

# “ PPP ”

## People for Proper Policing in North Wales

[Battering ram no match for council house](#). Jul 7 2007 by Gareth Hughes, Daily Post

COUNCIL house tenants in Anglesey can rest assured that their properties are safe from burglars – **as even specially armed police officers have difficulty breaking in**. On Thursday officers executed four search warrants on the island, two in Holyhead, one in Llanfair yn Nhowyn and one in Llanddeusant.

**A video clip of one of the raids, which is posted on the North Wales Police website, shows officers trying to smash open the door of one of the Holyhead premises.** But it proved to be no simple matter, despite the first officer using the miniature battering ram, affectionately known by cops as the “big red door key”. The aim is to smash the lock with a maximum of two or three blows. But the officer in the incident is seen delivering **15 blows to the UPVC front door without success, before stepping aside, clearly tired.** A colleague then **uses an axe to smash a glass door panel and punch a large hole in the door,** through which **five officers then rush.** **Following the raid one woman was arrested and later bailed for possessing Class A drugs.** Other items were also seized. Police Community Support Officers later distributed leaflets in the area **to reassure the public and seek further information.**

It is common practice for drug-dealers to reinforce their windows and doors to thwart the police but **a North Wales Police spokeswoman confirmed yesterday that the door on the film was standard issue for council properties in the area.**

She said: “The estate in question has recently undergone a refurbishment and it was a standard UPVC door fitted by the council. **Training on gaining entry to various premises** is carried out at the **force’s firearms training base** at Rhewl, near Ruthin. Earlier this year Chief Constable Richard Brunstrom described in his blog how he had watched a demonstration of explosives being used to gain entry to premises when life was at risk. “It was truly revelatory, a much quicker and less risky means of getting access to a building,” he wrote.

An Isle of Anglesey County Council spokesperson said: “As a responsible landlord, our tenants’ safety is of paramount importance. These doors have certainly proved themselves to be up to very stringent testing. However, there are instances where immediate entry to a property is required and we shall be exploring possible solutions to facilitate access.”

**The PPP comments ... they seem so proud of this 'operation' that they gave their mouthpiece, the Daily Post, the full story AND made and posted a video on their website. See it at <http://www.north-wales.police.uk/en/news/latest.asp?id=1080> ...it's not for the nervous!** What it really shows is bad planning and intelligence!, stupidity, over reaction and excessive violence. **FIVE** officers apparently didn't know that any modern PVC door has multiple locks, their ‘little red hammer’ is designed to break a centrally placed single lock in an easily splintered wooden frame !. 15 blows apparently exhausted North Wales Police’s finest and **ONE** Women was arrested and bailed. If Brunstrom had his way they would have blown open the door with explosives, scattering shards of toughened glass etc etc. Who pays for the damage....Anglesey council tax payers. **With real and INTELLIGENT community Policing the violence could have been avoided and a better result obtained.**