RETAIL CRIMEWATCH

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Standing on the frontline against retail crime

THIS ISSUE

FLAGGING SYSTEM ANNIVERSARY

This month, 16th February, marked the two year anniversary since the introduction of the Flagging System in targeting prolific offenders through the Retail Crimewatch scheme.

Belfast City Centre Management are delighted to update members that we now have a total of **59** successful convictions for burglary, **30** of which have resulted in a custodial sentence being served. This is a huge milestone for the scheme and, most importantly, our members, in helping to target prolific offenders.
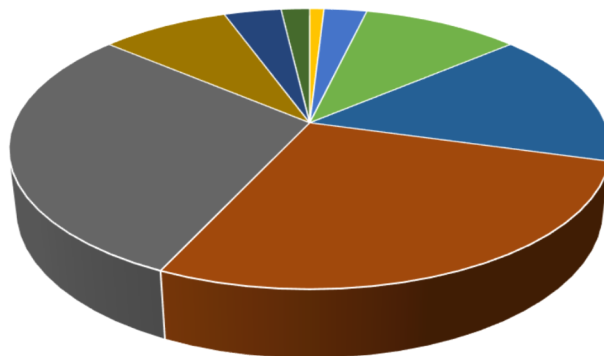
Belfast City Centre Management would like to thank all of our partners; the PSNI, the Public Prosecution Service (PPS) and all of our RCW members that have contributed to the success of the Flagging System so far.

6 MONTHLY CRIME SNAPSHOT

The following figures are a 6 month snapshot of reported retail theft in the **Belfast** area from April to September 2019.
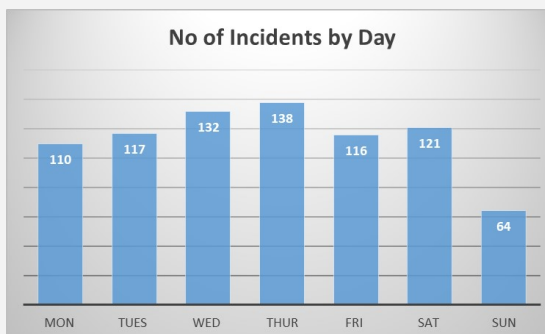
Retail Theft Belfast Area April-Sept 2019

Legend: 00:01 - 02:00 ■ 02:01 - 04:00 ■ 04:01 - 06:00 ■ 06:01 - 08:00 ■ 08:01 - 10:00 ■ 10:01 - 12:00 ■ 12:01 - 14:00 ■ 14:01 - 16:00 ■ 16:01 - 18:00 ■ 18:01 - 20:00 ■ 20:01 - 22:00 ■ 22:01 - 00:00

Time	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Total
00:01 - 02:00		2	1			1		4
02:01 - 04:00				1				1
04:01 - 06:00				1				1
06:01 - 08:00	1	1	3	2	1	1	2	11
08:01 - 10:00	3	9	12	8	4	13	2	51
10:01 - 12:00	11	9	25	10	12	23	5	95
12:01 - 14:00	17	26	27	23	24	27	10	154
14:01 - 16:00	30	28	24	30	23	24	19	178
16:01 - 18:00	32	30	18	29	30	18	15	172
18:01 - 20:00	9	5	11	23	14	9	6	77
20:01 - 22:00	4	6	4	8	2	2	5	31
22:01 - 00:00	2		3	1	4			10
Grand Total	**110**	**117**	**132**	**138**	**116**	**121**	**64**	**798**

- During this period there was a total of **798** retail theft incidents reported to the PSNI in the Belfast area.
- During this period the most popular time during the week for theft was between **2pm-4pm** followed by **4pm-6pm.**
- During this period the most popular day of the week for theft was Thursday (**138** incidents) followed by Wednesday (**132** incidents)
- During this period there were **153** Exclusion Orders issued by Retail Crimewatch members.

Incident Trend Analysis PSNI- Daily

Daily trend of incidents committed between April-September 2019 reported to the PSNI.

No of Incidents by Day

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
110	117	132	138	116	121	64

- Mon- **110**
- Tues– **117**
- Wed– **132**
- Thur– **138**
- Fri– **116**
- Sat– **121**
- Sun– **64**

EGRESS USERS

Super users from each store are responsible for alerting BCCM to users that need to be added or access to be revoked and verifying the users that are needed for the system. Please contact the BCCM office on 02890 242111 or email sa.attwood@belfastcentre.com if any users have changed for your store.

RCW 2020 WORKSHOPS

BCCM will be running a series of workshops for RCW Members throughout 2020. The first workshop to be delivered will cover Euro Counterfeit Currency Training. This workshop will be in conjunction with Ulster Bank.

- **Venue: BCCM Offices 95-101 Royal Avenue Belfast, BT1 1FE**
- **Date: Tuesday 24th March**
- **Time: 9am or 11am**

Each session will last approximately 90mins and tea/coffee will be served on arrival. If you would like to attend this training please email **sa.attwood@belfastcentre.com** with the preferred session you wish to attend.

* Please note spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.
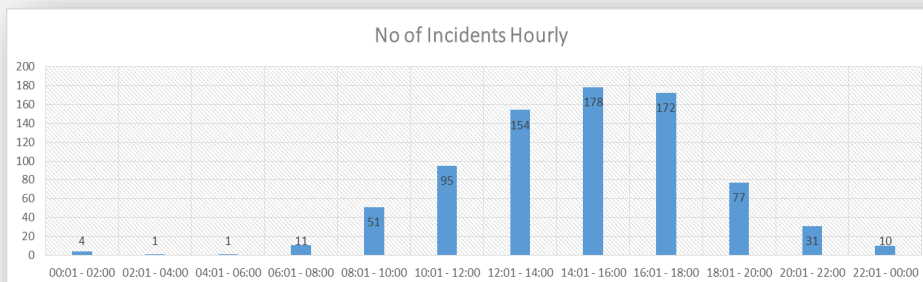
NEW £20 BANKNOTE

The Bank of England has unveiled their new polymer £20 note, featuring renowned artist JMW Turner. The new note which entered into circulation on the 20th February 2020, will be the bank's 'most secure' banknote yet. For more information visit **www.thenew20.co.uk**

You can also find more information on banknotes on Egress under *PSNI Information and Alerts– Currency Information*.
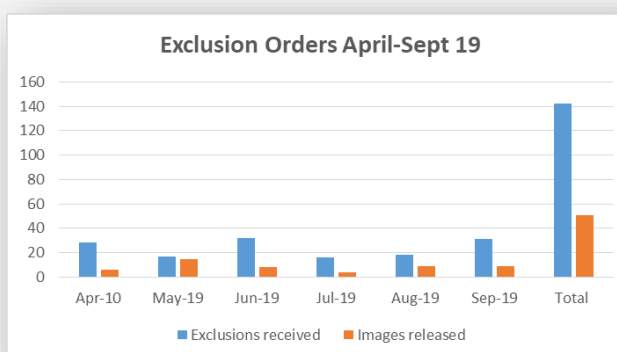
6 MONTHLY CRIME SNAPSHOT CONT.

Hourly trends of reported retail theft incidents committed between April and September 2019 *reported* to the PSNI.

Time	No of Incidents
00:01 - 02:00	4
02:01 - 04:00	1
04:01 - 06:00	1
06:01 - 08:00	11
08:01 - 10:00	51
10:01 - 12:00	95
12:01 - 14:00	154
14:01 - 16:00	178
16:01 - 18:00	172
18:01 - 20:00	77
20:01 - 22:00	31
22:01 - 00:00	10

Exclusion Order Analysis

The number of Exclusion Orders issued by Retail Crimewatch members and number of images shared from these issued Exclusion Orders.

- During April to September 2019 there were **153** Exclusion Orders issued resulting in **51** images being shared with Retail Crimewatch members.

- April (**33**) saw the highest number of Exclusions issued followed by June (**32**) and then September (**31**).

Month	Male	Female
Apr-10	18	15
May-19	11	6
Jun-19	12	20
Jul-19	16	6
Aug-19	13	5
Sep-19	12	19
Total	82	71

During April to September 2019 out of the 153 Exclusion Orders issued by Retail Crime watch members **82** of these offenders were male (54%) and **71** (46%) were female.