



VOLUNTARY SECTOR LIAISON COMMITTEE - 17TH SEPTEMBER 2014

SUBJECT: ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR - GWENT POLICE

REPORT BY: GWENT POLICE

Cadets

Currently there are 16 Cadets in the Caerphilly Local Policing Unit. The Cadets have undertaken many useful activities during the summer.

Amongst those activities were:-

- Public Community Engagement events held at - Ystrad Mynach Police Station, taking the form of a 'Fun Day'. Risca Police Station with the theme of pet safety, and at Bedwas Police Station with a BBQ and cowboy themed event.
- Attendance at the Big Cheese and the Bedwellty Show promoting Gwent Police Cadets.
- The Cadets attended a demonstration from the Gwent Police Dog Handling Section at Penallta Park.
- Seven Cadets went to the Mounted Section of South Wales Police for a day's insight into the many areas of policing, using police horses.
- Cadets completed work tidying a communal garden, at Greenacres in Bedwas.
- Cadets assisted in raising public awareness of issues regarding shed break-ins and metal theft in the Blackwood area.
- At the above event, Cadets signed up 74 members of the public to join the OWL Scheme.

Specials

Each year the Lord Ferrers Awards recognise outstanding contributions to volunteering in policing. The Home Office requirements for the nominations should, as in previous years, demonstrate:-

- particularly skilled policing or support for policing;
- a sustained involvement with a successful community initiative, and
- the application of personal skills to resolve an identified problem.

Special Inspector Christine Smith of Gwent Police was presented with the Ferrers Special Constabulary – Individual Award at the House of Commons, for her work with children in the community to help reduce anti-social behaviour.

Ms. Smith launched and runs the 'Making a Difference Project'. The scheme has improved confidence of 'at risk' children in the community, and she will be rolling out the project across the Gwent force area.



Crime Prevention Panels

The Crime Prevention Panels in Blackwood, Caerphilly and Risca continue to be involved in sterling work. Some areas of expertise relates to the provision of ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) Cameras. These are loaned to businesses affected by ASB to either prevent, and or, to capture video and sound evidence of offenders who are victimising them.

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