

“ PPP ”

People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Recreation and adventure in North Wales

Deputy Chief Constables BLOG Wed, 24 Oct 2007

*Something that strikes me, as I travel around North Wales, is that the perennial cry of aimless youth and indifferent parents **"there's nothing to do round here"** just doesn't hold water. There are simply fabulous opportunities available for all types of recreation, supported by top notch facilities.*

*A couple of weeks ago, during a visit to Eastern Division, I came across an extraordinary resource built in the old mine buildings in **Southsea, Wrexham**. **The Plas Power Adventure Centre** is a wonderfully equipped climbing training centre specially designed to acquaint young people (and some a bit older) with mountain adventure. There are several climbing walls, teaching rooms and a very nice café. It's the perfect place for a school or group outing, offering exercise, enjoyment and confidence building in equal measure - ideal for working off all those turkey twizzlers. **Police officers in the area are regularly involved in organising visits there for local children.***

You can find out lots more at www.plaspoweradventure.co.uk.

The PPP comments We are pleased to report on the positive changes in policy and attitudes to young people within NWPF. When the PPP was founded back in 2002 there was much talk about ASBO's and yellow cards and general exclusion policies. Most of this philosophy arose from knee-jerk reactions by government to social problems in society but these misguided policies were enthusiastically followed!

We certainly agree with the DCC's comments about opportunities in North Wales. Most of us have enjoyed our childhood here and some are enjoying their second childhood just as much.