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## **People for Proper Policing in North Wales**

### **Police chief's 'Orwellian' fears ... 4.2m CCTV cameras in Britain**

A senior police officer has said he fears the spread of CCTV cameras is leading to "an Orwellian situation". Deputy chief constable of Hampshire Ian Readhead said Britain could become a surveillance society with cameras on every street corner. He told the BBC's Politics Show that CCTV was being used in small towns and villages where crime rates were low.

Mr Readhead also called for the retention of some DNA evidence and the use of speed cameras to be reviewed. His force area includes the small town of Stockbridge, where parish councillors have spent £10,000 installing CCTV.

Mr Readhead questioned whether the relatively low crime levels justified the expense and intrusion. 'Every street corner?'

*"I'm really concerned about what happens to the product of these cameras, and what comes next?. If it's in our villages, are we really moving towards an Orwellian situation where cameras are at every street corner? And I really don't think that's the kind of country that I want to live in."*

**There are up to 4.2 million CCTV cameras in Britain - about one for every 14 people.** The UK also has the world's biggest DNA database, with 3.6 million DNA samples on file.

**The PPP comments ... Obviously Hampshire is blessed with a DCC who can see where it is all leading AND has the courage to say so. We should be so lucky.**

**Councillors across North Wales have been clamouring for CCTV as a means of compensating for a complete lack of effective community policing. Having spent millions on installation we now have to finance the use and maintenance of these intrusive systems.**

**Are the councilors now clamouring to see the benefits of this investment? The daily list of crime, mindless vandalism and antisocial behavior continues to fill the pages of our newspapers accompanied by the usual appeals by the police for help & information from the public!**

**We state again we do NOT want to see lousy quality pictures of citizens being attacked or robbed or public & private property vandalised.**

**We want prevention by deterrence and organised response**