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Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill (Martyn's Law) Update



Figen Murray OBE embarked on a monumental journey to help maintain awareness and momentum for the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, commonly referred to as Martyn's Law. Figen, joined by ex-Detective Chief Superintendent

in Counter Terrorism Policing Nick Aldworth, embarked on the approximately 200 mile walk from Manchester Arena to 10 Downing Street, arriving on the 22 May - the seventh anniversary of the Manchester Arena terror attack (22 May 2017). Figen was joined by other security industry leaders throughout the journey, including Corps Security Executive Director (and Registrar of the Register of Chartered Security Professionals) Mike Bluestone, all to urge the Prime Minister to maintain his commitment to make the country safer by introducing the vital security legislation. It is also poignant that Martyn's Law was prevalent as King Charles III delivered his first King's Speech, outlining 21 laws that ministers intended to pass in the next year of parliament.



ACT in a BOX

The National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) has launched ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) in a BOX on the Protect UK platform. This immersive digital tool enables businesses to rehearse and explore their response to a fictional terrorist incident at or near their premises.

Regularly exercising a response to an incident is an important tool for increasing preparedness. Various exercises and scenarios such as discussion-based Table-Top Exercises (TTX) through to complex live exercises assist in the following:

- Gaps in awareness and knowledge can be identified
- It can familiarise or train staff in the appropriate response and actions
- It encourages staff to apply generic guidance to

their own work environment

- It clarifies roles and responsibilities
- It engages all staff, creating a positive security culture
- It tests and exercises can also be used as part of a process to validate and/or refine security plans and onsite equipment

ACT in a BOX is available at: (link) <https://www.protectuk.police.uk/actinabox>



Three Manchester Men Arrested in Suspicion of Terrorism

Three men were arrested in the Bolton, Great Lever, Abram, and Hindley areas of Greater Manchester on suspicion of terrorism offences. Greater Manchester Police (GMP) have stated that they do not believe that there is a wider threat to the area. The men, aged 35, 36 and 51, have

not been named. They were arrested at separate locations, and all have been taken into custody for questioning while the scenes of the arrests remain in place as the police conduct further enquiries.

Police Officer Charged with Terror Offences

PC Mohammed Adil (26), from Bradford has pleaded guilty to two counts of publishing an image in support of a proscribed organisation under section 13 of the Terrorism Act. Adil was found to have shared messages on his WhatsApp stories in support of a banned organisation (Hamas), weeks after the groups attack on Israel last October.

Adil was given conditional bail and the case adjourned for sentencing at the beginning of June.

Essex man charged with assisting Russian intelligence

64-year-old Howard Phillips from Harlow, Essex is due at Westminster Magistrates' Court on 30th May following his arrest in central London. His addresses in both Hertfordshire and Essex have been searched as part of the investigation. The Metropolitan Police have issued a statement saying Mr Phillips was arrested under new National Security Act powers, which allows the police to detain someone without a warrant if

they "reasonably" suspect they are involved "in foreign power threat activity". Currently there is no suspicion that there is a threat to the wider public associated with this arrest and it is not connected to any other recent charges or investigations linked to National Security Act offences.

BikeRegister® – The UK’s National Cycle Database

As the weather improves people will undoubtedly be engaging in cycle to work schemes. As Britain’s cyclists take to the roads, so do organised and opportunist criminals looking to profit from bike thefts. It is important to ensure the security of bikes, which can be extremely valuable, through physical locks, tracking systems or bike marking programmes.

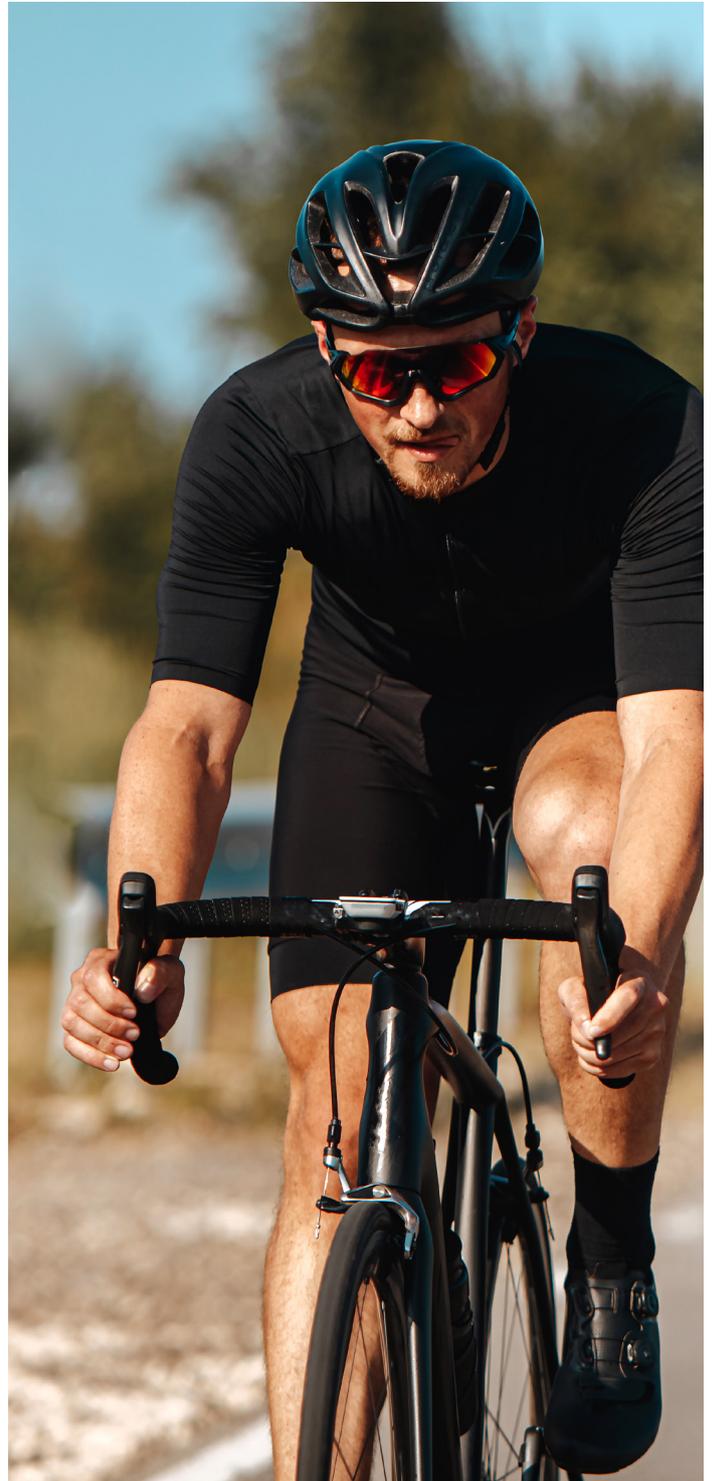
One such programme is the BikeRegister®. The Kingston Upon Thames Safer Neighbourhood Team took to social media to highlight the benefits of the BikeRegister® endorsed by Secure by Design, an Official Police Security Initiative.

In a real-life case study of the value of the BikeRegister®, officers from the Metropolitan Police have advertised how they successfully returned a stolen bike and secured an arrest of a male in Kingston Upon Thames. During an emergency call out, officers stopped a male who was in possession of the bike, and claimed it was his own property. The officers noting that the bike had a visible BikeRegister® marking/sticker were able to check the database to confirm or deny the suspected male’s account and if it was stolen locate the lawful owner.

The Kingston Upon Thames Safer Neighbourhood Team explained that it was very difficult to remove the sticker, as even though the bike was stolen six months prior, the thieves had been unable to remove it allowing for it to be identified and returned to its owner.

It was confirmed that the bike was stolen in September 2023, and it was successfully returned. The suspected male was subsequently charged with handling stolen goods and being in possession of a class A drug.

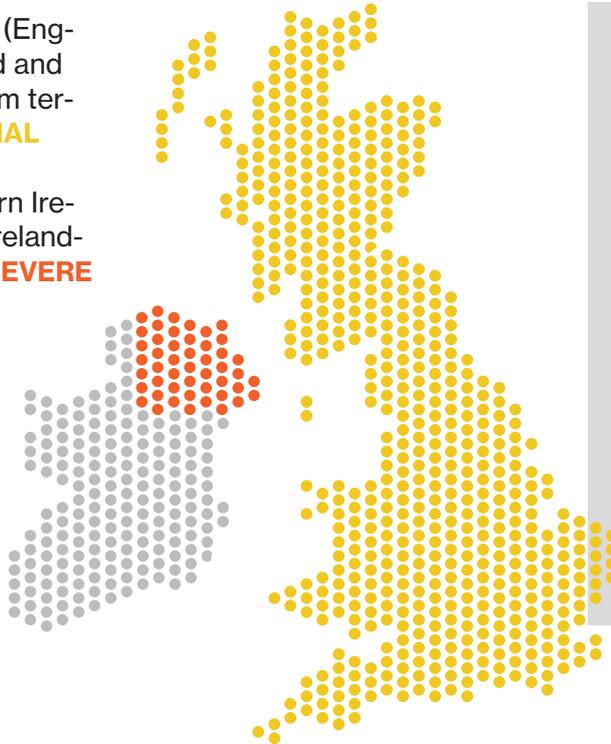
For more information: (link)
<https://www.bikeregister.com/>



Current National Threat Level

The threat to the UK (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) from terrorism is **SUBSTANTIAL**

The threat to Northern Ireland from Northern Ireland-related terrorism is **SEVERE**



NOTE:

Threat levels are designed to give a broad indication of the likelihood of a terrorist attack

LOW means an attack is highly unlikely

MODERATE means an attack is possible, but not likely

SUBSTANTIAL means an attack is likely

SEVERE means an attack is highly likely

CRITICAL means an attack is highly likely in the near future



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