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Policing Holyhead.....THEY don't need horses or any other gimmicks!

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I've been out and about with my 'guys and gals' over the last couple of weekends. It has been heart-warming to be stopped in the street by a number of people who have said that they think the town has a far better feel about it since as long as they can remember; I'm not exaggerating.

*I sometimes take **a degree of criticism for the low/zero tolerance approach** we've adopted here over the last 18 months, but comments like that prove to me it's how the public want their town and villages policed. I'm very passionate about it and often **get accused of taking things personally**. That would be entirely correct; I do take the safety of the residents of and visitors to this area very personally; it's my job and one which I happen to enjoy. I look forward to foot patrols with my staff as that's where the effects of our policy are felt and there will be no let up.*

*So, what have I been up to over the last few weeks? I've spent a fair degree of time preparing for an **internal assessment of neighbourhood policing**, which goes to show how seriously the force treat **this core area of our work**.*

*I've also attended a review of a premises licence and an extra 12 conditions were added onto the licence as a result. However, following further problems at the location, the place is now closing. I've had several meetings with other licensees regarding general issues. In 2006, when I took up post, together with our partners in the Trading Standards department we devised **a three step enforcement process in respect of licensed premises**; you may have heard about it. This basically holds every single licensee (both on and off licenses) to account for any problems at their premise. Stage 1 is a fairly informal get together to have a 'chat', point out the problems and request improvement. Stage 2 is more formal and results in a written action plan for the licensee to adhere to an order to improve. Stage 3 is the review process that can ultimately end up with a closure and suspension/revocation of the licence. The whole emphasis is on support and working together with licensees and we only apply for review as a last resort, but this ultimate sanction can be (and has been) initiated.*

The PPP comments Andy gets NO CRITICISM from the PPP for his low tolerance approach (see our 2004 article, enter **Rudy in the article search). We also applaud the licenced premises review process. We believe that those who make a lot of money out of alcohol sales AND in so doing can encourage our destructive binge/excessive drinking culture **MUST** share accountability. We expect to see the supermarkets taking a more responsible approach to sales and pricing policies, if not their licences should also be reviewed. Their massive profits make a responsible policy easily affordable.**

Andy took exception to our views on **TASERS...He missed the point, we had studied the devices history and technology and were not happy about the combination of Brunstrom's arrogant attitude in his video blog on the subject and the devices 15 SHOT capacity.**