the younger visitors.



Dennis Wood



Kath Middleton

Kath joined Manchester City Police in the 1950s. She completed her training at Bruche along with fellow museum volunteer Eva Brothers and future Chief Constable James Anderton.

After completing a fingerprint course, Kath was accepted into the fingerprint department at South Street and remained there until her retirement in 1957.

She became a museum volunteer in 2004 and spends her time greeting visitors, tending to their needs in the shop and making sure they have an enjoyable experience.

Geoff had a colourful career when he worked as an officer. He saw parts of Lancashire Constabulary merge with GMP and policed high profile political and industrial disputes such as the 1981 Toxteth and Moss Side Riots.

He joined as a cadet for Lancashire Police in 1959, serving in his hometown and Leigh before being appointed in 1961 as Constable in Farnworth. Three years later he became Detective Constable for CID in the Lancaster Division before returning to Farnworth in 1969 as Detective Sergeant.

In 1976, two years after parts of Lancashire merged into Greater Manchester Police, Geoff was made Inspector.

He was promoted to Chief Inspector in 1983. Three years later he was appointed as Detective Chief Inspector for Wigan division before becoming Deputy Commander at Whitefield and Bury Divisional headquarters. He retired in 1992 having completed 31 years service.



Geoff Carman



Helen Tyler

Helen has always had a keen interest in history, which continued into university where she studied Theology and Religious Studies. It was at York University she decided to pursue a museum career and carried out voluntary work at a local museum. She started volunteering at the Police Museum following a friend's recommendation. Helen then became a guide but soon found that she enjoyed the school visits and volunteered to become part of the new museum learning team, as learning volunteer.

Helen really enjoys her time at the museum, where she is surrounded by all the history and can listen to the stories of former police officers that volunteer.

Arthur's time as clerk for the National Service prepared him before joining Manchester City Police in September 1955. He completed his police basic training at Bruche and returned to the B Division wearing collar number B 8.

Throughout his police career, Arthur has also been a motorcyclist and van driver. His army background meant that he was often called to assist the charge office and the telephone room. He later became charge office clerk and was seconded to 'admin', to be summons and prosecutions clerk. There he would prepare both files for court.

He regularly contributes to Brief and Police Review and writes articles on local history. Arthur started volunteering at the museum in 1995 and enjoys researching archives and fielding family history enquiries.



Arthur Davenport

THE PAST 30 YEARS



1981 Widespread public disorder across Greater Manchester, centred around Moss Side area. During July, 470 arrests were made in connection with the disturbances.



1982 Pope John Paul II visited Heaton Park, Manchester. This was the largest public event ever policed in the area.



1982 An explosion took place at a chemical store on 25 September. One hundred and fifty officers attended and evacuated the scene. Ten were treated in hospital after breathing in poisonous fumes.



1983 The Lay Visitors' Scheme was introduced on 1 May. This allowed members of the County Council to visit those detained in police custody and ensure rights were protected.



1984 GMP officers supported police in Nottingham and Yorkshire as part of the Miners' Strike.



1984 On 4 December there is a rail disaster in Weste, Salford after a Liverpool to Scarborough train crashed into a tanker. The adjacent M602 motorway was closed and residents evacuated due to danger of explosion. The train driver and a passenger were killed and 81 of the 200 passengers required hospital treatment.



1985 An Airtours Boeing 737 bursts into flames at Manchester Airport runway on 22 August. 55 died. GMP were praised for the policing and the painstaking investigation that helped identify the victims and events leading to the tragedy.



1986 The new Communications and Computer Centre, known as Phase Two, was opened at Chester House by HM The Queen.



1987 Margaret Gornall became GMP's first female Superintendent and took command of 'C' Division.



1987 16-year-old Gorton girl, Pauline Reed was discovered at Saddleworth Moors after disappearing from home in July 1963. She was one of the victims of Moors murderers Myra Hindley and Ian Brady.



1988 Max Holste super-light aircraft crash-lands on the eastbound carriageway of the M26 motorway, Eccles on 7 June. Police and fire officers find three vehicles hit and one with its roof sliced off. Only one person was seriously injured, no one was killed.



1989 The first Helicopter is purchased, a Twin Squirrel made by Aerospatiale.



1990 Serious rioting at HM Prison Strangeways triggered by prisoner anger following overcrowding. It lasted 25 days. Two people died and 194 prisoners and staff were injured. Damage estimated at £60 million.



1992 PC Sandra Douglas and Special Constable Louise Fraser, both from GMP, represent Great Britain at Barcelona Olympics. Sandra Douglas won Bronze in the 4 x 400m relay event.



1994 In common with other UK forces, GMP adopts a range of new equipment, which radically changes the appearance of officers. A side-handled plastic baton, rigid "Quickcuff" handcuffs, stab and bulletproof body armour and CS spray are rolled out over the next two years.



1996 Irish Republican Army explode largest terrorist bomb ever seen on the UK mainland outside the Manchester Arndale Centre on 15 June. GMP evacuate an estimated 80,000 from the City centre. No one was killed and a total 105 Commendations and Citations of Merit were awarded to GMP police officers and staff as a result.



1998 A new centre for Forensic Science opens at Bradford Park, Clayton. Facilities include ballistics laboratory for firearm examination and comparison.



1998 The last operational part of Newton Street police station, the enquiry counter closed and the museum took over the whole building.



2000 In January, Hyde GP, Dr. Harold Frederick Shipman, was found guilty of murdering 15 of his patients. A public enquiry ruled that over the years he probably killed over 200 of his patients, making him one of the world's worst serial killers.



2001 "Livescan" – the electronic scanning of fingerprints, identifiable by computer – was rolled out across GMP custody offices.



2002 The first use of the Video Identification Parade Electronically Recorded (VIPER) system, allowing witnesses to view video images, rather than confront an offender in a live "line-up".



2003 Police Community Support Officers rolled out across Britain. GMP recruits 160 PCSOs, to work alongside Police Officers.



2005 Memorial garden to commemorate the 13 officers killed on duty since the formation of GMP in 1974 opened at Sedgley Park in May.



2006 YouTube is used for the first time in attempt to gather information in a murder enquiry.



2007 Justine Curran becomes GMP's first female Assistant Chief Constable.



2009 Work began at the new Headquarters for GMP located at Newton Heath, Manchester.



2009 Local farmer names four piglets, 'Dan, Stuart, Tony and Tabs' after airport police officers.



2010 Stonewall named GMP as one of the most gay friendly employers in the country, ranking it 23 in the top 100.



2010 On 15 October, the Force uses Twitter to show the public the workload officers face. Over a 24-hour period Twitter was updated with 3,205 tweets. Among them was a report of a man holding a baby over a bridge - but when police attended it turned out to be a man carrying a dog.

And...

- For more than 30 years, the horses of GMP's mounted section have been named after Dickens' characters.
- The Lancashire Constabulary Velocette motorcycle became first vehicle in the museum's collection in 1984.
- The first museum archive – The personnel department give Manchester Police Appointment Registers. It contains thousands of officer details serving from 1858 to 1975. In 1983 the content was copied to an index card system, which is still used today.
- '150 years of Policing in Greater Manchester' is published to celebrate the 150th anniversary of policing in the region.
- The first museum volunteers are recruited in 1996 and the start of a regular Tuesday open day.
- Money secured via Heritage Lottery Fund to preserve the Denton Courtroom and moved to the museum in 2004.

See the world of policing come to life when you visit the Greater Manchester Police Museum and Archives

A history spanning 160 years can be found in the Victorian built station. The museum at the former Newton Street police station enables members of the public the opportunity to see how policing has evolved over time to meet today's needs. From simple improvements such as changing the police uniform to reflect modern day policing to changes in the squad cars and equipment that officers use as part of their role on street.

Once a standard fixture for a female police officer, the handbag was disbanded from operational use in the late 1980's. Other equipment no longer being used and found at the museum include; the police whistle, paraffin lantern, swagger stick, rattle and a police call box.

See where Manchester's criminals were charged and fingerprinted and discover the cells that were often packed with 12 men on a busy night. Why not

have a seat on the cell bed with their wooden pillows. You can even have your name on the prisoners list which has been fixed on the cell wall ever since the police station opened in 1879.

Admire the polished wood panels and stained glass of the genuine 1895 Magistrates Court and experience how inmates would have felt standing in the dock.

AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM:

ARCHIVES

The Museum archives contain a wealth of material for the area covered by GMP today. It includes;

Personnel records, annual reports/watch committee minutes, alien registers, photographic collection

*A small administration fee will be applicable for all archive enquiries, details can be found on our website.

LEARNING

Visits and Workshops – the Museum offers visits and workshops linked to National Curriculum topics

Loan Boxes – A selection of handling boxes can be borrowed by schools and community groups. *A small charge applies

EVENTS

The Museum runs an annual events programme which can be found on the website or by contacting the museum direct.

ROOM HIRE

The Magistrate Courtroom can be hired for a full/half day for work related training.

*Charges apply.



Cast your mind back 50 years and take a glance at Greater Manchester Police Museum & Archives' register of non-UK citizens

A history of policing is not the only thing you can find at GMP's Museum and Archives. A set of police ledgers from Salford Police reveals family details of those that moved into the city. The documents show the changing face of Greater Manchester as the migration of a number of Eastern Europeans during the 20th century took place which developed the county into the multi-cultural and diverse area it has become today.

WHAT IS THE ALIEN REGISTER?

Salford's Alien Registers date back from 1914 to 1969. Spanning more than 50 years they reveal the names, addresses and nationalities of those non-UK nationals living in Salford. At the time each police force in the UK had to maintain the registers and Britain's immigrants legally referred to as 'aliens' would as a requirement have to report to their police station if they moved from one district to the next.

The registers for Salford, which are now homed at the GMP Museum and Archives were discovered around 20 years ago following a tidy up by museum staff of the cellar of the former Salford City Police Headquarters building at The Crescent. The find of such detailed registers was a rarity as such documents should have been destroyed in the 1970s, however these are now the records that time forgot.

WHAT THE REGISTERS TELL US ABOUT OUR ANCESTORS?

While much of the detail on the registers is basic, the details featured are invaluable in particular for



those of an Eastern European background that may want information on their family history. There is also information on people's places of birth and where they have originated from, a significant find for those wanting to trace their roots. This is significant for people with ancestors from Poland, Russia or the Baltic States as they may be the sole surviving documents after originals were destroyed during the Second World War.

OUR COLLECTION...

Greater Manchester Police Museum & Archives' collection focuses on the history of policing across the borough and includes the service records of an estimated 30,000 former police officers dating from as far as the 1840s, primarily for forces in the Manchester City and Salford City areas.

A full list of records held in the archives can be found on our website (www.gmp.police.uk/museum).

A snapshot of the UK in 1981

Toy of the year – Rubik Cube

Buck's Fizz win Eurovision Song Contest

Among films released in 1981 were Raiders of the Lost Ark, On Golden Pond, and Chariots of Fire

First episode of "Only Fools and Horses" broadcast

Colour TV Licence cost £46 per year

First performance of musical "Cats"

Over 100,000 people take part in the TUC's "March for Jobs"

First London Marathon

First case of AIDS diagnosed in the UK

HMS "Ark Royal" is launched

Marriage of Diana and Charles

Riots in Brixton, Toxteth and Moss Side

Death of Bobby Sands, IRA hunger striker. A total of nine prisoners on hunger strike died

The IRA bomb Chelsea Barracks

Creation of the Social Democratic Party

Major crime story was that of Yorkshire Ripper Peter Sutcliffe – Charged in January with murder of 13 women and the attempted murder of seven others, in April he admitted to the manslaughter of 13 women on grounds of diminished responsibility. His trial began on May 5th and ended on May 22nd, when he was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment, with a recommendation that he should serve at least 30 years.



The next 30 years...

www.gmpmuseum.co.uk



Moving forward the museum has a bright future ahead with social media and the internet at its heart.

This month saw the launch of their own Twitter feed, which is starting to attract followers. The growth of this social media gives the museum the perfect platform to be able to increase awareness of their events in addition to being able to stay connected with visitors and the wider museum community.

Claire Mayle, the Museum's Officer, said: "The popularity of social media gives organisations such as ours the opportunity to get interactive with a wider audience that wouldn't ordinarily visit the museum. Sites such as Twitter give us the opportunity to develop and establish the museum brand, raise awareness of the work we do.

"Today we see the museum moving forward and we want to be able to represent not only policing of the past, but of the present and the future."

A new website has also been created as part of work to enhance the museum's profile and put it firmly on the map for visitors to Greater Manchester. Features of the new site include a new online shop plus a facility to buy and download educational resources. Visitors to the site will also be able to pay online for archive enquiries as well as being able to make a donation.

The site will also provide traditional information about the museum such as what's on, group visits, information about volunteers, Manchester's policing history and educational information.

Rob Birkett, from the Web Team said: "Bringing the museum to an online audience generates a wider interest in the work of the museum and in turn Greater Manchester Police. Having its own stand alone website means we are able to create a whole host of new features, which will be of great benefit to both existing and new users of our site."

Visitor Details

- Admission Free
- Open Tuesday 10.30am to 3.30pm
Last admission at 3.00pm
- Closed weekends and public holidays
- Please allow 1.5 hours for your visit
- All group visits must be by prior arrangement
- Disabled access: The museum has access ramps, lift and a unisex toilet for visitors with disabilities. **Please note:** Currently the lift cannot be used in the event of fire, so emergency evacuation must be via the stairs. We would advise that visitors with disabilities contact the museum to confirm we can meet their requirements and to ask about on site parking.
- Facilities: Because of the age of the building, there is restricted access for pushchairs and prams. There is an on-site shop and toilets. Parking and refreshments are not available on site however staff will be happy to advise on nearby car parks and eateries.
- Location and Contacts: The museum is a ten-minute walk from Piccadilly Railway Station, Bus Station and Piccadilly Gardens Metrolink.

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