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This page is edited by one of the very first PCSOs to join the MET. Bazza does not hesitate to say what he thinks on the issues that count and most of the time he is SPOT ON!!

introducing BAZZA



top PCSO in the MET!!

OUR TROOPS IN IRAQ

My view on iraq is this.

The soldiers are there because they have been told to go, no other reason. They have to obey orders but that doesn't mean they agree with the reasons that they are there, it just means they have to do their job as they are paid to do.

We don't have to agree on the reasons as to why they went to war, just that they are at war

and we want as many of them to come home as soon as possible.

I didnt like saddam, but nor do i like the regimes in china that oppress their own people and that of tibet and the same is happening in kashmir

Just look at what has happened in zimbabwe as far as i can see the U.N. do nothing regards these regimes, nor has America or Britain

All I ask is why, why is it ok to invade Iraq to oust a dictator but they refuse to get involved physically or millitarily in other conflicts where people are being killed on a daily basis and have been for years

Why do you think this is?

Staff Sgt Roger Parr in IRAQ



Click the photo to see the video

'the road to armadillo' video is so funny and helps troops let off steam and allows them to laugh at themselves and perhaps not take themselves too seriously which I believe is a good thing dont you?

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BAZZA's **TEN OF TEN**

1. Daily Mirror article

What the reporter from the mirror witnessed and saw is sometimes typical of what happens in central london security zones, but it is by no means the norm.

I would like to say whoever he had or has been posted with on his tour of duty were not doing their job, but before I say this, I would like to add that you seem to get either 'jobbies' or 'shirkers' and in the middle of all the chaos, you get workers - the people who actually want to do the job and have joined up to do just that, lets face it that kind of pcso wouldnt make news would it!

Stopping people under the terrorism act, is well within a pc's remit and just because they are asian or anything else is not a reason not to stop them yet the reporter seems to think it is, so when he does he mentions it in his article, but when we stop vehicles under the act you cannot tell who is driving let alone what race they are, but stopping any other person under the act again doesnt sell newspapers does it!

He made one mistake when he said 'the beat included patrolling outside lib dem hq' That building isnt even on Charring Cross's ground it is well within Belgravia's, i

should know i walked past it enough times! I think the reporter likes to make news stories of his own dont you?

A lot of what was said is true and should be looked into, but by our own union not the press or politicians without that us pcsos will not get a fair deal just a mauling.

2 PCSO Uniform

This i think needs changing and seriously looking at.If you look at the uniform you can see it has been rushed and not thought out thoroughly enough, what i would like to know is how much a say the federation had in its final appearance. The rumours are the federation objected to the chequered band and the word police on the back of the hi-vis jackets, what else did they get changed before implementation?

Why havant we got black jackets?

If you have ever seen the jackets the police wear, they are far superior to ours and more importantly a lot warmer, they seem to think giving us cheap jackets without a lining except for a removable fleece is acceptable even though we spend 90% of our time on the street in all weathers and the police i am afraid do not, they also think giving us one type of trouser(light weights) to wear all year round when the police get two types light weights and heavy weights yet we are the ones on the street in the winter the only ones! Is this the same for everyone?

3. PCSOS with handcuffs.

I cant see why not at all

it is just a question of training. The argument that if we are seen with handcuffs it can be counter productive can be eliminated straight away.

You can get folding quick cuffs which can be put in a pouch out of sight of the general public and used when needed.

I do truly believe we need them.

1. To help detain suspects when there are large numbers and few officers.
2. To detain suspects who are at large or when detaining a person/s sec 25 (in order to obtain details) to prevent them making off.
3. They can also be used to restrain person/s you feel may if not restrained cause harm to others or yourself

(obviously the guidelines will be given to when and where you can use them this is just a short summary that might be used)

Think about it this way, if door staff, security staff and other PCSOs are using them why on earth arent we all? The first two are not even trained to police standards except for in the use of cuffs so if they can we can this is another reason for us to become a national force with a national union i will discuss this later down the page.

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Canal Street Manchester 9.15pm Saturday 19 June 1999 ©Aidan O'Rourke

4. PCSOS outside pubs at midnight.

I agree with this in principle, but without any protection other than my mouth and my radio, it doesn't take a lot of imagination to work out what could happen, turn this around, would the police be willing to patrol outside a pub without any protection?

5. PCSOS and the attitude of the

federation.

It amazes me, the federation did nothing but fight the government over PCSOS citing that we would take pc's overtime and they should use the money to employ more pc's which as anyone could see, would defeat the object anyway (police on street/visible presence etc).

The federation then publicly criticise Police Community Support Officers and the training etc but are quite happy to interfere with how our uniform looks, this is reason if one is needed, that if we had our own union and if we became a truly national force we could help decide what uniform we had and what it looked like and not some unelected body, who do not like us and do not want us in their union and they say we are part of the extended police family and they don't want a rank structure, because it could fragment us and divide us

ahem hasn't the federation already done that?

6. PCSOs Nationwide.

As we are now spread across Britain is there now not a stronger case for us to be a national force in our own right as btp are?

I think it should at least be looked into when we get our NEW union do you agree?

7. PCSOs Rank structure.

Should we have one? I believe we should, it would have so many advantages which far outweigh the disadvantages.

1. It would vastly improve morale, as long as there is nothing to aim for there is nothing to stay for, is this assumption correct?
2. The police say when the traffic wardens had it they lost control and it didn't work, ok so you have tried it once and it didn't work, you have never tried it

btp is just a



national force

with us and we are not traffic wardens



Our rank structure would not be there to replace a sgt, but to help him with pdps and pdrs for pcso's and to assist new pcsos into their role. The senior pcso would not have status above a pc but be equal to a pc and would be answerable to a sgt. We would also have representation at local smt meetings and national smt meetings held at NSY, that way we can have a say on what happens to us, instead of being told what happens to us by people who have never been a pcso.

Does this not make sense?

8. PCSOS Pay structure

Does everyone agree that we should have our own pay structure, as do police officers and civil staff, instead of being lumped together into civil staff pay banding when the people in the same pay band as pcsos NEVER even walk the streets, so why should they be paid the same as us, but never have to leave their nice cosy office?

9. PCSOs' Pensions.

Why should we work for forty years to get a full pension, when our esteemed colleagues in the extended 'police family' can retire on a police pension at 55?

Why cant we have the same pension or at least a comparable one so we can at least have the same choice as them?

10. PCSOs' id cards.

Find this quite strange and this might differ from force to force, but in the met our id says in big red letters 'civil staff' and underneath in tiny weeny letters it says 'police community support'

notice how they missed the word officer, so when i show that to a member of the public, it actually doesn't mean anything to them does it and they wonder why the public are confused and why they say to pcsos who produce it as id 'get back into your office you are only civil staff, you cant give me that ticket.'

I think we should have some type of warrant card with the power of arrest for sec 25 (BUT ONLY WHEN ISSUING TICKETS AND NAME ETC IS REFUSED) intially and then it can be extended if required.

The Immigration Service and Customs and Excise have warrant type cards and only have specific powers of arrest, there is no reason why this cannot be done for pcsos is there?



Bazza is asking for your comments here!

Please vote if you want a new union or if you are happy with the one you are in and what union is it that you are in?

The answers will be collated over the next several months and the results given here on Barry's issues page

By doing this we can act as one voice in issues that concern us and not just voice our concerns

as we do on the forum.

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what's new on Bazza's page?

well how about

Bazza interviewed by falkor on PCSO hot issues, that IRAQ mod vid, Wimbledon AFC, GTA, coughing and even what's top on here!

[click here for the Bazza interview, a cracking read for sure!](#)



national-PCSOs POSTER

why not download our very own 230k poster.doc, to go up in your station?

simply right click on the poster shown and select "SAVE TARGET AS," the poster will then be downloaded to your computer

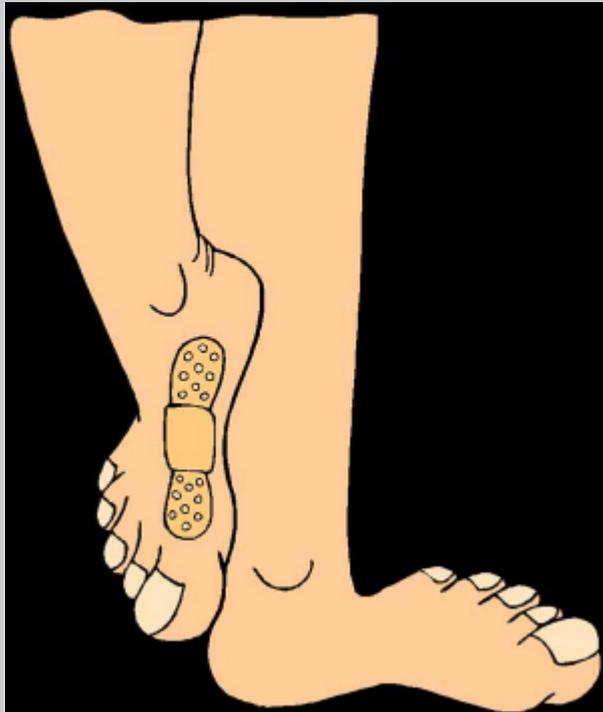
You could print out the poster a few times and hand it to some PCSOs who may not be aware of the site, or just leave it in their corres trays!

LOOK AT MY FEET OFFICER!

As a PCSO it pays to look after your feet!!

How much walking do you do per day? Do you really put care and loving attention into making sure your feet are happy?

Well Bazza knows a thing or two about looking after his feet and has found some boots that any PCSO would be thrilled to get, for awesome "on the beat" action.



PCSOs must look after their feet at all costs!!

[Check out Bazza's Mitre Bluelight boots here!](#)

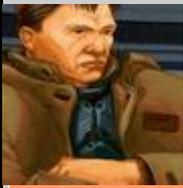
Bazza was asked "if you were told to sit down and write out your TOP TEN movies of all time, what would they be and why?"

He came up with TRUE ROMANCE as his NUMBER 1 MOVIE of all time, now check out the rest of the chart mates:



Bazza's TOP TEN MOVIES

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| .1 | <u>True Romance</u> | 1993 | Classic gangster caper that has everything. |
| .2 | <u>The Game</u> | 1997 | Cant take your eyes off this for 1 minute QUALITY. |
| .3 | <u>12 Angry Men</u> | 1957 | You have to watch this film and it has a great twist, i watched this for my english class, great class teacher eh! |
| .4 | <u>Its a Wonderful Life</u> | 1946 | Yes it is once you have watched this you will realise it is too |
| .5 | <u>Shallow Grave</u> | 1994 | Proves that money is the route of all evil. |



.6	<u>Life of Brian</u>	1979	JESUS need i say more?
.7	<u>ID</u>	1995	Dont trust cid? then this film confirms it, either that or dont go undercover!
.8	<u>Star Wars</u>	1977	Original and always the best.
.9	<u>Casino</u>	1995	This teaches you not to gamble with the mob, BASEBALL BATS ohh!
.10	<u>Return of The Jedi</u>	1983	I love this film just for the scenes in the forest and the EWOKS of course.

WHO'S BAZZA?

I joined the police namely hampshire constabulary in 1996 as a special constable based in cosham, portsmouth,hants i offically left the force in 2004 so that makes 8 years service along with a queens medal to boot.

I then joined the metropolitan police service in 2002 as a pcso initially i was based in westminster as a security pcso and i was stationed at belgravia.

I was there for six months and then applied for a secondment to work on a mobile police station which was based at lambeth and basically worked out of harrow road paddington but it also had london wide role.

While on the bus we worked the local estates and helped reduce calls form 171 the previous year to 79 the year we were there.

We also worked for scd in hackney on a murder,sutton for a fun day,notting hill for crime prevention and for the bill script writer who worked with us to find out what pcsos do and what we were about.



Barry on his favourite mobile police station

I did this for a year and then returned to belgravia for a short spell and then i was on a another secondment to the crime disorder reduction team based at council house in marylebone.

This was a four month attachment then it was back to Belgravia for six months

I then transferred to Wandsworth borough on another mobile police station and while that is being fitted out I am currently based at Lavendar Hill ps on the new safer neighbour hood teams.

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hey this is PRIVATE!!!

Bazza's 2004 diary #1

WANTED FOR THEFT

Last year I was based at Harrow Road Police Station on the mobile police station that patrolled the avenues estate.

We had just been briefed and after the briefing, the P.C. we were with said 'if you see this person he is wanted, just keep him talking until I arrive he will want to speak because he wants his monkey bike back but its stolen and he is wanted for the theft.'



lo! bazza's 2004 diary

We all knew this character and lo and behold he turned up at the mobile police station.

Unfortunately we had another PCSO with us

A PCSO who thought you couldnt tell him anything as he knew it all!!!

Anyway, my colleague and this other PCSO engage this person in conversation, while I radioed the P.C. to make him aware he was with us.

Eventually my colleague left the conversation because he could see where it was going and didn't want to be privvy to a conversation that ended up with this guy making off.

The converstion was going like this:-

PCSO- 'Can you stay here for a minute?'

WM- 'No where is the P.C., I want my bike back.'

PCSO- 'He will be here soon he just wants to talk to you.'(DOH)

WM- 'What does he want to talk to me about?'

PCSO- 'About the bike I think.'

WM- 'So where is he then, look I am not staying here all day.'

PCSO- 'I think he wants to talk to you about a burglary or something' (DOH,DOH)

WM-(now getting very edgy) 'What burglary? I went to court for that, thats all sorted.'

PCSO- 'Oh ok, I think you are still wanted thou.'

WM- 'What for? I went to court this morning so if I was, it would have been sorted in court this morning.'

PCSO- 'Oh ok you still have to wait here for the P.C thou he still wants to talk to you.'

WM- 'Yeah I will wait I want to talk to him anyway.'

PCSO 'ok.'

WM- 'Can I ring my uncle then while I wait, I am just going to stand over there at the top of the road (this some 300yards away) is that ok yeah I'll come back.'

PCSO- 'Yeah thats ok.....you're not going to run are ya?'

WM 'No I am just making this call and then I'll be back.'

(At this point I am standing on the bus open mouthed with astonishment)

So he lets this guy who he has just told that he is wanted, walk up the road and then wonders why he doesn't come back when he said he would what a PLANK!

So when the P.C. arrives he asks where this person was and the PCSO calmly says 'oh he made off, I think he knew he was wanted and he just didn't stick around.'

The thing that galled me was, that after making such a calamitous mistake, he didnt have the guts to admit to it.

But after that I could never even look at him in the same light again because I knew that he would make the same mistake again and again and again, as he still wasn't admitting to making a mistake months after

in hindsight I should have stepped in, but I didnt want to undermine him in public.

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here it is, FOUND IT!

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TOWER BLOCKS

That cartoon reminded me of what happened when I was based at Lavender Hill Police Station. Well we were on routine patrol of the 'Blocks' as we called them, on the Winstanley estate in Clapham.

For safety we patrolled the internal stairwell in pairs, as we regularly found drug users there.

I also insisted on turning our radios down, as we knew what would happen if they heard us coming, we also knew that having the radios turned down was not a guarantee they wouldn't hear us, but we couldn't turn them off again for our own safety, so I also asked that we cover the brooch mike to muffle the sound of transmissions.

We entered one block and started at the top and slowly made our way down, my colleague said he could smell cannabis when he was at the top and it was getting stronger, suddenly I heard voices ... we were on the tenth floor and they looked like they were on the fourth.

We got down to the sixth floor and luckily no radio transmissions. We then walked as slowly and quietly as we could. They were in our sights and we were a set of stairs away, my colleague who was in front used both his hands at this stage to steady himself on the bannister stairs.

As he did so his radio flickered into life **'adrian are you ok?'** (doh)

We both shouted S*** and ran helplessly after them, but they were gone into the night but why just at that time did our P.C contact us?

She was just concerned as she hadn't heard from us for a while, little did she know her concern also led to the potential loss of two'bodies in the bin.'

But we forgave her, she wasn't to know and after all, she was just looking out for her colleagues, so all was forgiven but god damn it, I am still annoyed that it happened just at that time, it is so frustrating isnt it?

2002: the first day of training

I was really nervous the first day of training, but after the first day I was ok

I knew what to expect, I was sure it wouldn't get any harder, I was just wondering if there was a pass or fail.

I learned on the second day that there was not any pass or fail, *which concerned me greatly*, as I knew some people couldn't even write or speak properly.

On our final day we were a bit annoyed when they showed us the uniform, because on the back of the hi-vis, the wording had changed. (we learned later on that this was down to pressure from the fed) Nobody liked the hat or the colour blue, but it was stated that the uniform may well change in the future as it was new etc. (yeah right)

We were alloted our stations, I was happy with AB and we were given a start date in a meeting with the superintendent and then we were alloted reliefs.

Our start date was going to be the first day for pcsos anywhere and we were going to be the first ones on as we had drawn the early shift 6-2.

The next day we were briefed and introduced to the relief and then it was out on the streets. I was in the area car with a p.c now a sgt called George.

We were first out that day because the car had to go for repairs in the east end they wanted it back in action as fast as possible.

I couldn't beleive it, it was quality until we reached a bridge in plaistowe

I pointed out to George that the lorry approaching the bridge will never make it underneath, he quickly realised I was right and said 'can you do traffic?' I said 'yeah no worries.' He then went to help direct the lorry, while I stopped traffic entering the bridge any further.

I was quite pleased with that, it all went well and we got the car sorted ... George was station bound for the rest of shift (or so he made out!) so that meant I was as well, but **not bad for the first ever day for a pcso on the streets of london and the uk eh!**

TOP 99 GAMES OF ALL TIME

READERS' PICKS



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Bazza has played a few games in his time and quickly decided that his number 1 from that chart was Resident Evil 4, what a choice and WHAT A GAME! was he right? read on to see what was in the rest of his Top 5 GAMES CHART mates.

CHART	GAME	BAZZA's TOP FIVE REMARKS
ONE	#1 Resident Evil 4 (2005) Platform: GCN	Quality made me think,graphics could have been better though.
TWO	#9 GTA San Andreas (2004) Platform: PS2	Didnt think they could have betterd the first but they have only gone and done it I'm blown away its just sheer quality from start to finish
THREE	#34: Grand Theft Auto: Vice City (2002) Platform: PC PS2 Xbox	I just loved this game it had all the little bits that you want in a game they seemed to have thought of every thing.
FOUR	#86 Max Payne 2 (2003) Platform: PC PS2	Quality all the twists and turns in this plus you just never know until its too late....
FIVE	#84 Prince of persia (2003) Platform: GCN PC PS2 Xbox	Try it you might like it. All the different moves you can do in this is what makes this game standout. Dont take my word for it try it and see



Bazza's Fans, Football & Franchising

Some time ago there was a football team called WIMBLEDON Football Club.

They were revered throughout the land that was called ENGLAND and they played in DIVISION ONE and now it is called THE PREMIERSHIP.

An evil man came along called WINKLE and he liked football and money but there was nothing in the land of CEMENT except for CIRCLES and MK City FC.

So he hatched a plan to STEAL a proper team with a league place and re-name it, the FA said ok, so WIMBLEDON Football Club was taken from the south of a city we call LONDON and put in the land of CEMENT.

But how can that be? I here you cry, Wimbledon has always been south of the city we call LONDON, you cannot just move it somewhere else on a whim, can you?

But the fans of this club no longer had a team so they started one of their own and called it **AFC WIMBLEDON** and it currently resides in the a royal borough called KINGSTON.



click to zoom

The place in which they play a game they call football is THE FANS -STADIUM and all are welcome there, the motto above the door reads:-FOR the FANS by the FANS need we say more?A lesson learned we hope?

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