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Police accused of wasting money after fitting CCTV camera in their own CANTEEN to catch officers who don't wash up

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'Grimewatch': Police are furious that they will be watched on their breaks

Police have installed a CCTV camera in their own canteen to catch officers who don't wash up.

After numerous complaints from tidy officers, police chiefs finally decided to address the 'abuse' and have arranged for a CCTV camera to be installed above the kitchen sink.

The 800 police constables who use the kitchen have dubbed the scheme 'grimewatch' and are said to be furious at being watched over on their breaks. The fourth floor kitchen at the police station in John Street, Brighton, has been plagued by rubbish, litter, spilled food and dirty crockery since a recent refurbishment.

Police officers were told about the plan for a camera this week by **new police commander Graham Bartlett**.

Police chiefs said the CCTV camera was a 'deterrent' to stop officers leaving dirty plates, cups and takeaway wrappers to litter the station kitchen.

He said: *'Eight hundred divisional police officers and staff have access to a new kitchen and rest room facility at Brighton police station.'*

'Unfortunately a small minority of people have been misusing the facilities which were provided by public money.'

'I have therefore had to reluctantly take the decision that, in order to protect these facilities, we will use an overt camera to dissuade people from spoiling the facility for others'

The PPP comments ... why do we bother to publish this pathetic story about police officers behaving like 'pigs' in their own canteen. Because the response here by these awful wimpish chiefs is, as always, is to punish all for the sins of a few which summarises the police and government's policy on almost all issues. They do not have what it takes to face the pigs who ARE the problem.

Millions prosecuted by speed cameras because of a few 1000s of maniac drivers. Alcohol bans in our open places and street cafes because of a few easily Identified lager louts and so it goes on. We will all have to have ID cards because they can't police our few ports and airports and the channel tunnel or track down the millions of illegal immigrants and potential terrorists.