



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Christmas safety campaign gets underway in Llandudno

Conwy Community Safety Partnership are issuing a special message to remind all Christmas revelers enjoying themselves over the festive period – not to let their night out turn into a nightmare!

The Christmas period is a busy time for the emergency services and the partnership want to help ensure everyone has a **safe and enjoyable time**.

As part of this, **special goody bags have already been handed out to people leaving licensed premises in Llandudno nightclubs**. Furthermore, **seven thousand toughened polycarbonate glasses have also been distributed to a number of licensed premises in the Llandudno area to help reduce violent crime**.

Funded by the partnership, the goody bags contain bottled water, personal attack alarms, condoms, a lollipop and flip flops. The flip flops have been included as figures show an increase in the number of women attending A&E during the Christmas period after walking home bare foot after leaving the pubs and clubs.

'Stubbies' are also included – which are pouches that smokers can use to stub out their cigarettes safely.

Partnership Superintendent Terry Kellahe said: *"We are committed to making people in the area feel safer in their communities. High visibility patrols will also be conducted outside pubs, clubs and take away outlets. This campaign has been designed to ensure people feel safe whilst enjoying a night out and to also get the message across that violence, aggression and disorderly behaviour will not be tolerated."* Special posters, which **depict** various issues including **violent crime**, domestic violence, **drug abuse** and binge drinking have also been produced and placed in public premises such as libraries, school's, Citizen's Advice Bureaus, and surgeries.

Cllr Philip Evans, Cabinet Member for Corporate and Regulatory Services said: *"I value the work of the staff at the partnership who have worked hard on this exciting initiative. I hope this will make the festive season a more safe and enjoyable time for all."*

During last years Operation Mistletoe (13th December 2006 to 1st January 2007) all crime across Conwy saw a fall of 9% when compared to the same period in 2005. Levels of criminal damage in particular saw significant reductions and were down 25%. In addition to the success in tackling criminal damage, serious violent crimes also saw a fall of 43%.

The PPP comments 'pythonesque' sums up this exciting initiative! Can you imagine the discussions at the partnership meeting that came up with this bizarre range of, ugh, GOODIES