



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Six arrested as police uncover Conwy drugs factory

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SIX people were arrested for drugs offences as police carried out a series of raids across Conwy. Officers uncovered a cannabis factory and heroin and cocaine worth £3,000.

The operation, which involved dozens of officers, took place on Wednesday and Thursday in Conwy. Police said there would be further raids in the future.

The sting came in **response to tip-offs from members of the public** about drug dealing in the Llandudno, Llandudno Junction and Conwy areas.

Police came across a large quantity of suspected stolen property. A laptop, computer games, consoles and DVDs were seized.

North Wales Police Inspector Andy Broadhead said: *"This was an intelligence-led operation in response to community concerns regarding individuals and addresses that were involved in the use of, and supply of controlled drugs. It involved officers from the local Neighbourhood Policing Teams supported by colleagues from Operational Services Division. I would like to thank the community for their patience in letting us tackle this problem. Keep the information coming and we will continue to work for you."*

He added: "I would urge anyone whose life has been blighted by drug use to seek help through the local support and rehabilitation network, as this operation was not a one-off and will continue with more visits from ourselves planned."

After the raids, **one person appeared** before Llandudno magistrates court yesterday charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs. **Two people were cautioned.**

Two were bailed pending further inquiries and one was released without charge.

The PPP comments We congratulate North Wales police and particularly the members of the public who provided the information. These people must be applauded and PROTECTED. The PPP have been campaigning for REAL community policing for 5 years which will result in this type of cooperation. Previously this was sadly lacking and many young people will have been recruited into a life of drug addiction and crime during this time. Those responsible MUST be seen to pay the highest penalty available for their crimes and their ill gotten gains must be confiscated using the legislation available.

The NWPF website management info. tells us that last year to date only **31 individuals** were summonsed or charged for supplying class 'A' drugs and this has **fallen to 24** over the last year across the whole of North Wales. This compares with over **50,000 motorists prosecuted every year without appearing in any court.**