

Peter Baker, Revenue enforcement lead at Southeastern reported the following on LinkedIn.

“Over 3 days this week I organised an operation on the line between Sittingbourne and Sheerness blocking 3 out of the 5 stations, this involve Railway Enforcement officers, Revenue Protection Officers, BTP, and Kent Police, to attack fare evasion, ASB, drugs, and weapons, this was part of the tripartite agreement with Network Rail, Southeastern and British Transport Police, I involved Kent police as these stations feed the towns that have a fairly high amount of issues for Kent police and residents of these areas.

Whilst I am still gathering the full data from our police colleagues I can report that in a total of around 24 hours over the 3 days 145 penalty fares were issued (minimum if all paid within 21 days of £7,250), numerous MG11 and bylaw prosecutions were also issued, not to mention the extra ticket sold that would have been avoided if we were not conducting this operation.

A fantastic piece of collaborative work between all departments to achieve a big impact on what is persistently a high evasion route. Brilliant work by all involved, and here's to the next one to keep the persuasive pressure on those that refuse to pay for their travel.

One thing that was great to hear was all the praise from the honest travellers who thanked us for this action.”

I'm sure we all welcome this positive action to tackle fare evasion.

Regards

Gary