

Crime reduction manager for Northern commended for bravery

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A crime reduction manager from Harrogate has been recognised for an act of bravery at Wakefield Westgate station.

In a true case of 'practice what you preach', Phil Jones – who works as a crime reduction manager with **Northern** – stepped in to detain a man responsible for the assault of a train conductor on a service calling at the station.

Now, he is among five employees at **Northern** to be awarded a Certificate of Commendation at the **British Transport Police** Pennine Sub Divisional Awards.

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The incident involving Jones happened in September 2019, but he has only just been formally recognised because the awards were suspended during the pandemic.

Commenting on his commendation, Jones said: “I’m very honoured and humbled to be recognised by the British Transport Police.”

Jones’ colleagues also picking up commendations included: Stephen McHugh, who made a life-saving intervention of a distressed female at Bolton station in Sept 2019; Damian Greenhalgh, who made a life-saving intervention at Manchester Victoria station in December 2019; Lorna Brown (Conductor) & David Greenslade (Driver) who stepped in to break-up a fight of approximately 20 males at South Elmsall in May 2021; and Dean Worthington, who made a life-saving intervention of a distressed male at Dinting Viaduct in June 2021.

Anyone who witnesses a crime taking place on the railway should contact [British Transport Police](#) by texting 61016 or by calling 0800 40 50 40. Alternatively, people can call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.