



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Booze-fuelled yobs attack Anglesey advice centre

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DRUNKEN vandals smashed up a debt advice centre on Anglesey. The yobs used bricks to destroy three large windows and computer equipment at the **Llangefni Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)** – forcing the office on Ffordd yr Efail to close yesterday.

It is second attack on the office in three weeks and follows incidents at the Holyhead CAB that left bosses having to put wire mesh over every window. North Wales Police have launched an investigation to track the vandals.

Jackie Blackwell, chief executive of Anglesey CAB, said: *“This was sheer vandalism for the sake of it. It is so sad because we are here to help people and at this time we are inundated with requests for help because of the current situation. The same people who attacked us could one day need our help as well. I don’t know if this is someone with a grudge or just a random attack.”*

“Nothing seems to have been taken, they have just smashed things up with the bricks for the sake of it. This includes three large windows, computers and other equipment. The damage means we had to close on Monday even though we are very busy at the moment. There was so much glass around it was not safe to open. This comes after an attack three weeks ago when a window was again smashed. We seem to have become a target and I don’t know why. The vandals struck on Friday night and it is suspected it was drunken yobs leaving pubs in the town centre”.

Jackie added: *“We had the **same problems previously in Holyhead and in the end** we had to put mesh over the windows to stop the damage. The CAB is here to help so we don’t understand why someone would do this to us. **We are now looking to increase security and bring in CCTV.** We have to do something to stop the attacks because at the moment we are vulnerable because of where the office is situated.”*

Police in Llangefni said that an investigation had been launched to track the vandals and **appealed for witnesses** to come forward for information. **A spokeswoman** said: *“**We are determined to catch those responsible.**”*

The PPP comments...The council tax payers of Anglesey pay **£5.7 million /annum** for policing via **ONLY** the precept and much more comes from direct taxation but even regular and **REPEATED** attacks of such mindless vandalism can’t be prevented. We get the usual rubbish about ‘launching an investigation’, ‘appeals for witnesses’ and babbling spokeswomen in plush offices in HQ. We also pay £0.5 million for the police authority members to monitor their performance on our behalf. Two are particularly accountable for our lack of Policing in Anglesey, councillor Peter Rogers who represents Anglesey on the PA and Morag Webb is the so called lead member for Public Protection. **Both these part timers are paid over £10,00/annum for what?** We are also represented by very expensive Politicians Albert Owen MP and Iuean Wyn Jones AM (total cost well over **£2 million** to date) who throughout Brunstrom’s term have achieved no apparent improvement in Policing Anglesey.