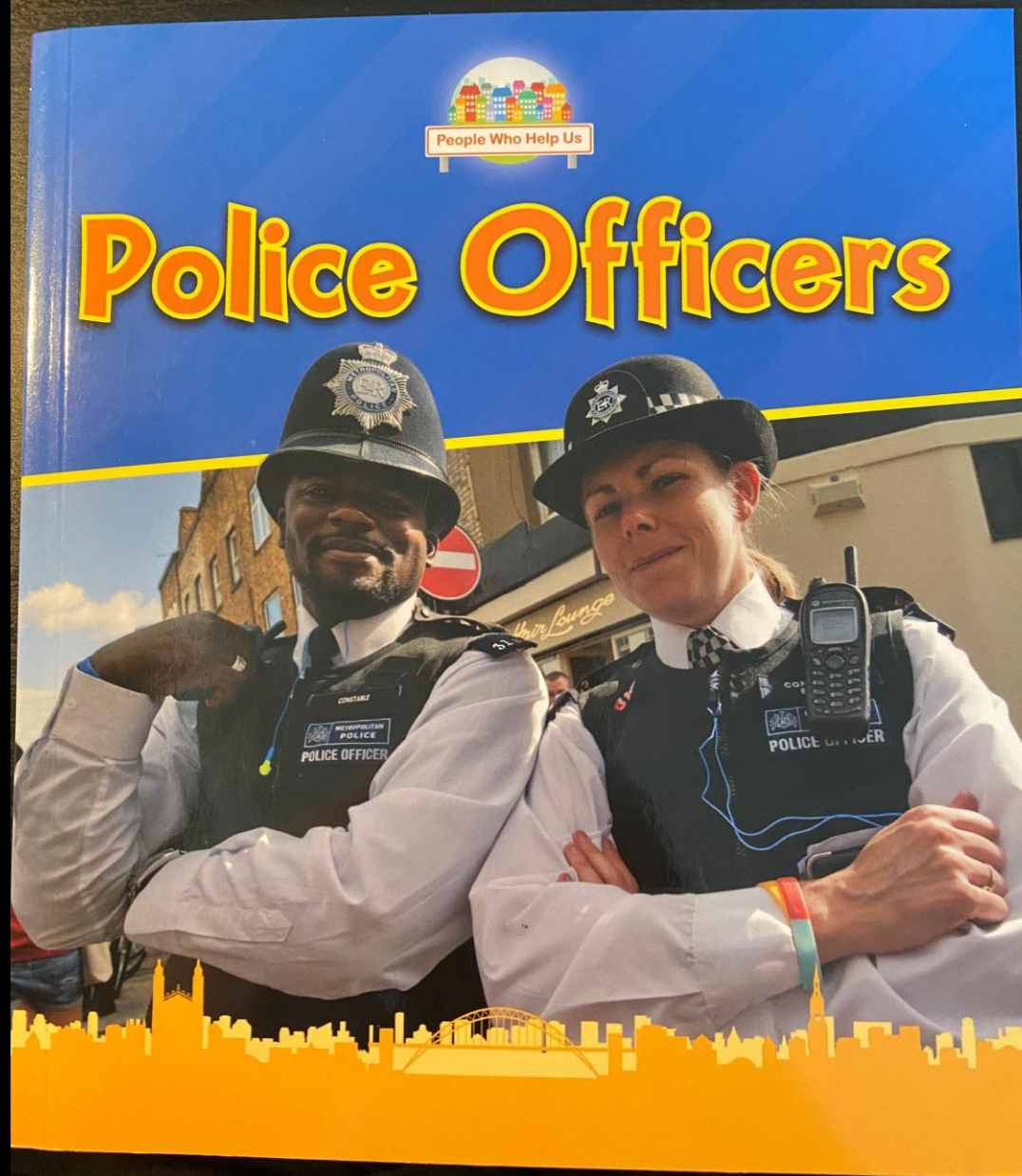


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looking in the glossary.

We need the police

There are many people who help us.
Police officers help us. There are police
officers in your local **community**.

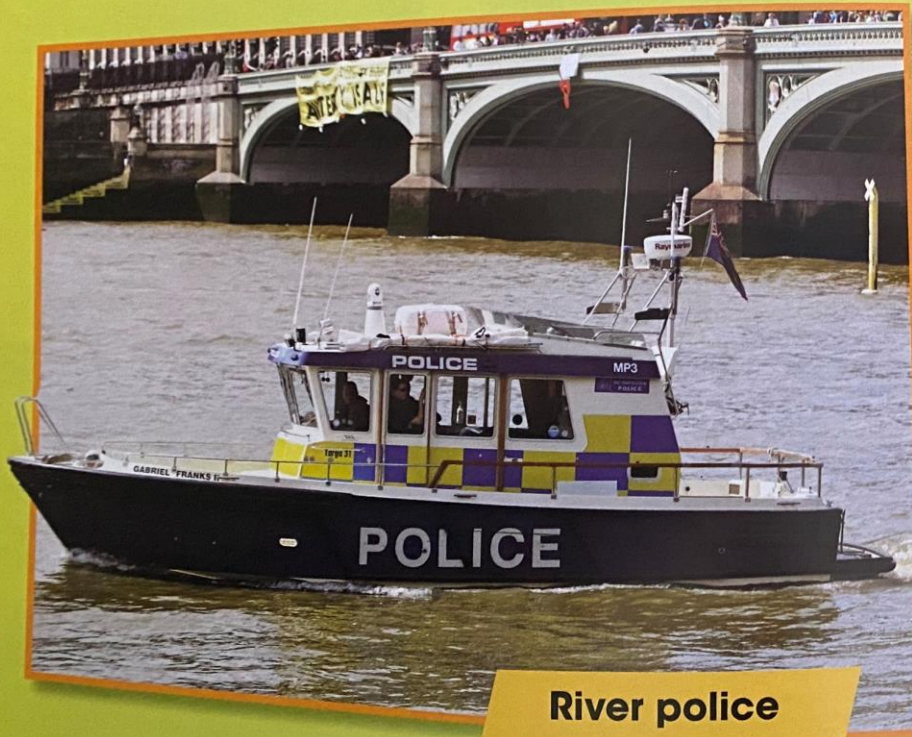


Police officers keep us
all safe. They make sure
that people obey the
laws. They work with
us to help make our
communities safer.



What the police do

For a police officer, every day is different. They have many kinds of jobs to do.



River police



Police officers solve **crimes** and catch **criminals**. They also help out in different types of **emergencies**.

On duty

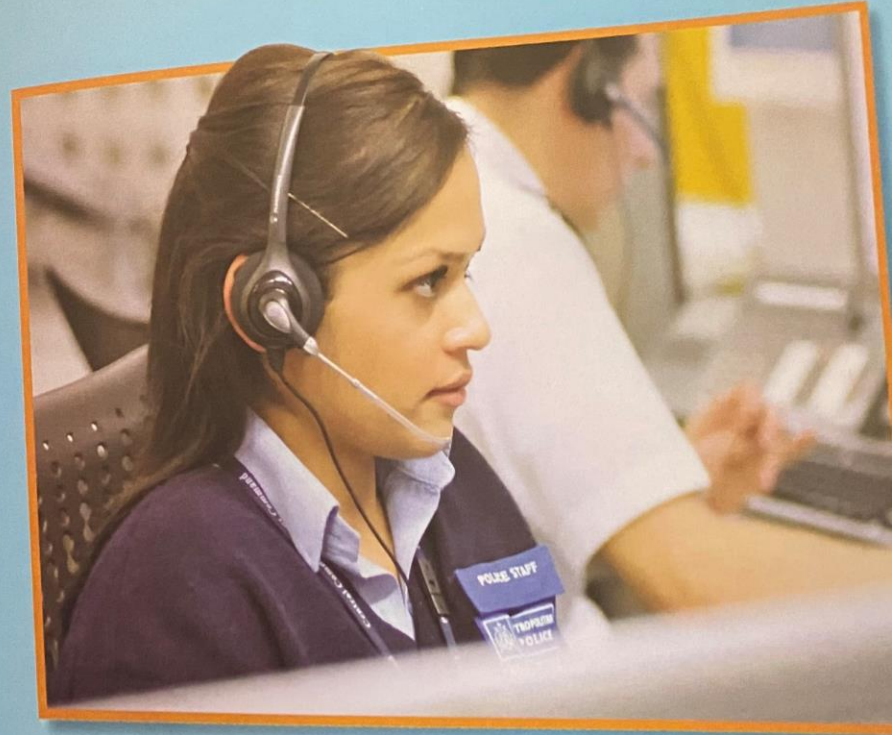
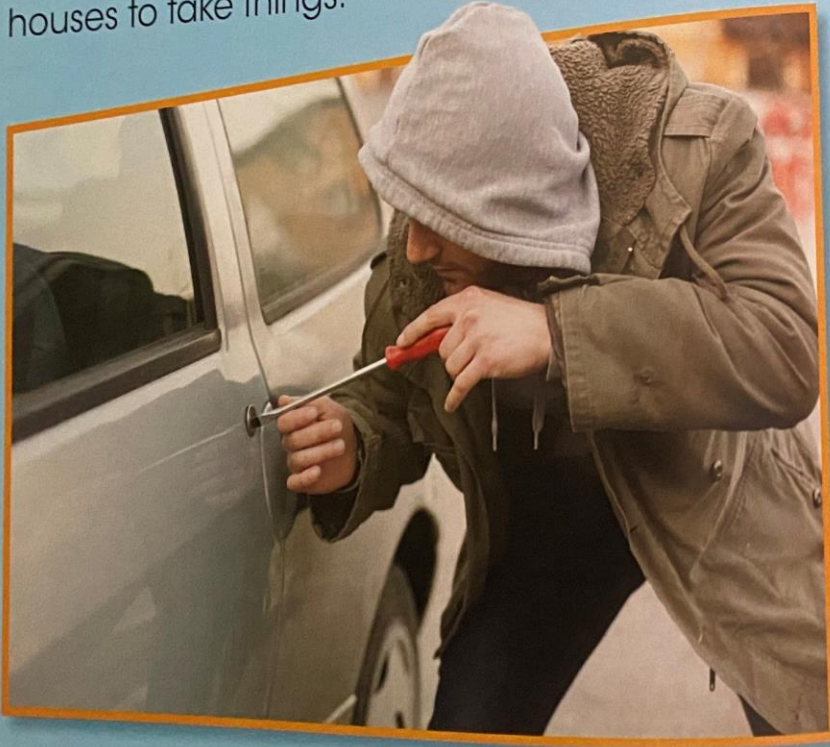
Police officers **patrol** the local **community**. People are less likely to break the law if there are police officers around.



Police officers get to know the people in their area. Knowing the community helps them do their job better.

Solving crimes

A **crime** is when someone breaks the **law**. A **criminal** might steal a car. He or she might break into houses to take things.



People call the police when something is stolen. The police do their best to find the criminal. They interview people and search for clues.

Emergency!

If there is an **emergency**, the police will come to help. It might be a road accident, or a fallen tree.



Police officers can give **first aid**. They make sure people get help. Police officers keep people away from danger.

Keeping order

Police officers work at football matches, parades and other big events. They make sure everyone in the crowd stays safe.



Mounted police officer



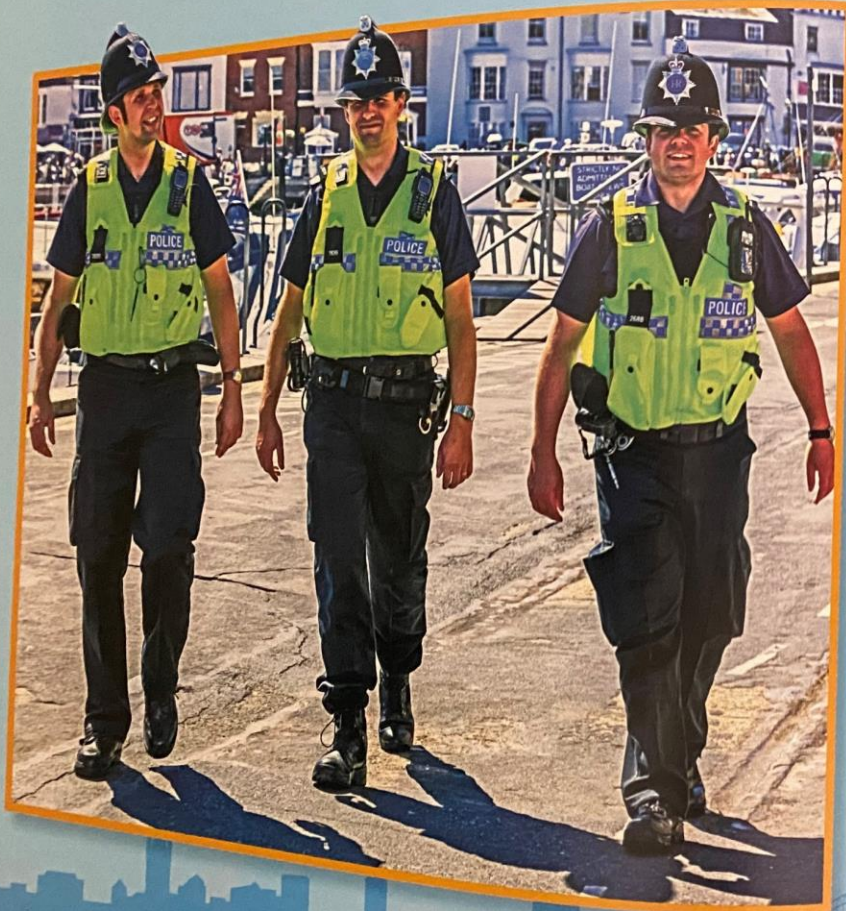
Traffic control

Some police officers direct traffic. They keep drivers away from dangerous or crowded areas.



Police uniforms

It is easy to spot a police officer. They wear **uniforms**. They often wear **high-vis jackets** as well.



Radio

Police officers carry radios. They use them to talk to other police officers. They also carry tools such as **batons** and sprays to keep themselves safe.

Police vehicles

Police officers must travel quickly in an **emergency**. Their cars have lights and **sirens**. These warn other drivers to let them pass.



Some police use motorbikes when they are on duty. Other police officers ride bicycles.

Police in schools

Police officers often visit schools. They talk to children about their job. They explain how they help the local **community**.







Speed camera



Police officers teach children how to stay safe. Officers talk to children about what to do in an **emergency**.

Staying safe

Always remember:

-  The police are there to help.
-  If you are lost or need help, find a police officer.
-  Do not talk to strangers, or go anywhere with them.
-  Call 999 in an emergency.



Glossary

- baton** stick used to protect against attack
- beat** regular route that a police officer patrols
- community** particular area where a group of people live
- crime** something a person does that is against the law
- criminal** person who commits a crime
- emergency** serious situation, such as a fire or road accident, that calls for fast action
- first aid** emergency medical help given while waiting for a doctor
- high-vis jacket** bright, reflective jacket that makes a person easy to see, even in the dark
- law** rule that everyone must follow
- patrol** to guard an area by making regular trips through it
- siren** warning device that makes a loud noise
- uniform** special type of clothing worn by all members of a group, such as the police