

“ PPP ”

People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Man stole from police station

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IT WAS a classic case of not practising what you preach. On Monday magistrates heard how an intruder slipped through an open door in the middle of the night – at a seaside town's police station.

John Richardson, 32, was fined £200 and ordered to pay £60 costs after he pleaded guilty to stealing a police uniform and projector screen in a burglary at Llandudno police station.

The North Wales force has its own crime prevention advisers (see below) to help the public. But defence solicitor Graham Parry told the town's court that a side door “surprisingly” had been left unlocked. Officers were alerted to the early morning raid after Richardson, who had been drinking, emerged from the police station and staggered to nearby waste ground. Prosecutor Julie Hughes said he called out to a passer-by and told him: “You'll never guess what I've just done, I've just been into the old court and robbed it.”

He showed him a fluorescent jacket and tunic and the screen. The witness went to alert police and Richardson was arrested. His £500 loot was recovered undamaged.

This ‘funny’ story has a serious side.... Sloppy Police Security at an **unmanned** Police Station in a **major town like Llandudno....** A drunk, behaving as he pleases and only **apprehended by a member of the public** (Suppose the drunk had become violent and a serious assault had resulted!?) calling the police from **15 miles away... where in the St Asaph headquarters? (See below)**

This PFI funded extravagance will eventually cost us over £40 million.

Meanwhile Brunstrom arrogantly threatens councilors with withdrawing what minimal community policing we have now. Out of 1679 officers we have about 200 CBMs for the whole of North Wales AND from more of our money i.e local tax or national tax we have a variable number of PCSOs, poor man's Police Officers. **NOTE This is not a criticism of the people doing the job BUT the ‘messaging about’ Politics behind it. The PPP believe** that it could be a way to select officers, like an apprenticeship and **part of a FULL structured community Policing system.**

Where are all our Police Officers!?

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