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Meet the cut out policemen!

The brand new way to stop anti-social behaviour

Cardboard cut-out police are to be placed at crime hotspots in a bid to cut down on anti-social behaviour. The cut-outs are the brainchild of PC Hazel Goss, who is pictured with some of her life-sized replicas.

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Picture: Steve Rawlins



The long card of the law!

CARDBOARD police are to watch over crime hotspots in Flintshire.

The county's community safety officer, PC Hazel Goss MBE, came up with the idea of getting life-sized cut-outs of herself made, which can be stood in crime hotspots in a bid to make would-be criminals think twice and to warn the public of crimes in that area.

The cut-outs will have messages attached to them referring to the kinds of crime often committed in that spot. PC Goss said: "I am looking at putting the cut-outs in public places such as leisure centres, supermarkets, schools and other crime hotspot areas."

"As the cut-out stands out so much, it catches your eye straight away. You are then prompted by the crime message, which makes you think twice and reminds you not to leave items on show in your car, or leave your hand bag on your shopping trolley."

"Just having posters around public and private places does not always work so having something as visual as this keeps you on your toes and more alert."

"If this is successful then I will be looking at creating more and using local community beat managers on the cut-outs in areas which they patrol."



■ PC Hazel Goss with her life-size cardboard double. (SR200208C)

The PPP comments when a PPP member told us about this story in the Flintshire paper we thought it was an April fools joke one month early. This officer is telling the people of Flint that this is the best North Wales Police can do to deal with 'CRIME HOT SPOTS'. We are also shocked to see that Leisure centres, supermarkets and **schools** are 'CRIME HOT SPOTS'.

Senior Police Officers are forever telling us that NWPF is at the forefront of technical innovation in police methods.... Cardboard cut-outs hardly fit the Bill if you will excuse the pun. The average total cost of policing in North Wales is **£460/annum/household**, Are cardboard cut outs good value for money?