



Retail Crimewatch Newsletter Nov 18



Double Award Glory for RCW Scheme

Retail Crimewatch was awarded the 'Best Collaborative Solution' award at the prestigious Fraud Awards last month and Sarah-Anne Attwood who manages the scheme received 'Highly Commended Runner-Up in the Woman of the Year' category in Leicester on the 4th October 2018.

We are delighted that our partnership approach with the PSNI in delivering this scheme to businesses has been recognised on a UK level.



RCW Refresher Training

Increased footfall during the Christmas period unfortunately can also mean an increase in retail crime.

If you would like to avail of refresher training on the RCW scheme please contact BCCM on 02890 242111 or email sa.attwood@belfastcentre.com

Pre-Christmas Brief

Thank-you to everyone who attended our Pre-Christmas Brief sessions last week. It was great to have a variety of retailers and business representatives together on the day.

BCCM were delighted to have Inspector David Gibson (Belfast Neighbourhood team) who provided information on the Christmas Policing Plan. Robert McMuran, (PSNI Crime Prevention) who provided Safe Shop training for businesses and Lisa McCullough (Ulster Bank cash centre) who delivered an extremely informative presentation on counterfeit currency. BCCM also provided refresher training on the Retail Crimewatch scheme.



Christmas Policing Plan Belfast City Centre

The Christmas Policing Plan will focus on the following key areas within Belfast City Centre:

- Dealing with drug issues
- Thefts/Pickpockets
- Begging
- Shoplifting
- Roads Network

The goals of the plan are to improve visibility and deter crime, improve response to retail crime i.e. shop lifting and to create a sense of security and provide reassurance to the business community and general public.

How will the Christmas Policing Plan be delivered?

The focus will be around the core hours of business trade and there will be various policing styles used i.e. both overt and covert – for example:

- Police Drugs dog
- Roads Policing Unit
- Tactical Support group (TSG's)
- Plain clothes operations

Prevention is better than cure! Please adopt safe shop practices to your business and where possible complete a Exclusion Order when a retail theft takes place.

Counterfeit Currency Serial Numbers

The following are the serial numbers of counterfeit notes which have come through to Ulster Bank *in high quantity in the past two months*.

Bank	Domination	Serial
Clydesdale Bank	20	WMV614355
Royal Bank of Scotland	20	C47247081
Royal Bank of Scotland	50	A1122383
Ulster Bank	10	H3575667
Ulster Bank	10	K0866600
Ulster Bank	20	H5115547
Ulster Bank	20	N2690074
Ulster Bank	20	N6297171
Ulster Bank	50	D0392973
Clydesdale Bank	20	WJE219632
Clydesdale Bank	20	WKS118513
Clydesdale Bank	20	WLD910832

**There has also been four 'super' euro 50 notes in circulation over the past 2 weeks serials include:*

*SB4087693513
SE4087693531
SB4087693533
SB4187693540*

Safe Shop Scheme

Safe Shop is an initiative where the PSNI work with retailers and staff to combat crime and promote a safer working environment. Safe Shop promotes the principles of 'Prevent, Detect and Deter' and provides retailers with practical advice on how to protect their business from crime.

- Promote greater awareness in relation to retail related crime.
- Provide retailers with excellent links to their dedicated Neighbourhood Police Teams.
- Reduce store losses.
- Yield excellent opportunities for information sharing with fellow retailers.

Knowing your powers and rights as a retailer and educating your staff can help prevent retail crime and reduce your store losses.

Prevention of Entry

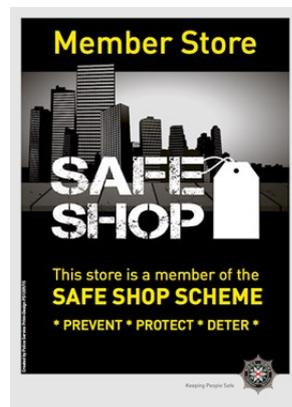
- Owner or agent (manager, sales assistant, security staff)
- May refuse any person admission for any reason.
- Your shop is private property.
- No one has a legal right of entry (except law enforcement)
- You may impose conditions of entry (no prams, buggies, etc.).
- While any person can be refused entry and no reason need be given, the reason **must not be one of discrimination** (e.g.. Ethnic, minority, religion).

Removal from Premises

You have a right to remove any person who fails to meet normal standards of behaviour e.g:

- Committing an offence.
- Unruly behaviour / drunkenness.
- Threats to staff / causing damage.
- Police may assist if called by staff.
- Police cannot remove on their own initiative. (You must ask the person to leave in the presence of the Police).
- It is advisable for agents/employers to have 'rights to remove' in writing from the owner.

**If you would like to arrange Safe Shop Training for your business please contact BCCM on 02890 242111 or email sa.attwood@belfastcentre.com*



Counterfeit Currency

- Treat these notes as defaced and **do not accept them** if possible. Dye stained notes are most likely stolen notes.
- If you have accepted a note take it to the issuing Bank and ask for a repayment of damaged notes form.
- Safety first – take a full description of the person that gave you the note and pass this to the police.
- **It is a criminal offence** to keep or to pass on a note that you know to be a counterfeit.

The National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) have released a Banknote Checking Scheme which is a voluntary and free of charge initiative for businesses to reduce the number of Bank of England counterfeit notes being passed.

You can access this through their website www.nbcc.police.uk

