

Report to Cambrian Coast Railway Liaison Committee

Autumn 2016

This year has shown a further decrease in all types of offences dealt with by British Transport Police on the Cambrian Coast line.

Since April this year, a significantly lower number of reports of level crossing misuse have resulted in only five vehicle drivers being dealt with for these offences. Of these, four were for the offence of Careless Driving, three of which were at Talwrn Bach level crossing at Llanbedr. The other was at Harlech Morfa crossing which, since the road markings on approach to the crossing were repainted earlier in the summer, has not had a single report of misuse.

Instances of Anti-social behaviour have also been lower this year. One significant instance occurred at the end of March when a group of very drunk males boarded a train at Barmouth to travel to Pwllheli. Their behaviour caused two of them to be ejected from the train at Llanbedr, and a further two at Porthmadog. As a direct result of the incident two members of the group received Police Cautions for Public Order Offences. Two others are due to appear in court in relation to Public Decency offences. The Conductor involved in this incident was very upset by the behaviour she had to deal with.

A male from the Telford area is due to appear in court at the beginning of November after he assaulted a member of the On-board cleaning team, and was verbally abusive to a Conductor, at Machynlleth in August.

A further male is also currently on Police Bail in relation to a variety of offences that occurred in several parts of the UK and to an allegation of assault against a Conductor at Machynlleth, who was assisting police as he tried to make his escape from the area.

BTP are working closely with Arriva Trains Wales to provide enhanced patrols on board services throughout the Cambrian line in the run up to Christmas, when we appreciate that trains will be busier with party-goers and other revellers.

British Transport Police wish to re-assure all passengers and Train Crew that we will deal with instances of anti-social behaviour on trains and stations in a robust manner and will put offenders before the courts if necessary.

BTP can be contacted 24 hours a day on Freephone 0800-405040 or on our Text service at 61016.