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POLICE GIVEN A TICKET TO RIDE!

Fastrack, Kent Police and Arriva today formally launched a partnership that will see police officers travelling on Fastrack and other Arriva local bus services in Kent Thameside. Uniformed and plain clothed Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers will be travelling on Arriva vehicles as part of an initiative to deter crime and disorder. Officers will take positive action if incidents or offences occur.

The partnership will see the sharing and publicising of information and images from on-vehicle CCTV cameras. Police will also be issuing formal warning letters to any motorist observed by Fastrack staff infringing busway and priority lane regulations.

David George, Fastrack Project Manager said "During the year that Fastrack has been running incidents of crime and disorder have been few – and that's the way we want it to stay. So I am delighted that we have now formalised the already excellent working relationship between the Fastrack team, Kent Police and Arriva to further improve the safety and efficiency of Fastrack and local bus services".

North Kent Area Commander, Chief Superintendent Gary Beautridge welcomed the partnership "Anti-social behaviour by a small minority can intimidate other passengers and the visible presence of my officers on public transport vehicles will act as a deterrent. This partnership will build on our success in implementing neighbourhood policing and complement other crime prevention initiatives".

Kevin Hawkins, Commercial Director of Arriva Southern Counties added "Everyone benefits from improved security whilst travelling and reduced vandalism to vehicles and shelters. And clear busways and priority lanes help us deliver journey time reliability so anything to enhance enforcement is welcomed".