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**People for Proper Policing in North Wales**

## **Volunteers wanted to man Anglesey police stations.**

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**North Wales Police are seeking public-spirited people to come forward for front counter duties at busy Holyhead and Valley police stations on Anglesey.**

Echoing Lord Kitchener's famous plea for recruits during the First World War, **Inspector Andrew Williams makes his plea on the police website titled: Your Police Force Wants YOU!** He writes: *"In North Anglesey District, we are actively looking to recruit volunteers into both Valley and Holyhead Stations. Your duties would be wide ranging and it is an ideal opportunity to see first hand how the local policing philosophy works and to be part of it. You would be fully trained to carry out your duties and the time you commit is by and large up to you. If you're aged 18 and above and fancy doing a bit of voluntary work at the local nick please let me know."*

**Anne Roberts, who represents 800 police staff across North Wales, said it was a blow for staff working for North Wales Police. There is no problem if they are not taking police staff jobs but they are. *This is not a receptionist job in a hotel. It is dealing with every eventuality. It is a difficult job.***

**The PPP comments .... Andrew is under a hell of a lot of pressure and we understand his need for extra support staff. We also agree with Ann Roberts, the PPP do not want amateurs at any level in the force BUT the force 'managers' must know of staff members who could 'man' stations effectively and still multitask many of their other duties.**

**The PPP believe that many working hours of both Police and staff are wasted by North Wales poor management and daft initiatives and stunts. Classics recently were videos of Brunstrom training in the police Gym with a bunch of other 'girls' and police officers faking his being tasered .. to what purpose ?, other than foolish ego trips.**

800+ staff are available to SUPPORT the real officers .. 100s of PCSOs are wandering the streets to REASSURE us, of what?. Council staff are monitoring CCTVs and acting as wardens! Most major companies both business and retail spend a fortune on security systems and guards and Brunstrom plays games with his boy's toys ... **to coin a phrase !**



**The following document was submitted to the Western Division senior officers by the PPP via the Police Authority Forum. Initial response was...health and safety issues prevent us using one individual staff member to 'man' a station. We agree but our proposal stands and deserves REAL consideration!**

## Where are all our POLICE OFFICERS !?

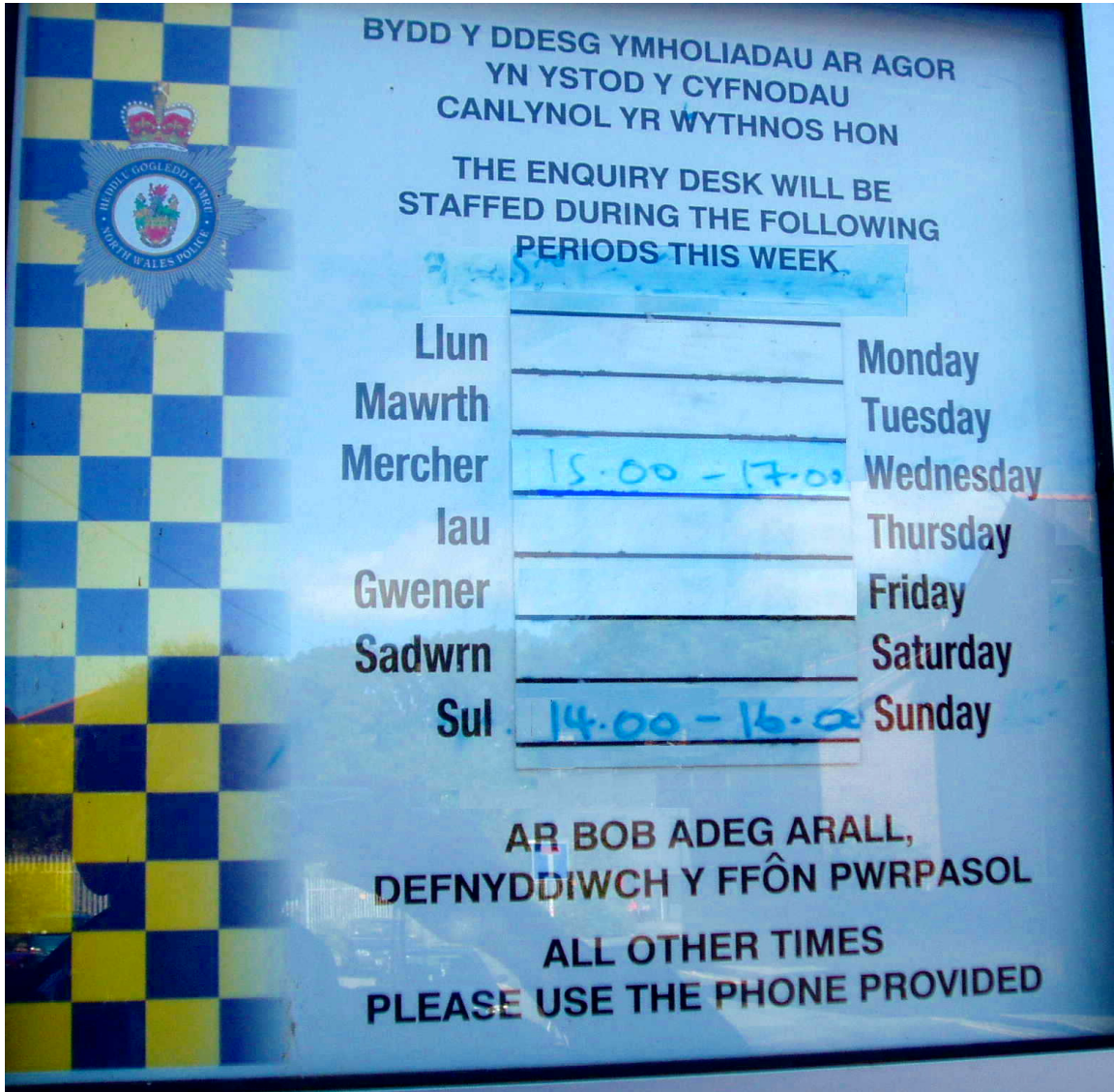


### The refurbished Police Station in Amlwch.

The station was refurbished by the Council via grants and taxes and it's facilities are shared by the Police and the council. This seems to be a sensible and cost effective project. BUT it is very rarely manned and directly opposite we have a CCTV camera, one of five in the town. We almost always have several Police cars parked in the forecourt. The phone system doesn't always function when the station is closed.

There is a notice board outside which gives the opening hours, the photo below was taken on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

We get two periods of 2 hours/week BUT not any time on Friday and Saturday.



The North Wales police force have over 1650 officers and 850 staff. Why therefore is the station not open more often. As this photo was taken the Councils (a partner!) Dog Warden was wasting his time knocking on the door; he wasn't aware how few hours it is open. **More public money being wasted!**

The POLICE claim to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> emergency service. The fire brigade and ambulance services have publicly stated response times which they generally meet. **Do the POLICE in Anglesey have similar targets?. We are seeing and HEARING many more high speed police car movements on our Roads ... what has changed ... policy or practice?? (ACPO guidelines maybe!?)**



**The AMBULANCES are visibly located out on the road to give the best cover, we assume that incident data analysis optimises these locations. Crime scene location/hot spot analysis obviously applies likewise. Fire stations and appliances are based at centres of population as are/were Police stations. Fire officers in rural areas are retained and on call via bleeper/mobile phone.**

**As the PPP and most people want to prevent crime rather than detect it after the event we need a regular and visible Police presence and a fast response to achieve this. Fuzzy images of hooded muggers are of NO interest to US.**

**We propose that Police stations like Amlwch become general purpose Police bases for both several levels of officer and support staff.**

**We understand that officers can't be expected to be 'sitting around' JUST waiting for a call. We believe that the CCTVs and other communication systems together with computerised databases, TETRA radio links, etc would enable efficient multi tasking by both officers and staff. I.E. the stations should be manned by staff on days and officers on call for incident reporting from local people and fast response would always be able to be doing other work and prioritise their use of their time sensibly. Random visits by senior officers would keep them on their toes ( we all need discipline & supervision!)**

**We believe that out of hours back up cover via call outs a la Fire Brigade is also a possibility with payment systems to suit. Senior or specialist Officers involvement via duty manager Rotas as in the 24hr industries is also applicable.**

**The CCTV system effectiveness is reduced by the very poor quality recordings. How cost effective have they been and how often and by whom are they monitored?? Local officers should be able to switch to a higher quality recording when needed and access the pictures on demand locally.**

**We believe that portable/temporary wireless CCTV systems are available and these should be used where occasional crimes such as vandalism and arson attacks on public property or break-ins in trading estates or serious fly tipping. Intelligent Targetting using this system would be a more efficient use of resources.**