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JUNIOR SCHOOL RUGBY  
TEAM WITH A NEW  
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BRIDGEND CHILDREN AND  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
FRAMEWORK CONFERENCE  
FOCUSES ON EMOTIONAL  
HEALTH AND WELLBEING



YOUNGSTERS DESIGN  
STREET SIGNS TO TACKLE  
VEHICLE SPEEDING, IN  
WILDMILL HOUSING  
ESTATE, BRIDGEND

## BRIDGEND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

# Safer Bridgend

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## MULTI AGENCY OPERATION TO REDUCE INCIDENTS OF GRASS AND FORESTRY FIRES, IN CAERAU, BRIDGEND

The Safer Bridgend Community Partnership yesterday carried out continued activities as part of Operation Air Strike, which is a multiple agency initiative to tackle grass and forestry fires, at known problematic locations throughout the Borough of Bridgend.

The operation by the Bridgend Community Safety Partnership involved the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, South Wales Police, and the Forestry Commission, who are working collectively to provide a highly visible and flexible response to incidents. Furthermore a strong emphasis has been placed on reducing grass and forestry fires, via community engagement, and the delivery of fire safety information.

A key part of the ongoing operations include the use of the South Wales Police Air Support Unit Helicopter, which today carried out patrols in the Maesteg Valleys, and landed near to the Croeserw Workingman's Club. Maesteg Fire Fighters, Neighbourhood Policing Officers, along with Forestry Commission Woodland Managers, who were all on hand to talk to the locals, and answer any questions, joined the police helicopter in the Croeserw area.

The local community also had the opportunity to see the multiple agency resources that are used to tackle grass and forestry fires that included police vehicles, fire trucks, and the Forestry Commission Unimog. In addition local youngsters were given a talk by South Wales Police Air Support Unit Inspector Steve Flynn, on the role of the police helicopter in the operation.

South Wales Police Air Support Unit Inspector Steve Flynn stated "Operation Air Strike is a good example of partnership working to tackle grass fire incidents, that was traditionally a job for the fire service. The collective working between the emergency services along with the Forestry Commission clearly shows the range of tactical options used to prevent incidents, and apprehend offenders."



Picture OP AIRSTRIKE 1 features (front row, from left to right) local kids, Ashley Williams, Kieran Thomas, Luke Williams, Tyler Thomas, Jake Trahar, and Carys Wilkins, (back row, from left to right), PC Ben Revill, PC Ceri Jones, Maesteg Fire Fighters, Sergeant Gwynfor Lloyd, Woodland Manager Trevor Hughes, Woodland Manager Aaron Fortt, and PC Richard Jones.

Maesteg Fire Fighter Andrew Daye stated "The initiative will increase the youngsters understanding of the dangers of grass and forestry fires, and will also bring to their attention the wider implications, that include emergency service resources being drawn away from urban areas, to tackle geographically remote deliberately started fires."

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Partnerships Officer Neil Brown, who led Operation Air Strike, stated "This multiple agency operation has provided a visible presence in known repeat incident areas of grass and forestry fires. Furthermore it will allow engagement with the valley's communities with the delivery of fire safety information, and will also prevent incidents via regular air patrols by the police helicopter."

Operation Air Strike will continue over the next few weeks, with patrols in Betws, Pontycymmer, Ogmore, and Nantymoel.

This initiative is being run in tandem with Operation Scorched Earth in Rhondda Cynon Taff.

## YOUNG PEOPLE DECORATE POLICE STATION

Pontycymmer Police Station has received an interior makeover, thanks to the help of 6 young people involved in the Youth Offending Team reparation programme. The police station has been painted by the young people over a number of weeks of refurbishment work.

Ogmore and Garw Valley Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant Chris Truscott stated "The involvement of young people in the refurbishment of Pontycymmer Police Station has facilitated communication with the police officers, and will definitely contribute to a greater level of community engagement. The young people have been able to interact positively with the Neighbourhood Policing Team, along with helping to create a police station that will benefit the entire Pontycymmer community."

YOT Reparation Officer Angharad Hughes stated "It's been very encouraging working alongside South Wales Police, and it has provided a beneficial platform for more projects that will further enhance levels of community engagement."



(From the left) PC Chris Thomas, Chris Jones, Angharad Hughes, Sergeant Chris Truscott, and (front from left) PCSO Richard Thomas, Nathan Jones, and PCSO Dave Wilkinson, inside the refurbished Pontycymmer Police Station.

**CHILDREN FROM SARN NURSERY SCHOOL, TAKE PART IN A WALK TO TO PROMOTE EXERCISE AND HEALTHY LIVING**

Children from Sarn Nursery School, Bridgend, have taken part in a Walk to School project, as part of the eco schools programme, with the aim of keeping fit, and helping the natural environment.

As part of the project, the children were encouraged to walk to school, instead of using polluting cars.

The children were also accompanied during their walk, by members of the Aberkenfig Neighbourhood Policing Team.

5 children were selected as making a best effort towards walking to school, and have received cinema tickets, which were kindly donated by the Odeon Cinema, at McArthur Glen Shopping Outlet, Bridgend. The winners who will soon be watching a film were Hollie Morgan, Holly Evans, Caitlyn Ralph, and Lauren Byrne (all aged 3), and Dani Thomas (aged 4).

Sarn Nursery School Headteacher, Ms Lesley Evatt, stated "The walk to school project was carried out as part of the eco schools programme, which provides exercise for the children and benefits to the environment. In addition the project has also raised the children's understanding of road safety. The children enjoyed taking part, and were excited to be accompanied by local police officers."

Aberkenfig Neighbourhood Officer, Police Constable Bethan Jones, stated "It's great to see such young children taking responsibility for the natural environment, and actively making a contribution to help protect the environment. I'm sure the lucky winners will enjoy their prizes of cinema tickets."

PC Bethan Jones continues "It was a pleasure to accompany the children on the walk to school project, which has also importantly helped to keep them all fit and healthy, through walking. It's great to work with both the Sarn Nursery children, and staff, whom we see regularly during our beat foot patrols."



Photograph features (from left to right) Hollie Morgan, Caitlyn Ralph, Dani Thomas, Lauren Byrne, holding their Odeon Cinema Guest Passes, with PC Bethan Jones.

**SOUTH WALES POLICE OPERATION TARGETS SCRAMBLER BIKE ANNOYANCE IN BRIDGEND BOROUGH**

Neighbourhood Policing Teams from Bridgend, Maesteg, and Porthcawl have carried out an operation to target scrambler bike annoyance. The operation named Dusk, also involved the South Wales Police Off Road Unit, along with cross – divisional support from off road officers from the Neath / Port Talbot Division.

The patrols throughout the Borough of Bridgend were carried out as part of a South Wales Police force wide day of action to tackle off road scrambler bike annoyance.

The PACT – led operation was instigated in response to community concerns that have been raised in PACT meetings throughout the Borough, with scrambler annoyance being identified as a priority for partnership action.

The operation included high visibility vehicle patrols in the Caerau, and Croeserw areas of Maesteg, Betws and Bwlch areas of the Ogmore Valley, Coity in Bridgend, along with the Kenfig Nature Reserve, in Porthcawl.

As part of the operation marked police vehicles were used to patrol known areas of scrambler annoyance, and the exact locations of offenders were then passed onto the Off Road Unit. In addition to enforcement, the operation included educating locals via interaction with the Neighbourhood Policing Officers and Off Road Officers, along with Safer Bridgend Off Road Leaflets being handed out.

As a result of Operation Dusk, 15 First Warning Notices (under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act) were issued, in the Bridgend Borough. Of the warnings issued, 14 were made to

scrambler riders, and 1 was given to a van used to transport scrambler bikes. As a result of the issued warning notices, if the offender or the scrambler bikes are caught being driven illegally again within the next 12 months, the bikes can be seized. The bike owner will then have to pay a seizure release penalty fee of £115, along with additional penalty fees of £12 per day.

Maesteg Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant Chris Truscott, who led the operation, stated "Operation Dusk is yet another PACT led operation to tackle off road scrambler annoyance. It follows on from last weeks Operation Palmair, and over the course of the two operations 21 warning notices have been given to illegal scrambler riders. The operation was again another example of partnership working, with intelligence being received and acted upon from local farmers, and the staff at the Kenfig Nature Reserve."

Sergeant Chris Truscott continues "The operation not only focused on enforcement, but also educated local people about the laws relating to off road activity. Again the Neighbourhood Policing Teams had at their disposal off road policing bikes that enabled offenders to be approached, and warning notices to be issued. Operations to tackle off road scrambler annoyance will continue, throughout the Borough, and continuing offenders will have their bikes seized."

South Wales Police urges community members with any information on the identity of persons using scrambler bikes in an anti social manner to contact 01656 655 555, or to call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.



Off Road PC Jonathan Griffiths escorting a scrambler bike off a mountain in Caerau.

**SOUTH WALES POLICE COMMUNITY PRACTICAL DAYS AT MCARTHUR GLEN RETAIL PARK**



Picture: Student PCSO's participating in training scenarios that were held at McArthur Glen Retail Park, Bridgend.

The Learning and Development Services Programme is the new Training Programme for police community support officer recruits. The first part of the Programme is an initial 6week training course, which officers will undertake within South Wales Police.

The Home Office have outlined the emphasis to involve members of the community in the delivery of police training, and the Programme has been developed to ensure that members of the public are included in various training activities.

One such activity is the Community Practical Day, which has been held at the McArthur Glen Retail Park, in Bridgend. The community based training involved 40 Student Police Community Support Officers, who are to be deployed force wide, going into a local area and engaging in scenarios where they can put the legislation and procedures that they have learnt in the classroom, into practice.

The training scenarios included lost medication in a supermarket, theft from a motor vehicle, a lost child, intelligence on a burglary, and a witness to a vehicle break in. In order to make this even more realistic than it ever has been before, the scenarios will be "acted" by role actors from within South Wales Police. The scenarios took place simultaneously in and around the retail park, and each scenario was controlled by an experienced officer who assessed the student officer's performance and provided feedback.

Role actors wore civilian clothing to add to the authenticity, and the Student Police Community Support Officers wore high visibility jackets with the words 'Student Officer' on the back and were in full uniform. The assessors also wore high visibility jackets with the words 'Police Trainer' on the back.

At each scenario location, a sign was placed in the vicinity, to inform the public that a police training exercise was taking place.

In addition to the Community Practical Day being of benefit to the Student Police Community Support Officers, it was hoped that the public gained some valuable insight into the police service through observing and interacting with the Student Police Community Support Officers. It is hoped that the day will assist in building mutual trust and respect between members of the Community and South Wales Police.

South Wales Police Acting Chief Constable Giles York stated "The Community Practical Day represents an exciting development in the training of student police officers, which facilitates community engagement, and enables members of the public to become actively involved in the training of officers. This aspect of training will continue to be developed, and will equip officers with the skills to meet the needs of their communities."

South Wales Police Learning and Development Services Chief Inspector Keith Jones stated "It was a good opportunity for the student officers to engage with community members at a very early stage of training, and will provide them with the skills to better police their communities. Furthermore the feedback from the public has been very positive, who actively observed the training scenarios, and talked with officers."

Bridgend Designer Outlet Facilities Manager Wayne Morgan stated "I was extremely pleased to offer the Designer Outlet Retail environment to the South Wales Police training department. The initiative has provided a high profile police presence throughout the site during the busy Christmas period, with high visibility patrols in the shopping areas, food court, Odeon Cinema, Sainsbury's supermarket, and the car parks. McArthur Glen and the Derwen Business Partnership hope to further develop this training initiative, and to provide continued support for the student officers."

**The benefits to the Community of training within a Community environment**

A greater understanding of police practices and procedures leading to increased confidence in the service.

The development of contacts and partnerships.

Opportunities for people (particularly those from minority groups) to interact with student-officers and maybe become interested in joining the service themselves in the future.

A chance for people within the community to offer views on gaps in policing skills.

A high profile police presence in a public area, which will have the effect of deterring criminal activity and offering public reassurance.

Increased levels of trust and confidence in the police.

Creating a transparency in the way we conduct elements of police training, encouraging observation and feedback from the public.

**The benefits to the Police Service of training within a Community environment**

Increased realism - members of the community who take part simply 'being themselves' as opposed to Police Officers acting-out a role, which should result in more effective training. Representation within training from the people we seek to police.

Development of contacts and partnerships within our communities.

Improved knowledge and increased awareness of community issues by student-officers.

Opportunities to tap into the skills, knowledge and experience of diverse communities and an enhancement of the understanding of such communities.

A more responsive, customer-focused service, sensitive to the needs of the community.

**BRIDGEND SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
LAUNCH SCHOOL'S ACCEPTABLE  
BEHAVIOUR PROTOCOL**



Photograph: (from left) AM Janice Gregory, Superintendent Tim Jones, and Bridgend Youth Mayor Craig Lambourne.

Bridgend schools and colleges will now have an additional tool for tackling anti-social behaviour. Assembly Minister Janice Gregory launched the School Acceptable Behaviour Protocol, at the Bridgend Civic Chamber, on Friday 13th October. Also present at the launch were representatives from the schools who have signed the protocol.

The protocol is aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour at its earliest stages, and gives guidance for sharing relevant information between schools, the Safer Bridgend Community Safety Partnership and other key partners.

Previously there was no route for schools to refer incidents of anti-social behaviour to the Safer Bridgend Partnership, unless they were reported to the Police. Some more serious incidents were also difficult to deal with under internal school procedures, particularly if they occurred outside school. The new project will help to address these issues and will provide schools with an effective way of dealing with parents and other adults who are disruptive when visiting schools.

Safer Bridgend Community Safety Partnership Coordinator, John Davies stated "The Community Safety Partnership Office has all the key multi agency partners working collectively to coordinate the School Acceptable Behaviour Protocol, which importantly will give schools an additional tool to use in tackling unacceptable behaviour by young people and adults."

South Wales Police Bridgend Divisional Commander, Superintendent Tim Jones, stated "This will make a significant impact in reducing a wide range of anti social behaviour."

A three-month pilot project found that schools were enthusiastic about the scheme and the benefits it brought to the school and the wider community. The project is aimed at secondary schools and colleges at present.

Every Comprehensive School in the Borough of Bridgend has signed the School Acceptable Behaviour Protocol, including: Archbishop McGrath RC, Brynteg, Bryntirion, Cynffig, Heronsbridge, Maesteg, Ogmores, Pencoed, Porthcawl, Ynysawdre, along with Ysgol Bryn Castell, and Bridgend College.

**CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO TACKLE  
ALCOHOL RELATED ANTI SOCIAL  
BEHAVIOUR IN PORTHCAWL**



Porthcawl Pub Watch posters, plastic drinking glasses, and the awareness raising t-shirts that will be worn by bar staff.

South Wales Police, along with the Safer Bridgend Partnership, and licensees, have launched a campaign to tackle alcohol related anti social behaviour, and violent crime, in Porthcawl.

As part of the campaign the pubs and clubs will be using plastic drinking glasses, and bar staff will wear t-shirts featuring the slogan "Call Time On Violent Crime."

In addition licensees, and licensed premises owners will be working collectively via a newly launched Pub Watch scheme, and a Club Watch Scheme, to ensure licensed premises are safe and enjoyable places for both customers and staff. The joint working between licensed premises will be further enhanced with the introduction of a Nite - Net radio system, allowing information to be easily transferred between pubs, clubs, and the police.

South Wales Police Inspector Paul Lewis stated "The campaign represents a team effort between the police, licensees, licensed premises bar staff, and door staff, to discourage alcohol fuelled violence, and anti social behaviour. It will deliver a clear message on the need for sensible drinking, and that any acts of alcohol related disorder simply will not be tolerated."

Inspector Paul Lewis continues "The Pub and

Club Watch schemes importantly will allow licensees to meet on a regular basis, and will further allow joint actions towards issues that include banning persons who act in an anti social manner. The schemes will ensure that licensed premises in Porthcawl continue to be enjoyable places for both the local community, and to the many visitors to the town over the summer period."

Porthcawl Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant Jason McGill noted "The Nite - Net radio system is another example of how the police works together with licensed premises. This walky - talky like tool will allow two way communication, and further complements other police tools, including foot patrols, and CCTV, around the centre of town."

Inspector Paul Lewis continues "The Porthcawl Neighbourhood Team will be visiting licensed premises over the next few weeks, in a bid to inform licensees of these exciting initiatives. I urge licensees to join the Pub and Club Watch schemes, to ensure that when necessary, individuals can be banned from all member premises. Actions like banning will definitely act as a deterrent towards drunken anti social behaviour and violence."

There are also further established Pub Watch schemes throughout the Borough of Bridgend.

**BLAENGARW PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS  
CARRY OUT A MORNING PATROL**

The pupils of Blaengarw Primary School, Bridgend, have this morning carried out a patrol aimed at stopping vehicles parking on the schools zig zag lines. The school council members, Demi Ward (aged 10), Emily Richards (aged 10), Cian Johns (aged 10), and Will Jones (aged 7), who carried out the patrol, were accompanied by Bridgend County Borough Council Road Safety Officer Simon Ladbroke.

As part of the zig zag patrol operation, the children wore high visibility jackets, and handed out informative car air fresheners, and leaflets. In addition the pupils had created a giant banner featuring the slogan "Stay Clear, Children Are Near", with the lettering done in a striking red colour. The banner was, and will continue to be displayed on the school railings, where it can be clearly seen by drivers, and the Blaengarw community.

Cian Johns stated "On a typical school day there are usually a lot of cars that park on the zig zag lines, and this presents a danger to the children."

Emily Richards stated "It's been good to do work on road safety, and as a result of our patrols, and banner, no cars parked on the school's zig zags."

Demi Ward had a similar message for drivers, and stated "Usually people park on the zig zag

lines, but this morning was different. I think the banner has worked in stopping dangerous parking."

The youngest member of the patrol, Will Jones, stated "People think they can park anywhere, and the lines are there for a reason, to make the roads safe for us children when we are going to school in the morning, and when it's time to go home."

Will Jones continues "I like the banner, and we decided to use red letters, as it will remind people of a red traffic light, to stop them parking."

The road safety project was very much a school wide initiative, as noted by Teacher Sue Baty, who stated "I am really proud of the school council, who decided upon the catchy slogan themselves. They have shared their ideas with the rest of the school, and importantly have raised the awareness of road safety, among pupils, and parents. It's made a big difference."

Road Safety Officer Simon Ladbroke stated "The children have worked hard on this road safety project, and have been very keen to inform both motorists and parents, about the dangers illegal parking can cause. During the morning, it was encouraging to see parents taking notice of the banner and patrol, and parking elsewhere."



Photograph: (from left to right) Road Safety Officer Simon Ladbroke, Cian Johns, Demi Ward, Emily Richards, Will Jones, and Teacher Sue Baty, with the "Stay Clear Children Are Near" banner.

**SAFER BRIDGEND DELIVER  
DOMESTIC ABUSE  
FOUNDATION COURSES**

The Safer Bridgend Community Safety Partnership's Domestic Abuse Coordinator Mary - Anne Rees has implemented multiple training days around the Borough of Bridgend, in the delivery of a Domestic Abuse Foundation Course. The latest of which was held in the Fairways Hotel, Porthcawl, in November 2006, with further planned for 2007.

The course provides multi agency domestic abuse training, with delegates from numerous community partners, including Women's Aid, the Magistrates Court, Hafod Housing Association, Health Visitors, and Social Workers.

The Domestic Abuse Foundation Course consists of an informative day of presentations, role play, open debate, and importantly the sharing of best practice amongst partners. The content of the course includes background information domestic abuse, the various forms of abuse, its impact, along with the stages of domestic abuse, and practical advice for professionals.

Safer Bridgend Domestic Abuse Coordinator Mary - Anne Rees stated "The Domestic Abuse Foundation Course provides community partners with an important introduction to the key issues around domestic abuse, thus increasing their awareness of what to look out for, and what to do, as they go about their day to day jobs. The course represents the first part of an ongoing domestic abuse training programme, aimed at community partners."

Safer Bridgend Coordinator John Davies stated "It's extremely encouraging to see that the delivery of the Domestic Abuse Foundation Course is being fully embraced by community partners. The course outlines a number of domestic abuse policies, and facilitates the sharing of information amongst community partners."

Further information on domestic abuse issues is available on the Wales Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 8010800.



Photograph: Domestic Abuse delegates on a Porthcawl Training Day.

## WESTPARK PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS TAKE PART IN 'CURB CRAFT' ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVE

Pupils at Westpark Primary School, in Nottage, Porthcawl, have taken part in a road safety project named Curb Craft. As part of the project, the pupils have been shown how to cross roads safely, and have been given lessons on the green cross code.

The project was organised by Bridgend County Borough Council Road Safety Officer Helena Burke, and has involved Porthcawl Neighbourhood Policing Team PCSO Jacquetta Jones, PCSO Laura Bigmore, and PCSO Leighton Rees, along with parent Joanne Adams.

The latest lesson focused on crossing road junctions safely, and the pupils were encouraged to be aware of traffic, looking right, looking forward, looking left, looking back, and then repeating these checks to ensure the road was clear, and safe to cross. The pupils also showed their road safety awareness by carefully observing drive ways, ensuring they could walk along pavements safely.

Bridgend County Borough Council Road Safety Officer Helena Burke stated "The curb craft programme teaches the pupils how to cross roads safely, and be alert about any possible dangers. It's very much a partnership approach to road safety, which increases the pupil's awareness on road safety, through both class room, and practical lessons."

Westpark Primary School Head Teacher Mr Ian Bird stated "This road safety initiative instills a high level of road safety independence in the pupils, which is much needed with such busy roads. The school is very glad to be part of the Curb Craft scheme, and the pupils thoroughly enjoy taking part."

Police Community Support Officer Jacquetta Jones stated "It was great to accompany the pupils during the curb craft road safety programme. They have learned how to cross roads more safely, and some pupils have even passed on road safety advice to their brothers, sisters, and even parents."

Pupil Robert Burke, aged 6, stated "It's been fun learning about how to cross roads safely, and today we have learned about crossing at junctions."



Photograph: (back row, from left) PCSO Leighton Rees, PCSO Laura Bigmore, PCSO Jacquetta Jones, parent Joanne Adams, and (front row) the pupils in their high visibility jackets.

## LOCAL MP MADELEINE MOON HAS TAKEN PART IN A "FRONT LINE EXPERIENCE" WITH F DIVISION OFFICERS

Officers throughout the Bridgend Policing Division were recently joined by local MP Madeleine Moon, as she carried out a range of fact finding missions, during her recent summer recess period.

As part of her front line experience she went on a series of patrols, visited a PACT meeting in Porthcawl, attended a Bridgend Pub Watch meeting, visited the Glamorgan Muslim Community centre, in Aberkenfig, and visited the Bridgend Borough CCTV Control Room.

MP Madeleine Moon commented "My Front Line Experience has increased my understanding about how much the police are doing locally. I carried out a foot patrol with PCSO Alistair Phillips, who's based at the Princess Of Wales Hospital, and everybody knew his name. I also saw at first hand people approaching the Neighbourhood Policing Teams for advice and assistance."

MP Moon continues "The PACT meeting I attended brought the news that one of the three identified priorities had already been resolved. I also spent an evening out with Licensing Officers, visiting licensed premises, and this showed how important the behind the scenes police work is to improving town centre night time security."

Divisional Commander, Superintendent Tim Jones, stated "It was a pleasure to accommodate MP Madeleine Moon's request to join the division's officers, on her public sector fact finding mission. She experienced the breadth of challenging police activities, and had the opportunity to see how we are working with our communities to make the Borough safer. I know the officers enjoyed her visit, and passed on their policing experiences and community knowledge."



Photograph: (from left) Community Safety Sergeant Nick Picton, MP Madeleine Moon, and Licensing Officer PC Kevin Ellis, in the Bridgend Borough CCTV Control Room.

## ABERKENFIG NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM TARGET SPEEDING VEHICLES



Photograph: (from left) PCSO Andrew Westlake, PC Ben Revill, and Penyfaï PACT Panel member Mr Alex Marshall, on the look out for speeding vehicles, during Operation Billings.

The Aberkenfig Neighbourhood Policing Team has carried out a PACT led operation, to tackle speeding vehicles. The operation named Billings, targeted speeding vehicles, which was identified as a priority for partnership action in PACT meetings for Aberkenfig, Bryncethin, Tondy, and Penyfaï.

The Aberkenfig Neighbourhood Policing Team used the Unipar SL700 hand held laser speed meter, and was joined by Penyfaï PACT Panel member Mr Alex Marshall, to monitor vehicle speed. The operation took place in Aberkenfig (Maesteg Road), Bryncethin (Wigan Terrace, and Blackmill Road), Tondy (Heol Yr Ysgol), and Penyfaï (Tynygarn Road).

Penyfaï PACT Panel member Alex Marshall, stated "Speeding vehicles have been an ongoing problem, and has been identified as a PACT priority. Operation Billings was an extremely worthwhile exercise, as I joined our Neighbourhood Policing Team to both reassure community members, and take positive actions against excessive vehicle speed."

Acting Police Sergeant Matthew Tatchell, who led operation Billings, stated "This PACT led operation was carried out in response to community concerns about excessive vehicle speed, and resulted in 20 drivers receiving warnings. The operation also focused on educating drivers about speed limits, and the dangers of excessive speed."

Acting Police Sergeant Matthew Tatchell continues "It was encouraging to see the majority of motorists driving at appropriate speeds. The Neighbourhood Policing Team will continue to work collectively with both our PACT panel, and community members to ensure that speed limits are adhered to. Operations will be ongoing to ensure reductions in speeding vehicles continue on our roads."

Divisional Commander, Superintendent Tim Jones stated "These high visibility operations will continue, in line with our commitment to positively take action in regard to vehicle offenders, along with reducing the number of speeding vehicles along roads throughout the Borough."