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Police in Glossop are teaming up to shelve shoplifters in the town's high street.

Over recent weeks, there has been a slight increase in shoplifting offences in the Glossop area and officers are joining forces to crack down on the issue.

The targeted police operation will see plain clothes officers heading out into the town centre, along with carrying out regular high-visibility patrols to catch offenders and deter would-be shoplifters.

The Glossop Town Centre Safer Neighbourhood Team will be working in partnership with local retailers and neighbouring forces, including Greater Manchester Police and the British Transport Police, to crack down on thieves and travelling criminals.

The policing team will also be carrying ShopWatch radios to link in closely with staff at local stores to help stop criminals in their tracks.

ShopWatch links retailers via radios to each other and police, allowing them to share information on suspicious behaviour or incidents of crime immediately.

Section Inspector Barry Doyle, who oversees policing in the Glossop area, said: "Over the last month we have seen a slight increase in the number of thefts from retailers in Glossop and we are working together with the stores and neighbouring forces to help reduce this type of crime.

"Along with high-visibility patrols, we will be deploying plain clothes officers into the town centre, so just because people can't see a cop, it doesn't mean to say that they're not around.

"Anybody caught stealing from shops will be dealt with positively and I would ask for the public's help by reporting any suspicious activity to us so that we can bring shoplifters to justice."

To find out more about the ShopWatch scheme, or to speak to the Glossop Town Centre Safer Neighbourhood Team, call 101.

To report suspicious activity or crime call police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111. In an emergency, always call 999.

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