

# “ PPP ”

## People for Proper Policing in North Wales

### One rule for them, & another for us!



At approximately 7.50 pm on Wednesday August 11<sup>th</sup> 2005 this ‘Arrive Alive’ Ford Focus, registration number **CX51MHO** was seen driving erratically eastbound on the A55. Despite a damp road surface the driver braked viciously into both the Penmaenmawr & Llanfairfechan roundabouts, and accelerated equally aggressively out.

Reaching speeds of 85 mph, the driver made no attempt to gain the inside lane during six miles, despite ample opportunity to do so, contrary to the highway code, which states outside lanes are for overtaking only. Although visibility was poor, the car was running without lights, despite the majority of other cars displaying theirs.

At the 30 limit on the newly reopened section by Penmaenbach tunnel, the driver braked late and hard, still in the outside lane, reducing to the limit, but as soon as they had passed the derestriction sign, racing car acceleration was again applied.

This was an example of sheer bad driving, and was it a coincidence the 70 limit was ignored, but the 30 adhered to, bearing in mind that there is a fixed camera at Penmaenbach? The driver could be secure in the knowledge it would be unlikely there would be a police patrol car about, and certainly no ‘Arrive Alive’ scameras. **Food for thought about the ‘Arrive Alive’ message?**