

NATIONAL STUDENT DEMONSTRATION

WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2011

Welcome to London

- the Metropolitan Police Service hopes that you have a safe day. The police are here to help you have a peaceful demonstration. This leaflet explains how the demonstration will be policed and what to do if there are any problems.

This leaflet is NOT a notice under sections 12 or 14 of the Public Order Act 1986 (the law which allows the police to impose conditions on assemblies/marches)



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You may be aware that a number of groups have announced that they are holding a National Student Demonstration on Wednesday 9 November 2011. The march will assemble on Malet Street to march to London Wall along the following route:

1 Malet Street

Gower Street

Bloomsbury Street

Shaftesbury Avenue

Charing Cross Road

Duncannon Street

The Strand

Fetter Lane

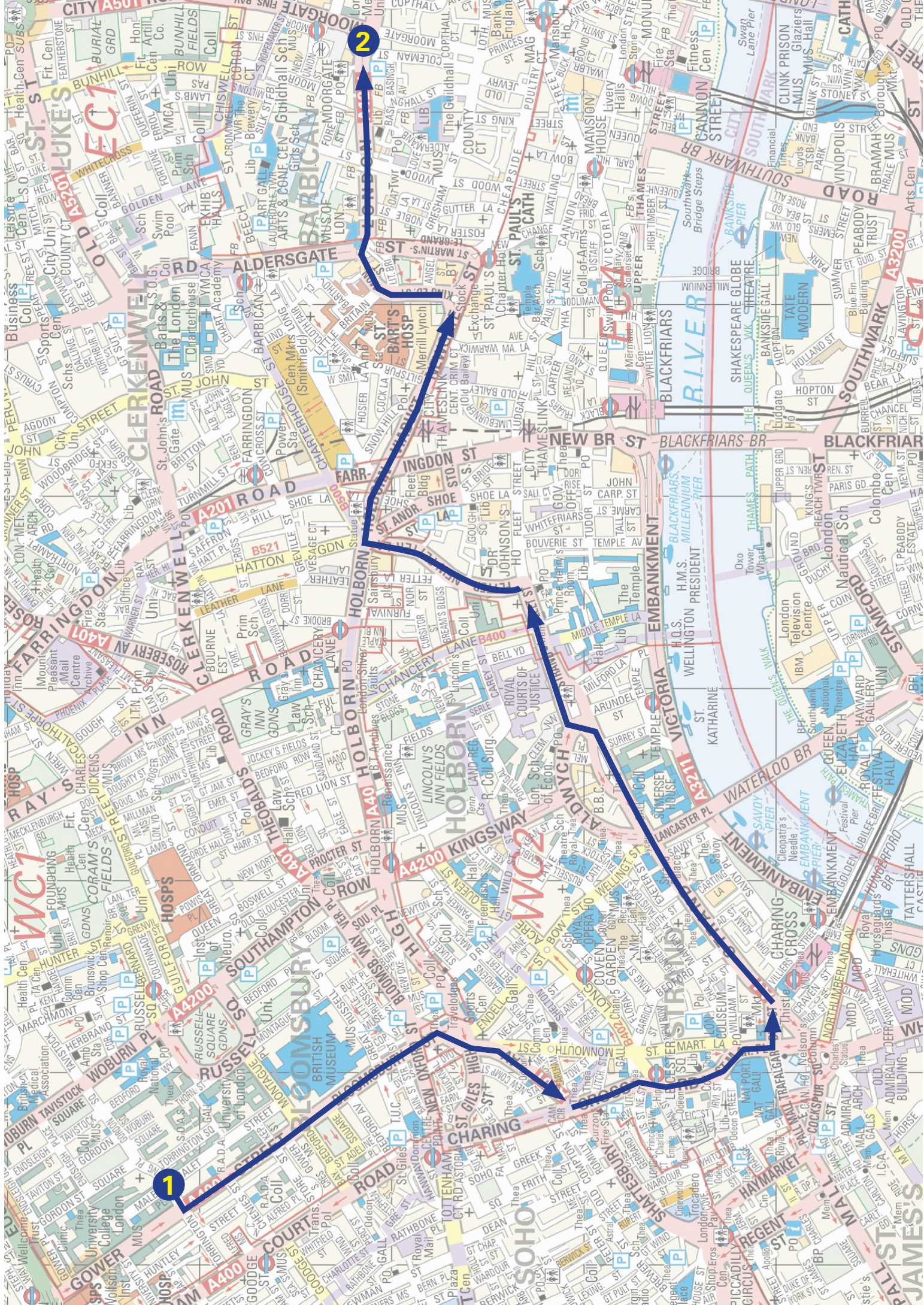
New Fetter Lane

Holborn Viaduct

Newgate Street

King Edward Street

2 London Wall.



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The Metropolitan Police Service is here to help facilitate a safe and peaceful demonstration. We are committed to upholding the law and we respect the right to peaceful protest. This leaflet / information seeks to explain how the demonstration will be policed and what to do if there are any problems.

What you can expect to see:

Police officers will be visible along the route of this demonstration. They will also be positioned at road junctions. This is to ensure that individuals walking on the road are kept away from moving traffic. Road closures will be in place on the day and all roads on the route will be closed when necessary to relieve congestion.

You may notice officers and barriers outside some premises. This is because during recent protests some buildings have been targeted and damaged. The officers are there to protect those buildings and to help those inside to go about their daily business, and deal with any incidents of crime and disorder.

Where can I get information about the demonstration, in the run up to and on the day?

To find out information during the day log onto ***www.met.police.uk*** or you can follow us on Twitter ***@CO11MetPolice***.

You can also get free updates direct to your phone by texting the word ***'police'*** to ***83123***.

I am planning to travel to London on the day, what travel advice can you give?

When considering your journey remember that there are likely to be large numbers of people travelling into and around central London and some areas may be congested. Leave sufficient time and make sure that you plan your day carefully.

For businesses in and around central London please subscribe to Neighbourhood Link at www.neighbourhoodlink.met.police.uk

What will the officers be wearing?

In the main you can expect to see officers in yellow jackets and traditional police hats. If violence or disorder takes place the

officers may change their headwear to a helmet with a visor. The officers will revert to normal headwear as soon as it is safe to do so. Please be aware that when an officer is wearing a helmet it is more difficult for them to communicate and if you are not facing them they may not hear you and they may shout. All the officers will be uniquely identifiable by a series of numbers, letters or both which will be visible on their outer clothing.

What if there is violence or disorder?

If you are near an outbreak of violence or disorder move away and create a distance between you and those taking part. Do not stand and watch as it may not be safe for you to do so. The officers at the scene will intervene. Please give them room to work.

If you become involved in acts of criminal behaviour, police will investigate these acts, which may result in your arrest and subsequent prosecution. A criminal record could seriously affect your future employment or educational opportunities. Many professional and vocational bodies require that their

members be of 'good character' and may reject applicants convicted of certain crimes. Your actions could have serious consequences for your future. Please think carefully before getting involved in any acts of disorder (and criminality).

A criminal conviction or even a discharge where you are found guilty of an offence but not convicted could also severely restrict your ability to travel abroad and in some cases you could be refused entry to another country. Work or residential permits could be difficult to obtain where information about previous convictions and proof of good character is required.

What if I become a victim of crime?

On occasion large crowds may attract individuals or groups intent on committing acts of criminal behaviour. Please be aware of your immediate environment / surroundings and ensure that you keep all valuables out of sight. Remain alert at all times and if you are a victim of crime report it to police by:-

1. In an emergency always **dial 999**
2. Non emergency **dial 101** (Calls to 101 from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per

call, no matter what time of day you call or how long your call lasts)

3. Visiting the nearest police station

4. Online crime reporting at

<https://online.met.police.uk/>

When can I expect the police to intervene?

If there is violence or disorder the officers present may intervene to prevent it which may result in people being arrested.

Attempts by demonstrators to deviate from the agreed route may result in officers stopping or slowing the progress of the demonstration.

What should I do if I witness disorder?

You can contact any police station and give your name in the same way as above using the non emergency number (**Dial 101**). An officer will then contact you.

If you have information about crime, you can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

If you have a problem, any questions or require assistance you can speak to a police officer along the route.

Will I be contained?

Containment is used as a last resort, when there is serious disorder or to prevent an imminent breach of the peace. If a containment is implemented it will be in place for no longer than is necessary to deal with the issue. The officers will be mindful of your welfare and they will attempt to let you know what is happening and help you get out as soon as is practical. If you are suspected of being involved in disorder you may be questioned as you leave the containment.

What does it mean if I see police horses out?

Police horses are a valuable part of policing London and form an effective addition to policing protest. You will see police horses working on this event.

What if I want to make a complaint?

You may make a complaint about police behaviour at any police station, in writing, by phone (0300 123 1212) or by e-mail. Full details of how to make a complaint can be found on the Metropolitan Police website ***www.secure.met.police.uk/complaints***

You can also make a complaint to the Independent Police Complaints Commission. Full details can be found at ***www.ipcc.gov.uk***

Officers who are policing this event may not be in a position to take your complaint at the time.

What is Section 60?

Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, gives police the right to search people in a defined area at a specific time when they believe, with good reason, that: there is the possibility of serious violence; or that a person is carrying a dangerous object or offensive weapon; or that an incident involving serious violence has taken place and a dangerous instrument or offensive

weapon used in the incident is being carried in the locality. This power has to be authorised by a senior officer.

What is Section 60AA?

Section 60AA of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 provides powers to require the removal of disguises at public order events where a Section 60 authorisation is in force or an authorisation is given under this section.

60AA(1) Where-

- (a) an authorisation under Section 60 for the time being in force in relation to any locality for any period, or
- (b) an authorisation under subsection (3) that the powers conferred by subsection (2) shall be exercisable at any place in a locality is in force for any period, those powers shall be exercisable at any place in that locality at any time in that period.

60AA(2) This subsection confers power on any constable in uniform-

- (a) to require any person to remove any item which the constable reasonably

believes that person is wearing wholly or mainly for the purpose of concealing his identity;

- (b) to seize any item which the constable reasonably believes any person intends to wear wholly or mainly for that purpose.

