

In 1908 the North Eastern Railway Police became the first police force in the country to use police dogs



Sergeant Allinson and his Airedale police dog 'Jim' at Hull in 1908

The Force now uses a variety of dogs including German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois and English Springer Spaniels as sniffer dogs



The History Group publishes

- A monthly on-line newsletter
 - A hard copy Year Book
- Both are sent to every member

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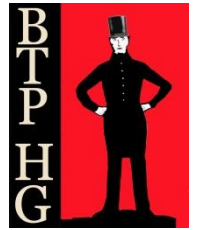
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The British Transport Police History Group



Established 2009

Preserving the History of Policing the Railways, Docks & Canals

'RDC Policing since 1825'

Since 2009 BTPHG has been

- Cataloguing, conserving and adding to our collections
- Digitalising the Force Journal published from 1948 to 1990
- Digitalising our large photographic collection and that of our police staff record cards
- Researching many diverse aspects of RDC Policing including developing a Nominal Roll of over 20,000 names
- Carrying out a Census Project to document over 100 BTP posts
- Bringing our long history to the attention of members, the current BTP Force and the general public



BTP History: Notable Events

- One of the oldest forces in the country with origins in 1825
- Constituent Forces in the BTP 'Family' number over 230
- Roll of Honour- over a 100 officers have been killed in the Line of Duty with at least five as a direct result of an act of violence
- The Centenary of the outbreak of the Great War. Hundreds of officers joined the colours with at least 135 killed in action. The Group laid many wreaths nationally and at the Menin Gate at Ypres.



Some BTP Milestones

- One of the first police forces in Britain to have women sworn in as police officers, in May 1917. The centenary was celebrated in 2017
- The Force Training School at Tadworth opened in 1948 and closed in 2010. Thousands of officers passed through it. The Group has unveiled a plaque on the site where it stood
- Technology First. By 1980 BTP was the first police force using computerised crime reporting

