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HUMBERSIDE POLICE

Annual Report 1977





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'A' Division Chief Superintendent: D. HARPER
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Territorial Divisional Commanders

'D' Division Chief Superintendent: F. DUFFILL
'E' Division Chief Superintendent: L. LYON
'F' Division Chief Superintendent: J. P. SHAW.

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Humberside Police

Chief Constable's Office,
Police Headquarters,
Queens Gardens,
Kingston upon Hull.

March 1978.

To The Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Office and the Chairman and Members of the Police Committee for the County of Humberside.

Sir, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

In accordance with sections 12 (1) and 30 (2) of the Police Act, 1964 I submit my Annual Report concerning the policing of the County during the year which ended the 31st December, 1977.

G. H. Pace

Chief Constable

Foreword

Not only was 1977 my first full year as your Chief Constable but we experienced a number of changes at senior level during the year. Mr. R. N. Joyce, Q.P.M., retired after many years of distinguished service as Assistant Chief Constable (Administration) and Acting Deputy Chief Constable. He and his wife go into retirement with the best wishes of us all. We were pleased to welcome Mr. A. A. Clarke from the South Wales Police to be the new Deputy Chief Constable on 1st June and Mr. A. H. Pacey, who was appointed to the post of Assistant Chief Constable (Administration) on 17th October, 1977. Mr. Pacey, a Lincolnshire officer, was seconded to the staff of one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary at the time of his appointment.

This annual report highlights the many ever-increasing problems which police face. Crime has risen substantially during the year after the small decrease I was able to report last year and although we are just holding our own in the rate of detections, I am concerned particularly by the increase in the more serious categories of offences. Fraud and corruption enquiries have increased. These are the long and complicated investigations which require prolonged attention by experienced detectives who can ill be spared from other work. To cope with the situation I have been forced to make arrangements to attach extra officers to the Force Fraud Squad.

Vandalism continues to give great cause for concern and the increase in reported cases of damage has risen dramatically in the past year. There is no doubt if we were able to have more policemen in the right place at the right time we could prevent some of these incidents. I firmly believe, however, that extra policing by itself is not the answer to this sickness which affects our society. The causes of the growth of this type of mindless anti social behaviour by our young people has been the subject of much recent debate. So far no satisfactory answer has been produced but extra law enforcement by itself will not effect a cure. Meanwhile whilst I and all my officers are conscious of the need to do all in our power to contain the problem, many parents could themselves do far more to control and supervise their young.

Road accidents, still a major problem, show a slight increase for the year and while there was a welcome reduction in the number of fatalities, none of us can be in the slightest degree complacent when a total of 81 persons were killed and 5,233 injured on our roads in 1977. Of this total 939 were under 16 years of age.

Sheer volume of work, increased still further by constant additions to our legislation, is making it increasingly difficult to ensure a sensible level of enforcement in many areas. It is not the role of police to hound and persecute people and the discretion we have in most areas of the law is exercised as humanely and sensibly as possible. But there is a danger of us being overwhelmed by the sheer complexity and volume of new laws which could lead to

the start of an insidious breaking down of law enforcement process to the eventual detriment of us all.

We recruit from all sections of the community and welcome anyone with an acceptable level of intelligence whose other qualities are of a suitable standard. To enable our young officers to cope with the complexities of their job requires first class training facilities. The excellent start they receive in this respect at the District Training Centre must be supplemented by first class arrangements when they return to their force. We in Humberside have no such facilities and our young people suffer in comparison with other forces. Lack of classrooms and residential training accommodation is one of the many difficulties the force is labouring under. There is nothing worse than sending an inadequately trained police officer on to the streets and I think it a credit to the hard pressed training staff that such deficiencies are not revealed more often. Of course police, in common with other services, were seriously affected during the year by continuing national and local financial constraints. These had quite serious effects, particularly in the building programme and recruitment of cadets.

Recruiting generally was better during the year than previously but a high wastage rate continued to offset the gains made. By the end of the year, however, we were showing a modest gain of 31 although the number of vacancies remaining still left Humberside with one of the worst proportionate manpower deficiencies outside the Metropolitan areas.

As I indicated in my last report, I carried out a full scale review of the force police establishment and I intend to put the conclusions before you in 1978.

We are all naturally very conscious of the difficulties of providing extra financial support to alleviate problems of policing in the County. There is little likelihood of any of these problems and difficulties disappearing in the immediate future. We are a new force — just over three years old — I personally have been in post for some eighteen months and a large part of the top management in the force has changed in that time. I felt during the year it was time to stop and take stock — to look closely at all aspects of the force — to ensure so far as possible that we were doing everything we could to provide for the people of Humberside maximum return for the money being spent on police. To this end I started planning a comprehensive review of all aspects of our work, organisation and staffing. At the same time I launched an investigation into the possibilities of some degree of computerisation to assist us. My aim is to seek a genuine improvement in our service to the public and at the same time hopefully to increase the job satisfaction of all members of the force. I hope to pursue these matters further during the coming year.

June saw the implementation of the Police Act 1976 which established the Police Complaints Board, an independent element, for the first time, in the long standing procedures for handling complaints by members of the public against police officers. No difficulties have so far arisen with the new procedures except with the increased documentation required. Numbers of complaints have risen substantially but it is not clear if this can be directly attributed to the new system. I am happy to say that, despite the rise in complaints, the number which were substantiated has fallen.

But all was not gloom and there was certainly no despair in Humberside Police in 1977. We had our successes in crime and other fields and the most pleasurable event was undoubtedly the Jubilee visit of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. This was a long and complicated visit to organise, but was a great success from a police point of view. We all enjoyed it as did many thousands of the population.

The fact that we have achieved success in face of many difficulties is due to the attitude of the force where morale has remained high and tremendous dedication and enthusiasm have been displayed throughout. I am grateful for this opportunity to pay tribute to all regular officers and the wives and families who give them such magnificent support. I also pay tribute to the civilian members of the force, many of whom have served the Police Service over many years. They constantly work under great pressure without complaint. The Special Constabulary, a group of dedicated people willing to give their spare time to support the regular force have once again earned our grateful thanks.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, may I thank you most sincerely for the continued support I have received from you and your Committee during what has been a difficult year for Humberside Police.

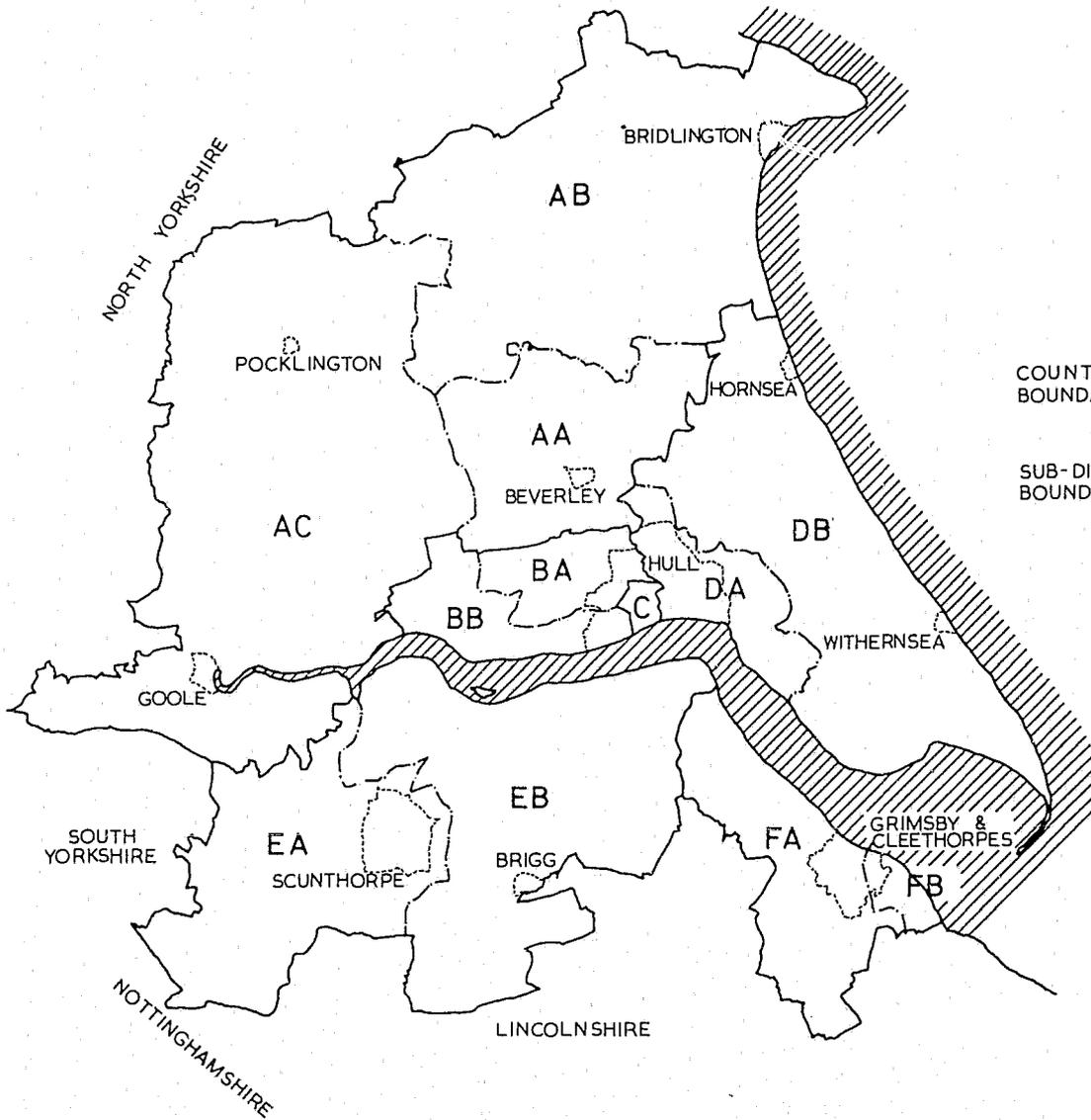
HUMBERSIDE

POPULATION
847,100

ACREAGE
867,784

COUNTY AND DIVISIONAL
BOUNDARIES 

SUB-DIVISIONAL
BOUNDARIES 



ADMINISTRATION

ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH

A comparison of the authorised and actual strength of the force at the 31st December, 1977 is given below:

	<i>Authorised Strength</i>	<i>Actual Strength</i>
Chief Constable	1	1
Deputy Chief Constable	1	1
Assistant Chief Constables	2	2
Chief Superintendents	9	9
Superintendents	23	24
Chief Inspectors	38	37
Inspectors	100	100
Sergeants	314	299
Constables	1451	1312
Total	1939	1785
Cadets	100	30

CIVILIANS

The force was particularly unfortunate that Home Office circular 138/1975 directing that civilian strengths should not exceed 1% of the strength at 30th September, 1974 took no account of the fact that two major police stations, Tower Grange and Priory Road, had not been staffed at 30th September, 1974 and consequently the brunt of the restrictions since then has had to be borne by the Cadet Force and the Traffic Wardens.

The strength of the Cadet Force dropped from 81 to 27 and will go much lower before recruitment can commence again.

The number of Traffic Wardens is some 40% short of the approved establishment.

JOB CREATION PROGRAMME

When the Manpower Services Commission Job Creation Programme terminated on the 6th June, 1977, 34 young persons had been employed by the Force.

It is interesting to note that 4 took permanent employment and 2 became Constables.

A further project of 53 posts was not approved, nor was an alternative Work-Experience Programme pursued.

The following table shows the distribution of actual strengths at the 31st December, 1977

	<i>H.Q. Admin.</i>	<i>O.S.E.</i>	<i>H.Q. C.I.D.</i>	<i>H.Q. Traffic</i>	<i>Traffic Zone 1</i>	<i>Traffic Zone 2</i>	<i>Traffic Zone 3</i>	<i>'A' Div.</i>	<i>'B' Div.</i>	<i>'C' Div.</i>	<i>'D' Div.</i>	<i>'E' Div.</i>	<i>'F' Div.</i>	<i>Recruits in Training</i>	<i>Total</i>
Chief Constable	1														1
Deputy Chief Constable	1														1
Assistant Chief Constables	2														2
Chief Superintendents	1		1	1				1	1	1	1	1	1		9
Superintendents	6	1	2	1				3	2	2	2	2	3		24
Chief Inspectors	4	1	2	2	1	1	1	5	4	4	4	3	5		37
Inspectors	9	9	7	1	2	1	2	11	12	13	8	10	15		100
Sergeants	11	10	22	2	9	4	10	36	38	39	30	35	53		299
Constables	14	35	36	1	66	26	54	158	184	205	151	161	198	23	1312
Total	49	56	70	8	78	32	67	214	241	264	196	212	275	23	1785

The establishment of civilians is given below:

<i>Civilians</i>	<i>Home Office Authorised Strength</i>	<i>Local Authority Approved Strength</i>	<i>Actual Strength</i>
Accountable Civilians			
Administrative, Professional, Technical and Clerical Staff	370	365	333
Traffic Wardens	114	114	68
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	484	479	401
Non-Accountable Civilians			
Manual Workers (full time)	Not Applicable	140	124
Manual Workers (part-time)	Not Applicable	114	103
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		254	227
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Grand Total	484	733	628

SECONDMENTS

The Crime Squad based at Hull comprises Humberside officers only and the force continues to contribute to the Cleethorpes Squad.

At the end of the year seven officers were serving at the District Police Training Centre and the Central Planning and Training Unit. A Chief Superintendent and Superintendent are members of the Directing Staff at the Police College.

Four officers are taking Law degrees at Hull University.

On the 1st December, 1977 a Sergeant took up service with the Independent Commission Against Corruption with the Hong Kong Government.

For reasons shown the following Police Officers were seconded and are in excess of the actual strength of the force:

Regional Crime Squad

Hull

Detective Chief Inspector M. Garmston
 Detective Inspector J. M. Lord
 Detective Sergeant 91 W. H. Cooper
 Detective Sergeant 284 G. W. Cole

Detective Sergeant 1455 K. J. Bates
 Detective Sergeant 591 K. Blythe
 Detective Sergeant 608 M. G. Midgley
 Detective Sergeant 1640 O. T. Barry
 Detective Constable 117 J. P. D. Beal
 Detective Constable 214 W. D. Orr
 Detective Constable 284 H. E. Morgan
 Detective Constable 415 B. F. Calam
 Detective Constable 613 W. A. Gordon
 Detective Constable 633 S. J. B. Smith

Cleethorpes

Detective Sergeant 185 P. G. Billam
 Detective Sergeant 300 M. S. Rollinson
 Detective Sergeant 1221 T. A. Tennant
 Detective Constable 1223 W. H. Wilkinson
 Detective Constable 1231 J. R. Alcock

Police Training Centre, Dishforth

Superintendent W. Kirkwood
 Inspector G. Lamswood
 Sergeant 856 G. Carter
 Sergeant 1182 G. S. Thornalley
 Sergeant 1419 K. Ward
 Sergeant 3094 E. M. D. Griffiths

Central Planning and Training Unit, Pannal Ash

Inspector F. Hutchinson

Police College, Bramshill

Chief Superintendent W. I. Donnan
 Superintendent L. Hudson

Hull University

Inspector D. Hopwood
 Inspector J. Wray
 Sergeant 294 J. L. Lamb
 Sergeant 412 A. D. Jarvis

Police Federation

Constable 263 M. R. C. Thornton

Hong Kong Government — Attachment

Sergeant 1350 B. C. Davey

RECRUITMENT

REGULAR FORCE

Despite the high unemployment rate in most parts of the county, the number of successful applications to join the regular force has been disappointing. Of the 543 applications received 57% either failed the entrance examination or were otherwise unsuitable. Nine per cent withdrew their applications.

Financial restrictions have permitted only limited advertising. A campaign during January and February brought about a total of 132 applications of whom 39 were appointed. A campaign during November brought 17 applications of whom 7 were appointed.

CADETS

Government restrictions on the employment of civilians have made it necessary to reduce the actual Cadet establishment to 27. This has stemmed a regular source of recruitment, the full effect of which will not be felt until the second half of 1978.

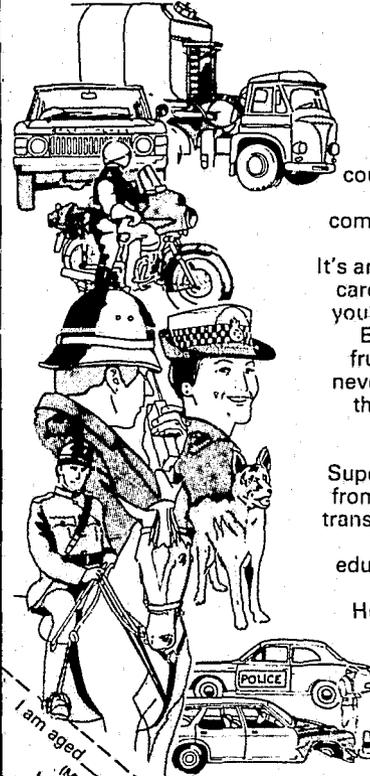
RECRUITING AND WASTAGE

The actual strength of the force on the 31st December, 1976 was 1754.

During 1977 this figure was increased as follows:—

Appointment on probation	175
Transfers from Provincial Police Forces	11
Transfers from Metropolitan Police Force	1
Transfers from Scottish Forces	2
Rejoined	2
Returned from Secondment	17
Total	208
But was decreased as follows:	
Probationers resigned	58
Other resignations	35
Retired on pension 30 or more years service	12
Retired on pension under 30 years service	31
Ili-Health Retirements	11
Transfers to Provincial Police Forces	8
Dismissed	1
Services dispensed with (Regulation 16)	4
Seconded	17
Total	177
Net increase for the year	31

HUMBERSIDE POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU



If you want to make a career in the police force, Humberside Police are looking for you . . .

It's a county area with a mixture of big cities, towns, open countryside and the heart of it is its efficient police force. Preserving community well-being, safeguarding property, defeating crime.

It's an exciting, satisfying, responsible career and whatever some may say, you're respected in a police uniform.

Every day is different. Sometimes frustrating — often humorous, but never dull. One thing is certain, from the moment you start training, the road to the top is clear ahead.

Sergeant — Inspector — Superintendent — the police promote from within their ranks. It may mean transfer, but the rewards can be high.

If you're over 18½ with a good educational standard — start the ball rolling now. Call in at our

Headquarters for an informal chat, ask for Inspector Lee.

Learn all about the rates of pay, housing or tax-free rent allowances and other benefits. Or send the coupon for details . . .

**To: Inspector G. C. Lee,
Recruitment Officer,
Humberside Police,
Queens Gardens,
Hull HU1 3DJ.**



I am aged _____ and physically fit. Height _____
 (Men over 5'7" / 172cm. Women 5'3" / 162cm.)
 I am interested and would like to know more.
 Name (Mr./Mrs./Miss) _____
 Address _____
 Tel. No. _____
 Ref. No. _____

Recruiting advertisement used in November 1977

Reasons given for resignations:

Probationers resigned as an option to being dismissed	16
Dissatisfied with the Service	2
Not suited to Police work	20
Financial	9
Domestic	16
Alternative employment	30
Total	93

PROMOTIONS

During the year the following promotions were made:
 2 Superintendents to Chief Superintendent.
 4 Chief Inspectors to Superintendent.
 4 Inspectors to Chief Inspector.
 13 sergeants to Inspector.
 37 Constables to Sergeant.

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS

Constable to Sergeant — November, 1976

Of those who sat the examination, 14 passed all three papers and 18 passed on referral in one subject.

Sergeant to Inspector — April, 1977

A total of 154 sat the examination.
 62 Constables sat all three papers.
 3 Constables sat one paper.
 87 Sergeants sat all three papers.
 2 Sergeants sat one paper.

The following results were obtained:
 4 Constables passed in all three papers.
 2 Sergeants passed in all three papers.
 2 Sergeants passed in referred subjects.

Constable to Sergeant — November, 1977

273 sat all three papers.
 27 sat one paper.

The results have not yet been received.

OFFICERS QUALIFIED FOR PROMOTION

Constables qualified to Sergeant

192 which includes 35 qualified to Inspector.

Sergeants qualified to Inspector

85. However, there are additionally 28 Sergeants who are qualified by examination but not by length of service for promotion to Inspector.



Chief Superintendent Lyon, new Divisional Commander at 'E' Division

OFFICERS PROMOTED IN 1977

<i>Officer</i>	<i>Rank to which Promoted</i>	<i>Date of Promotion</i>	<i>Age on Promotion</i>	<i>Service on Promotion</i>	<i>Duties Prior to Promotion</i>	<i>Posting on Promotion</i>
Constable 856 CARTER	Sergeant	4.1.77	31	8	Traffic Division Traffic Patrol	Grade II Instructor P.T.C. Dishforth
Sergeant 80 TAYLOR	Inspector	4.1.77	34	15	'B' Division Plain Clothes	HQ. Planning Department
Constable 578 WHITE	Sergeant	4.1.77	41	11	HQ. C.I.D. Special Investigation Squad	'AA' Sub.-Div. Patrol Sergeant
Constable 580 BENNETT	Sergeant	4.1.77	42	21	'DA' Sub.-Div. Outside detective	'BA' Sub.-Div. Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1004 SYKES	Sergeant	4.1.77	48	23	'AB' Sub.-Div. Uniform Patrol	'AB' Sub.-Div. Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1024 WILKINSON	Sergeant	4.1.77	30	10	'BB' Sub.-Div. Outside detective	Headquarters Administration Personal Records
Chief Inspector WILSON	Superintendent	10.1.77	45	24	'C' Division Prosecutions	'FA' Sub.-Div. Superintendent
Sergeant 761 DEMPSTER	Inspector	10.1.77	51	28	'A' Division Training Sergeant	'AA' Sub.-Division Uniform supervision
Constable 930 HAMMOND	Sergeant	10.1.77	39	10	'AA' Sub-Division Uniform duties	'AB' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 946 KING	Sergeant	10.1.77	32	13	'B' Division Plainclothes	'FA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1350 DAVEY	Sergeant	10.1.77	33	11	'FA' Sub-Division Outside Detective	'EA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1403 AYTÖ	Sergeant	10.1.77	36	16	Traffic Division Traffic Patrol	Traffic Division Patrol Sergeant
Inspector CHERRY	Chief Inspector	10.1.77	40	20	'BA' Sub-Division Uniform supervision	Traffic Division Administration
Sergeant 752 BARTON	Inspector	10.1.77	41	20	'AA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant	'DA' Sub-Division Uniform supervision
Sergeant 1260 CRAIG	Inspector	28.2.77	41	20	'FB' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant	'C' Division Prosecutions
Sergeant 1365 MURRAY	Inspector	7.3.77	43	20	Traffic Division Traffic Patrol	Traffic Division Operations Room
Sergeant 863 CLARK	Inspector	7.3.77	49	19	'AB' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant	'FB' Sub-Division Uniform supervision
Constable 1248 BARRACLOUGH	Sergeant	7.3.77	34	7	'FA' Sub-Division Uniform Patrol	'EA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1013 TENNANT	Sergeant	7.3.77	31	9	'AB' Sub-Division Detached Beat	'AB' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 230 ROEBUCK	Sergeant	14.3.77	35	14	'HQ' C.I.D. Special Branch	'BB' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant

<i>Officer</i>	<i>Rank to which Promoted</i>	<i>Date of Promotion</i>	<i>Age on Promotion</i>	<i>Service on Promotion</i>	<i>Duties Prior to Promotion</i>	<i>Posting on Promotion</i>
Constable 242 SKIGGS	Sergeant	14.3.77	45	19	HQ' C.I.D. Special Branch	'C' Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 983 ROBINSON	Sergeant	14.3.77	35	10	'AB' Sub-Division Outside Detective	'FB' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1003 SPINK	Sergeant	14.3.77	31	8	'AC' Sub-Division Outside Detective	'AB' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1177 CROWTHER	Sergeant	14.3.77	37	10	'FA' Sub-Division Outside Detective	'AA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1182 THORNALLEY	Sergeant	14.3.77	30	9	Traffic Division Traffic Patrol	Grade II Instructor P.T.C. Dishforth
Superintendent LYON	Chief Superintendent	31.3.77	48	27	HQ. C.I.D. Superintendent	'E' Division Divisional Commander
Chief Inspector DIXON	Superintendent	5.4.77	46	24	HQ. C.I.D. Acting Superintendent	HQ. C.I.D. Superintendent
Constable 1015 TRIFFITT	Sergeant	2.5.77	29	10	Traffic Division Traffic Patrol	Traffic Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1144 FLINN	Sergeant	9.5.77	34	13	Traffic Division Traffic Patrol	'FA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1269 CHILD	Sergeant	23.5.77	27	8	Traffic Division Traffic Patrol	'AB' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Sergeant 772 HUTCHINSON	Inspector	30.5.77	38	13	Central Planning Training Unit Pannal Ash	Central Planning Training Unit Pannal Ash
Sergeant 1428 SMITH	Inspector	22.6.77	50	26	'EA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant	'EA' Sub-Division Uniform supervision
Constable 540 REDHEAD	Sergeant	22.6.77	42	19	Traffic Division Operations Room	Traffic Division Operations Room
Constable 1140 BRADSHAW	Sergeant	22.6.77	41	16	F Division Prosecutions	'FA' Sub-Division Uniform supervision
Constable 4 DEYES	Sergeant	27.6.77	29	10	Headquarters Administration Pay Section	'BA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 978 PARKIN	Sergeant	11.7.77	34	11	Seconded to Hull University	'BA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1489 SCOTT	Sergeant	11.7.77	28	7	'EB' Sub-Division Outside Detective	'FA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Inspector NAYLOR	Chief Inspector	12.9.77	47	25	'DA' Sub-Division Uniform supervision	'AB' Sub-Division Chief Inspector
Chief Inspector VINE	Superintendent	20.9.77	40	16	Traffic Division Operations Room	Headquarters Administration
Sergeant 1063 CHILDS	Inspector	12.9.77	30	12	'FA' Sub-Division Outside Detective	Personnel and Training 'DA' Sub-Division
Inspector CRESSEY	Chief Inspector	26.9.77	41	20	Traffic Division Operations Room	Uniform supervision Operations Support Echelon Operations Room

<i>Officer</i>	<i>Rank to which Promoted</i>	<i>Date of Promotion</i>	<i>Age on Promotion</i>	<i>Service on Promotion</i>	<i>Duties Prior to Promotion</i>	<i>Posting on Promotion</i>
Sergeant 1104 GALLOWAY	Inspector	3.10.77	32	13	'FB' Sub-Division Outside Detective	Staff Officer to Chief Constable
Inspector DAVIES	Chief Inspector	7.11.77	35	16	Staff Officer to Chief Constable	'E' Division C.I.D. Chief Inspector
Constable 1586 PACEY	Sergeant	3.10.77	43	20	'FB' Sub-Division Uniform duties	'FA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1030 WOOD	Sergeant	10.10.77	27	8	'AA' Sub-Division Outside Detective	'C' Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 961 MUNDAY	Sergeant	10.10.77	45	21	'AA' Sub-Division Communications Office	'BA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Sergeant 707 BIDMEAD	Inspector	17.10.77	43	17	'B' Division Task Force	'FB' Sub-Division Uniform supervision
Constable 1621 McCULLY	Sergeant	31.10.77	29	9	'AA' Sub-Division Outside detective	'FA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 32 BEAN	Sergeant	7.11.77	31	12	'DA' Sub-Division Outside Detective	'C' Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 488 GRAY	Sergeant	7.11.77	47	21	Headquarters Driving Instructor	'BA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1247 COLLINS	Sergeant	7.11.77	39	16	'FB' Sub-Division Juvenile Liaison	'FA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Superintendent DONNAN	Chief Superintendent	21.11.77	45	24	Headquarters Discipline and Complaints	Seconded to Bramshill Police College
Sergeant 233 BAKER	Inspector	28.11.77	34	15	'DA' Sub-Division Outside Detective	'FA' Sub-Division Inspector
Chief Inspector FARROW	Superintendent	5.12.77	48	23	'EA' Sub-Division Acting Superintendent	'C' Division Superintendent
Constable 954 LAZENBY	Sergeant	5.12.77	30	11	'AB' Sub-Division Uniform duties	'EA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Sergeant 1418 KIRK	Inspector	5.12.77	38	15	'EA' Sub-Division Acting Detective Inspector	'FA' Sub-Division Uniform Inspector
Constable 1484 YARDLEY	Sergeant	7.12.77	29	7	'FA' Sub-Division Acting Patrol Sergeant	'FA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 180 OWEN	Sergeant	12.12.77	36	9	HQ. C.I.D. Fraud Squad	'DA' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1467 REDGATE	Sergeant	12.12.77	40	15	'EA' Sub-Division Outside Detective	'FA' Patrol Sergeant
Constable 1622 MELL	Sergeant	21.12.77	42	19	'AC' Sub-Division Acting Patrol Sergeant	'AC' Sub-Division Patrol Sergeant

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

During the year 489 letters of appreciation were received from members of the public expressing gratitude for assistance given by police officers.

I quote below extracts from two letters which illustrate how my officers were able to help members of the public. The first letter is from a man who was on holiday in the Bridlington area in October last year when a hospital at Leeds asked for police help to contact him as a suitable kidney transplant had materialised. Extensive inquiries were made before the man was eventually traced. He wrote later:

"You must forgive me for not writing earlier to thank you for the effort you made on my behalf to trace me at Greenacres Caravan Site at Flamborough on Saturday, the 8th October. If you remember, it was for a kidney transplant at St. James. Although I have had one or two complications, I have a marvellous kidney function and the surgeons are convinced that when my wound has healed up everything will start working normally.

"I would also like to thank the patrol car driver on that very wet Saturday evening who showed me where to get some petrol to get back to Leeds. I got back to the hospital at 9.30 in the evening and they carried out the operation on the Sunday. Thanking you sincerely . . .

The other letter arrived after a particularly swift recovery of a stolen vehicle in Hull.

"May I please convey my sincere thanks and congratulations on your wonderful 'Panda' patrols. I would like you to thank the men concerned in the following incident in the early hours of Friday, December 23.

1.45am: *My son heard his car engine start and dashed downstairs to give the alarm.*

1.47: *I dialled 999 and gave details to your emergency operator.*

1.50: *Policeman in Panda arrived at home to take more particulars.*

2.10: *Information over Pc's radio that car had been picked up on the Hessle Road flyover.*

2.20: *Pc took son to Hessle to pick up car.*

2.35: *Car back in garage.*

Fantastic! I've never seen anything so efficient and I can only say again thank you very much."

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Queen's Police Medal

I was honoured to be awarded the Queen's Police Medal which was announced in Her Majesty's Birthday Honours List on 11th June, 1977.

SILVER JUBILEE MEDAL

Her Majesty The Queen awarded the Silver Jubilee Medal to the following members of the Force:

'A' Division

Chief Superintendent D. Harper
Superintendent C. A. Braithwaite
Superintendent T. Murphy
Superintendent R. J. Cliff
Chief Inspector H. Brown
Chief Inspector A. R. Oades
Chief Inspector R. C. Parnaby
Inspector A. Gamble
Inspector J. A. R. Dempster
Inspector F. D. Hopgood
Ps R. L. Langdale
Ps H. Parnham
Ps J. C. G. Pepys
Ps G. B. Wilson
Pc E. Carver
Pc K. W. H. MacQualter
Pc I. G. Richardson
Special Inspector A. Bridgwater
Shorthand/Typist F. M. Gray

'B' Division

Chief Superintendent G. A. H. Densley
Superintendent J. W. Hanwell
Chief Inspector W. H. Rafton
Inspector H. Atkinson
Ps E. E. Squire
Pc M. W. Brown

'C' Division

Chief Superintendent R. Tuton
Superintendent T. F. G. Peam
Chief Inspector H. Warkup
Inspector E. J. Corp
Inspector J. McLean
Ps F. J. D'Arcy

Pc K. E. Kershaw
Pc G. D. Macrae
Pc C. W. Sibley
Pc L. A. Wilson

'D' Division

Chief Superintendent F. Duffill
Superintendent G. A. Baskill
Inspector J. P. Fagan

'E' Division

Chief Superintendent L. Lyon
Ps Rylatt
Ps A. V. Windle
Pc R. W. Marshall
Pc W. H. Smith
Pc P. F. Thorpe
Pc G. W. Waltham
Pc G. W. Lea
Special Inspector A. S. Clark

'F' Division

Chief Inspector J. J. Cunningham
Inspector P. E. Cook
Inspector H. Connell
Inspector C. E. King
Inspector K. B. Francis
Inspector D. J. H. Stevenson
Ps B. W. Hauton
Ps W. H. Smith
Pc O. M. Bucknall
Pc T. A. Steedman

H.Q. Admin

Chief Constable D. Hall
Assistant Chief Constable L. Barker
Assistant Chief Constable R. N. Joyce
Chief Superintendent G. Whitworth
Superintendent L. B. Robinson
Chief Inspector W. R. Goode
Inspector D. Baslington
Inspector J. W. Kettleborough
Ps L. W. Jackson
Pc J. R. Goodwin

H.Q. C.I.D.

Inspector B. Callan
D.S. F. Bradley

D.S. D. K. Stevenson
Sen. Admin. Assistant I. Hester
Pc J. Sidwell
Special Chief Superintendent W. M. Burton
Special Constable A. Thompson
Telecommunications Aide E. Johnson



Mrs. I. Hester, HQ CID, receives her Silver Jubilee Medal from the Chief Constable

Traffic Division

Chief Superintendent L. P. Unsworth
Superintendent J. E. Grant
Inspector N. Ellis
Ps G. A. Stiff
Pc D. Shepherd
W. Catto — Foreman Mechanic
A. Stonehouse — Garage Manager

Awards

The Royal Humane Society's Testimonial on Parchment was awarded to:

Sergeant Ian Douglas Wilson.
Constable Glen Albert Cuthbertson.
Constable Anthony Stephen Burns.
Sergeant Oliver Thomas Barry.

(1) In June, 1976 Sergeant Wilson entered the water in Prince's Dock, Hull and with the help of another man rescued a motorist who had driven his car into the dock while under severe mental stress.

(2) In August, 1976 Constables Cuthbertson and Burns both entered the water of Prince's Dock, Hull to rescue a man who had got into difficulties after going for a swim in total darkness. Both officers and the man had to be taken to hospital for treatment after leaving the stagnant water of this dock.

(3) In September, 1976 Sergeant Barry entered the water at Barmston Drain, Hull, to rescue a man who had gone for a swim and had got into difficulties. Sergeant Barry brought him ashore but unfortunately the man was found to be dead on arrival at hospital.

The Certificate of Distinguished Conduct of the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire was awarded to:

Constable John Arthur Godley.
Sergeant Charles Frederick White.
Constable Andrew Herbert Campling.
Constable David John Harrison.

(1) In May, 1976, while serving as a Constable in the Metropolitan Police, Constable Godley entered a smoke filled room on the second floor of a house in London to search for a trapped woman before the arrival of the Fire Brigade. He was unable to locate the woman who was eventually rescued by firemen wearing breathing apparatus; she died in hospital three days later. Constable Godley was taken to hospital for treatment.

(2) In February, 1977 Sergeant White, who was off duty at the time, was travelling in his car along the A1079 road at Barmby Moor when he saw another car leave the road and burst into flames. The vehicle was soon completely ablaze but Sergeant White went to it and pulled the two women occupants to safety. Both women were taken to hospital for treatment and the car was gutted by the fire.

(3) In April, 1977 Constables Campling and Harrison entered a house which was on fire in Beverley. After rescuing a woman from the ground floor they went through dense smoke to the first floor to bring to safety a man who had already been affected by the conditions. The man was taken to hospital where he recovered.



(L to r) Constable and Mrs. Burns, Constable and Mrs. Cuthbertson, Sergeant Barry and family

POLICE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

The following members of the Force qualified for the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal:

Constable 998 N. H. Stead
Inspector G. C. Lee
Sergeant 767 J. W. Haigh
Constable 989 N. G. Smith
Sergeant 1387 B. B. R. Dunn
Constable 324 H. J. Varney
Inspector B. Wilson

Constable 347 P. Martin
Constable 962 D. M. Murphy
Constable 3023 I. C. Nicolson
Constable 380 R. Varey
Constable 403 W. H. Baines
Constable 441 M. Goulden
Constable 431 J. A. Curtis
Sergeant 780 W. Mountford
Sergeant 580 B. J. Bennett
Inspector T. Arnot
Inspector D. H. Taylor
Constable 477 G. D. Kitching
Constable 279 B. C. Gallagher
Constable 292 P. Bacon
Sergeant 778 B. Lapsley

Constable 895 J. P. Foster
Constable 321 R. J. Stinson
Inspector T. W. J. Gillingham
Constable 326 H. Westgarth
Sergeant 350 L. W. Love
Sergeant 1635 W. J. Tomlinson
Sergeant 373 R. A. Marshall
Sergeant 384 G. A. Chamberlain
Constable 413 R. G. Campbell
Sergeant 1036 E. G. J. Whitehead
Sergeant 446 M. H. Wiles
Constable 997 B. W. Smith
Chief Inspector G. E. Cairns
Sergeant 1152 G. J. Warner
Constable 469 P. Dent



Recipients of the Long Service Awards who attended the presentation ceremony at Headquarters with their wives.

COMMENDATIONS

By Chief Constable	65
By Lay Magistrates	48
By Her Majesty's Coroner	4
By Judges (Crown Court)	22
By Stipendiary Magistrates	11

CONFERMENT OF DEGREE

Inspector M. G. Cairns gained the Bachelor of Laws Degree after studying at the University of Leeds.

Constable A. Parkin gained the Bachelor of Laws Degree after studying at the University of Hull.

TRAINING

INTRODUCTION

Since the formation of the force its training role has been curtailed owing to lack of facilities and finance. Despite restrictions the most rigorous training programme possible has been pursued throughout the year. The structure of the Personnel and Training department was reviewed and as a result the functions of each were streamlined and combined into one unit with a Superintendent in charge. Towards the end of the year a comprehensive review of all aspects of training was begun.

PROBATIONER TRAINING

The vital task of training constables during their first two years of service in order that they can be assessed before being added to the permanent strength of the force has continued unchanged throughout the year. After completion of the Initial Training period emphasis is placed on practical on-the-job training but theory is not neglected. Regular weekly law and procedure courses are conducted for Probationer Constables by the Training Department.

The accommodation of students still poses great problems. At present the students are placed in lodgings in the city of Hull and although this policy works it is not satisfactory. Negotiations and a cost-effectiveness study are in progress to establish whether it will be practicable to use local authority education complexes with residential facilities during college holidays.

Refresher Courses

Sergeants and Constables normally attend a refresher course every five years, the aim being to keep officers abreast of recent legislation and developments in the service but because of the cut-back in public spending no courses were held during the year. There are no plans for any in 1978 and this will naturally result in a considerable backlog to be cleared when the financial restrictions are lifted.

NEWLY PROMOTED SERGEANTS' COURSE

As soon as possible after promotion each sergeant attends a course designed to acquaint him with his responsibilities, particularly in relation to management techniques, administration and police operations. All such sergeants, 44 in all, were able to attend courses held at the Training Annexe during 1977.

PROMOTION STUDY COURSE

Promotion Study Courses were introduced in 1977. The course lasts throughout the year and is based on a Study Guide prepared by the Training

Department. It requires a considerable degree of self-motivation from those taking part and each student must pass two internal examinations before being allowed to attend a one week residential course immediately before the Promotion Examination. Of the 397 officers who enrolled for the course this year 56 eventually qualified for the residential course.

HIGHER POLICE TRAINING

Officers holding senior posts in the Police Service must be adequately trained not only to discharge their immediate duties and responsibilities competently but also to be aware of changing police techniques and social patterns. Senior officers from this force attended the Command Course at the Police College, Bramshill; Firearms Tactics Course at the West Riding Police Academy; Police/Public Relations Course at Wakefield; Computer and Systems Analysis Course at Leicester Polytechnic and the Negotiators Course at Wakefield and Hendon. Additionally, I attended a Computer Applications Course at Banbury and the Deputy Chief Constable took part in a Seminar at the Derbyshire Police Headquarters on the new Discipline Code procedures under the Police Act 1976.

INSPECTORS' COURSES

The Inspectors' Course at the Police College, Bramshill, is designed for newly promoted Inspectors and lasts 11 weeks. The Course is national in nature and Humberside officers attending the course are not only given training in their new responsibilities but are able to exchange ideas and methods of policing with Inspectors from other forces. Places on this Course are at a premium but during the year eight of our new Inspectors were able to attend. Those Inspectors for whom places were not available at Bramshill attended a 4 weeks regional course.

MISCELLANEOUS TRAINING

FIREARMS TRAINING

There are now a number of officers trained and authorised to be issued with firearms. The weapons available for use in this force are all types which have been approved by the Home Office and their issue is subject to specific control by me, the Deputy Chief Constable or the Assistant Chief Constables.

Regular training, both in marksmanship and tactics, is given to authorised officers and a high standard of skill and aptitude is demanded. Any officer falling below this standard has his authority to carry firearms withdrawn.

FIRST AID

Seventy-eight officers were re-examined and obtained the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade Re-Examination Certificate.

LIFE SAVING

Every recruit is encouraged to gain the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society and officers who do not reach the required standard at the Police Training Centre are given further training at Divisions by suitably qualified instructors.

HOME DEFENCE

'Home Defence' is the part the police would play in the event of war and the recommended refresher training for Sergeants and Constables is implemented in the form of attendance at a one day course every three years. 1977 was the third and final year of the present three year cycle and a total of 42 Sergeants and 180 Constables received instruction in Home Defence and map reading.

RE-SETTLEMENT COURSES

Two such courses, organised by the Humberside Police Federation Branch Board, were held during the year for officers contemplating retirement. As in previous years the courses lasted for two days and were addressed by specialist speakers who gave guidance on some of the problems of retirement, particularly in relation to finance, health and employment.

AIR OBSERVER TRAINING

The policy of training officers in air observation for police operations was continued and one Inspector attended a course at R.A.F. Finningley.

DRIVING SCHOOL

During the year several changes took place.

In order to improve the standards of Police drivers it was decided that the two types of Driving Courses, (a) Basic course of two weeks and (b) Learner course of four weeks duration, would each be increased by a further week. The Basic course for full licence holders to be taught the Police System of car control was re-named Short Standard Driving Course and the Learner course for provisional licence holders to be trained to the Police system and to enable them to undertake the Department of Environment Driving Test was renamed the Standard Driving Course.

Before the duration of the courses was extended only two students at a time attended as a crew on the Basic Course but since the extension three students attend as a crew for each type of course. It was seen to be obvious that to extend the courses would reduce the output of trained drivers to the Divisions and to combat this, two additional Constables were recruited as potential instructors from the Traffic Department. They attended the six weeks Driving Instructors Course at a Police Regional Driving School, one passing at Advanced level and the other at Standard level. They became fully operational as driving instructors in May 1977.

During the year a total of 154 students have attended driving courses at the school, 92 of these on the three week Short Standard course and the remaining 62 on the five week Standard Course.



Sergeant Eric Scaife with an award from the British Association for Physical Training

It is envisaged that during 1978 when a full year of training will be carried out with five driving instructors the number of students attending courses will be increased to approximately 200.

Training facilities have been extended for the driving school as a result of the Army Driving School opening at the Normandy Barracks, Leconfield. A road layout, with traffic lights, cross roads, pedestrian crossings, etc., has been incorporated into the runways and perimeter roads. This has been put at our disposal and is a valuable training ground for novice drivers before driving on public roads. A manoeuvring area has also been laid out and is used frequently by all students.

TRAFFIC LAW COURSES

Twelve traffic law courses were held during 1977 with a total of 91 officers attending. Officers from Divisions other than the Traffic Division attended two of these courses. As well as running law courses the department dealt with 1,300 queries on traffic law, mainly from members of the public.

GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES

A large number of continental visitors pass through the Humberside Ports on their way to conduct business or spend holidays in this country. This has been particularly noticeable since the value of the pound dropped against other continental currencies. Because of this trend courses designed to enable police officers to speak basic German were held at Hull, Scunthorpe and Grimsby. The officers selected to attend this course were those most likely to come into contact with foreigners, for instance Traffic Patrol drivers and Operations Room staff.

Additionally, one officer studying privately but with financial help from the police, passed the 'A' level examination and has since appeared in court as an interpreter.

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Many departments in the Police Service are now staffed at least partially by civilian employees and their training is very important. During the year civilians attended courses ranging from building maintenance to office supervision and accident prevention.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

The Force takes part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and the Training Department ran courses for young people who had chosen 'Police Work' as their subject. These courses lasted ten weeks during which the candidates gained an insight into police work from members of specialist departments such as Crime Prevention, Dog Section and the Traffic Department and were then given written and oral examinations.

During 1977 a total of 354 young people were trained to Bronze and Silver award standard.

CADETS

Introduction

Owing to economic restrictions the number of cadets in Humberside was reduced from 100 to 45 and, after resignations and appointments to the Force, the actual strength is now only 27.

Police Cadets are a very useful source of recruitment to the regular force and often produce well trained young people of high potential. In the long term, the reduction in the number of cadets will mean that even more difficulty will be experienced in maintaining the authorised establishment of the regular force which in the past could rely upon finding 30% or 40% of its recruits from the cadet intake.



The first passing-out parade for Cadets

Educational Training

The main intakes of cadets are in August and September each year and, after an Induction Course of one week's duration, those under 17 years of age attend a full session of courses at Hull College of Further Education. All such cadets study law as a compulsory subject but other subjects taken are determined by the qualifications already held by the cadet, his interests and the subject's relevance to his future career in the Police Service. English, mathematics, commerce, sociology, economics, British Government and Political Systems, shorthand and typing are included in a flexible syllabus designed to cater for the needs of individuals and, generally, to broaden the cadets' field of education. The cadets ultimately take examinations at G.C.E. 'O' Level and, where appropriate, 'A' Level. Eighteen cadets sat G.C.E. examinations following the course which commenced in September 1976 and obtained 47 'O' Level Certificates but only 32 were of 'pass' grades. The cadets attend College for four days a week and in addition spend one full day on physical training (including swimming and lifesaving) under the supervision of cadet training instructors.

Due to lack of recruitment no courses at the College were commenced in September this year.

Attachments to divisions and departments

Cadets under the age of 17½ years and not attending educational courses are attached to Force Headquarters Departments. This is a 'settling in period' for the junior cadets when they are closely supervised and they learn a great deal about how the Service is organised and administered, knowledge that stands them in good stead when they progress to operational Divisions. Cadets over 17½ years are eligible for posting to any of the six operational Divisions in the Force area and during the year all Divisions have had a quota of older cadets serving with them for the last phase of their training. It is during this phase that the cadets are allowed to accompany members of the regular force on foot and motor vehicle patrols thus being able to observe at first hand the police officer dealing with day to day occurrences involving members of the public.

Outdoor activities

During the year eight boys and four girls, all senior cadets, attended summer camps at Aykley Heads, County Durham. The camps are of two weeks duration, supervised by the police of that area and are a challenge to the physical and mental capabilities of the cadets. The programme includes physical training, road runs, endurance and initiative marches and also rock climbing. In preparation for these camps a course of intensive training was conducted locally.

Four groups of cadets, supervised by members of the cadet training department, attended at Bickley Forest, near Scarborough, for one week's field training. The first group was made up entirely of junior cadets released from college during the Easter recess. This was a welcome break from their

studies and for some it was their first taste of community living. At these camps the cadets are mainly accommodated in a permanent building (a converted school house) but tents are also used. The groups clean and cook for themselves and are introduced to practical map reading, planning routes over strange territory, camp craft, fell walking, rock climbing and observance of the Country Code. These cadets again attended this camp during the summer in mixed groups of senior and junior boys and girls. The fourth, a winter camp, was attended by senior cadets who were by this time accomplished fell walkers and the training was more intense. In aggregate, the number of cadets catered for at this venue was 75.

As in previous years we have continued to send cadets on an assortment of adventure training courses run by organisations renowned throughout the country for their expertise in presenting new and exciting challenges to young people of diverse backgrounds and abilities. It is a character building exercise for the cadets who get the maximum value from the courses and return with a better understanding of others, and, perhaps more importantly, of themselves. Courses and attendances were as follows:—

Outward Bound School, Rhowriar — 1 girl.

West Highland School of Adventure, Applecross — 1 boy, 1 girl.

Sail Training Association, "Sir Winston Churchill" — 2 boys, 1 girl.

Sail Training Association, "Malcolm Miller" — 1 girl.

Two male cadets attended a week's course at Humberston Y.M.C.A. Camp. It is run jointly and staffed by the South Humberside Branch of the Institute of Training Officers, the South Humberside Industrial Mission, the Y.M.C.A. and other suitably qualified people, including group leaders from local industry. The course included physical training, expeditions, project work and seminars.

Local courses

Cadets over the age of 18 years are given the benefit of a course at the Police Training Centre in Hull. The courses of four weeks duration, are run at six monthly intervals. One course of 22 cadets took place in April and one of 18 cadets in November. In addition to foot drill, physical training, swimming, self defence and first aid, instruction is given on the composition of courts, police powers, report writing, investigation of road accidents, lost and found property and self expression. The course included visits to the Guildhall, De La Pole Hospital, Blind Institute and the Fire Station and the third week of the course was spent at Bickley School House, near Scarborough. These courses give the cadets an insight into what will be expected of them at the Regional Police Training Centre after their appointment to the regular force.

Community service and industrial attachments

In the training of a cadet sight should never be lost of the fact that it is the function of the police to serve the community. The cadet must learn to understand the problems of ordinary people in all walks of life and must learn to resist the danger of dividing society into "us" and "them".

Every effort is made to encourage cadets to broaden their knowledge and deepen their understanding of the society in which they live and will eventually serve. To this end cadets are regularly attached to such organisations as the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Humberside Society for the Physically Handicapped, the Women's Royal Voluntary Service and the De La Pole Hospital, where they gain knowledge of people less fortunate than themselves.

Experience of the working life of other young men and women is learned by attaching cadets to local industrial firms for periods of up to a month.

During the year 18 cadets undertook community service for periods ranging from several hours to one week. Further to this four cadets assisted the Humberside Playing Fields Association which run Holiday Playschemes designed to entertain school children during school recess.

Although every effort has been made to maintain contacts with industry, the reduced cadet strength has not allowed normal training commitments to extend to such attachments during the year. It is confidently expected that the re-establishment of normal cadet recruiting will enable full use to be made of industrial attachments in the future.

Sporting activities

The main sporting attraction of the year was the North East Region Cadets Sports held at the Brendan Foster Track, Gateshead. Twelve girls and seven boys took part in the various track and field events. Our most notable success was in the girls' javelin competition in which cadet J. E. Bushell took first place and in the girls' discus competition in which cadet S. Emery also took first place.

The cadets fielded a 'scratch' football team on one occasion when they played a friendly match at Inglemire Lane Sports Ground against cadets from Nottinghamshire Police. Our boys put up a spirited performance but lacking the match practice and experience of the visitors they were outplayed and beaten on this occasion. It is hoped to arrange return matches in 1978.

Individual cadets have a healthy interest in sports and many of those who are involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme have taken a sport of their own choice as their 'Interest Section' in the Award requirements.

Physical training

In order to maintain a good standard of physical fitness all cadets receive three hours physical training weekly which includes circuit training, exercises, games, walking training, gymnastics, drill and self defence.

All cadets are taught swimming at the baths of Reckitt and Colman Limited, Dansom Lane, Hull, which provide excellent facilities and in the course of the year the cadets obtained 133 Royal Life Saving Society Awards.

TRAINING COURSES

The following table shows the number of police and civilian personnel who attended residential and local courses during the period under review.

Recruit Training Courses

	Male	Female
Initial	158	43
Local Procedure	157	41
Continuation	64	21
Elementary Crime Detection	42	8
Probationers In-Force Training	All probationers attend three 1 week courses.	

Newly Promoted Sergeants Courses

Local	44
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Promotion Study Course

Local	33
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Courses for Senior Officers

Command Course Part I	2 Superintendents
Firearms Tactics	3 Chief Superintendents, 4 Superintendents, 3 Chief Inspectors,
Police/Community Relations	1 Superintendent, 1 Sergeant
Police/Public Relations	1 Chief Inspector
Inspectors — College	8
Inspectors — Pre-College	9
Computer and Systems Analysis Seminar — Police Act 1976 (Discipline)	1 Superintendent
Computer Application Course	Deputy Chief Constable
Negotiators Course	Chief Constable 3 Superintendents, 2 Chief Inspectors.

Criminal Investigation

Initial Junior	21 Constables
Advanced	1 Chief Inspector, 6 Sergeants.
Refresher	3 Sergeants, 6 Constables.
Company Fraud Investigation	1 Inspector, 1 Sergeant, 1 Constable.
Supervisory Scenes of Crime Officers	1 Inspector.

Law and Practice in relation to Drugs	1 Sergeant, 3 Constables.
Crime Prevention — Standard	1 Sergeant, 1 Constable.
Crime Prevention — Refresher	1 Inspector, 1 Constable.

Traffic and Communications

Advanced Driving — Cars	20 Constables
Advanced Driving — Instructor	2 Constables
Advanced Driving — Motor Cycles	3 Constables
Heavy Goods Vehicles — Driving	3 Sergeants, 11 Constables
Heavy Goods Vehicles — Examiner	1 Constable
Transportation of Hazardous Chemicals (Instructors)	1 Inspector
Investigation into Theft of Motor Vehicles	1 Constable
R.O.S.P.A. — Accident Prevention	2 Constables
Traffic and Road Safety for Senior Police Officers	1 Chief Inspector
Communications Officers	1 Chief Inspector
Terminal Operators — Supervisors	3 Inspectors, 3 Sergeants
Terminal Operators	9 Constables
Vehicle Mechanics (Brake/Clutch)	8 Civilian Mechanics
B.M.W. Mechanics Service (M/Cycles)	1 Civilian Mechanic
VASCAR Speed Equipment	3 Sergeants

Dog Section

Handler — Initial	3 Constables
Handler — Refresher	10 Constables

War Duties

Home Defence — (Superintendents and Chief Inspectors)	4 Superintendents, 1 Chief Inspector
Chief Executives Seminar	Chief Constable
Regional Police Home Defence	1 Chief Inspector,
	18 Inspectors
War Duties Instructors Course	2 Sergeants
Air Observer	1 Inspector
Home Defence Seminar for Senior Police Officers	3 Chief Superintendents

Firearms

Basic — Local	54
Instructors	1 Constable
V.I.P. Protection	4

Instructors

Student Instructors	2 Sergeants, 3 Constables
Man Management	1 Inspector, 1 Sergeant

Miscellaneous

Standard Driving Course	62 Constables
Short Standard Driving Course	92 Constables
T.V. Production Techniques	1 Sergeant, 1 Constable
Personnel Management (Industrial Relations)	2 Chief Inspectors
Management Studies (½ day release weekly)	1 Chief Inspector
Public Order	2 Inspectors
Computer Study Group Course (Local)	1 Superintendent, 2 Chief Inspectors, 1 Inspector, 2 Sergeants, 1 Constable
Management of Building Maintenance	1 Civilian
Motor Vehicle Technicians Course — City and Guilds (Part III)	1 Constable
German Courses (2 hours per week)	1 A.C.C., 1 C/Superintendent, 2 Superintendents, 2 C/Inspectors, 3 Inspectors, 7 Sergeants, 29 Constables
Practical Application/Industrial Relations Legislation	1 Inspector, 1 Sergeant, 1 Constable
Basic Accident Prevention	13 Civilians
Manual Workers Induction	7 Civilians
Supervision of Manual Workers	5 Civilians
Clerical Induction	9 Civilians
Finance	1 Superintendent, 1 Civilian
Effective Writing	1 Civilian
Office Supervision	4 Civilians
Looking Forward to Retirement	5 Civilians
Speaking and Presentation	2 Civilians
Rapid Reading	1 Chief Inspector

DISCIPLINE AND COMPLAINTS

COMPLAINTS

A total of 480 complaints were recorded during the year against a total of 280 in 1976, the figures in both cases being taken on the 31st December. The increase is due to several factors: the usual yearly increase in complaints (about 13%), the new procedures introduced by the Police Act 1976 and a change in the recording system. Of these complaints a total of 219 were either withdrawn or not pursued compared with 105 from the previous year. The number of substantiated complaints has, however, fallen from 39 in 1976 to 13 in 1977, a welcome reduction, and none of these substantiated complaints resulted in disciplinary proceedings. At the end of the year a total of 99 cases were still outstanding. This situation arose out of the sub-judice rule being more rigidly enforced, therefore there is in many more instances a longer time lapse between receipt of the complaint and completion of the investigation.

Since the implementation of the new procedures on 1st June a total of 240 complaints have been made and of those referred to the Police Complaints Board there has in each case been full agreement with the Deputy Chief Constable's decision.

The new procedure involving the Board is working satisfactorily and as no complainant has expressed dissatisfaction with the outcome of an investigation since its institution it is apparent that the independent body has given the complaints procedure more credence in the eyes of the general public.

Because of the rising workload which coincided with the commencement of the Police Act 1976 it was found necessary to increase the Discipline and Complaints Department by one Superintendent, one Inspector and one Sergeant with effect from 23rd May, 1977. This raised the strength of the Department to two Superintendents, two Inspectors, one Sergeant and one Shorthand/Typist.

Before this increase took place 25% of the total number of complaints reported were investigated by the Department. After the increase this only rose to 32% thus highlighting the additional clerical workload imposed on the Department by the new legislation and procedures.

Discipline

There was a reduction in the number of officers appearing before the Chief Constable on disciplinary charges from 20 in 1976 to 10 in the past year and the standard of force discipline remains high.

Details of complaints are shown below:

	1976	1977
Number of complaints made	280	450
Number substantiated	33	13
Cases pending at 31st December	39	99
Number withdrawn or not proceeded with	105	219
Substantiated Complaints		
Leading to criminal proceedings (other than traffic offences)	1	—
Leading to proceedings for traffic offences	1	—
Leading to minor traffic incidents not leading to Court proceedings	—	1
Relating to incivility towards the public	13	1
Relating to neglect of duty	5	1
Relating to irregularity in police procedure	7	8
Involving mishandling of property	4	—
Involving miscellaneous matters	2	2
	33	13
TOTALS		
Details of the action taken is shown below:		
Number of officers disciplined	20	10
Dealt with by reprimand	1	—
Dealt with by caution	9	1
Dealt with by fine	10	8
Dismissed from the Force	—	1*
	*This case was pending at 31.12.76	



CRIME

During the year under review there was an increase in reported crime of 15% compared with the 1976 figure. This is a tremendous increase and follows a very slight fall which I reported for 1976.

46,363 crimes were reported (40,354 in 1976) and after initial investigation 43,823 (37,740 in 1976) were finally recorded as crimes. Four crimes of murder were recorded (being three less than in 1976) and all were detected.

Offences of arson, burglary and theft have all increased but are only examples of the general disturbing increase in the crime figures.

	1976	1977	Increase
Arson	290	401	111
Burglary (in dwelling)	4362	4835	473
Burglary (not in dwelling)	5238	6631	1393
Theft (from vehicles)	2960	3744	784
Theft (from shop)	3622	4551	929

Once again during the year various crimes were dealt with as major incidents. My detective officers, through dedication, co-operation and teamwork, using the expertise which is ever increasing in this form of operation, have had a very successful year. The number and scope of major enquiries during the year have been unusually high and the consequent drain on manpower has made the investigation of the less serious crimes more difficult.

I have previously reported on the advent of the travelling criminal who has been attracted to the Humberside area by the improved road conditions. These criminals cause a great deal of concern but with the good co-operation of in-force-departments, Regional Crime Squads and other forces some good arrests have been made. The two following cases are examples of this:

(1) Two criminals from Manchester were arrested following a burglary at the post office near Beverley. It was later found that they had accommodation in Kingston Upon Hull, where the proceeds of a number of crimes were found. They eventually admitted a number of offences throughout the North of England including offences in Northumberland, Lancashire and Birmingham.

(2) An articulated lorry loaded with 2,000 tins of corned beef was stolen from premises in Kingston Upon Hull. Three days later an officer of the Merseyside Police Force found 776 cartons of the corned beef in a van near Liverpool. Officers from that Force together with those of the Regional Crime Squad and this force co-operated in the recovery of the articulated lorry and the remainder of the load.

During 1977, the total value of property stolen was £2,396,578, of which £1,088,452 was recovered.

Special Investigations Squad

The establishment of the Squad is one Detective Inspector, two Detective Sergeants and six Detective Constables, although for the whole of the past year one Detective Constable was seconded to other duties.

The Squad has played its part in a busy year. It has liaised closely with Divisional C.I.D. officers and operated successfully in its own right.

In the early part of the year the squad assisted in enquiries resulting in the successful detection of several offences of sexual attacks on young boys which were particularly distasteful. They also assisted at Kirkella with a burglary during which a teenage girl was attacked with chloroform. Further assistance was given to detectives in East Hull who were investigating robberies from rent collectors and on a successful enquiry into a serious assault on a woman in central Hull, whilst at the end of the year the officers were similarly involved in a serious assault enquiry at Scunthorpe.

When not engaged on serious incidents, the Squad has been directly responsible for the arrest of 62 persons for an assortment of offences which included theft, receiving, robbery, concealment of birth and corruption.

The Squad has now taken over responsibility for the documentation of all obscene publications seized in the Force area and a recording system has been set up resulting in liaison with divisional officers engaged on the seizure of pornographic literature and materials.

Company Fraud Squad

The establishment of the Squad has been increased during the past year on a temporary basis due to the amount of reported frauds being received. The strength now stands at one Detective Inspector, seven Detective Sergeants and six Detective Constables.

Seventy-eight enquiries have been undertaken by the Squad during the year, in addition to eight enquiries still under investigation from 1976. Of these, twenty-four have involved extensive enquiries over a long period. Eleven enquiries have been carried out on behalf of other Forces and assistance has been rendered to officers of this Force on fourteen occasions. This year has seen an increase in the number of allegations of offences of corruption, all of which have been time consuming and involving detailed investigations.

There has been a notable increase in the amount of intelligence and complaints of fraud being received by the Squad direct from professional bodies, i.e., solicitors, liquidators, and Official Receivers.

Two officers of the Squad have attended Fraud Investigation courses during the year, which have been of great benefit to the individual officers and to the Squad as a whole.

A successful conclusion was reached in one enquiry concerning seven employees of a caravan company who were charged with offences of conspiracy to defraud. All the accused pleaded not guilty, but after a lengthy trial at the Beverley Crown Court were found guilty and sentenced to terms of imprisonment. It was shown that the work-force of cabinet makers, with the assistance of the foreman and factory manager, submitted false work sheets and obtained wages far in excess of the amount to which they were entitled.

In another case a man trading in the Hull area caused his six companies to 'cease trading', leaving debts in excess of £70,000. He appeared before the Beverley Crown Court charged with seventeen counts of theft, deception and pecuniary advantage. He was found guilty on one count and sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment, suspended for two years with an order to pay £400 towards the cost of his defence.

The officers of the Squad have continued to liaise with Fraud Squads in other police areas exchanging information on a mutual basis.

Regional Crime Squad

Twenty Humberside Detective Officers are attached to the branch offices at Hull and Cleethorpes. They work with other officers in the Squad from Lincolnshire, Leeds, Sheffield and Nottingham.

The Squad has not only travelled to many parts of the country during the year to assist in operations and arrests for other Crime Squads but has also assisted this force in some of the major enquiries undertaken by divisional detective officers.

Case Loads

The recommended figure for an ideal case load is 150 crimes. The average case load per year for a detective officer in Humberside is in excess of this as is shown in the following table which indicates the average case load 'A' based on the Authorised Establishment and 'B' the Actual Establishment of operational detectives.

It became necessary to use divisional detective officers, with Headquarters staff, to act as enquiry teams dealing with special incidents such as the Hull Prison Enquiry. At the end of the year the enquiry was continuing and will do so into 1978. In order to combat a serious run of housebreakings the detective strength at B Division was temporarily increased to ease the case load on the existing detectives.

Although during the year 19,271 crimes were detected (2,206 more than in 1976) the actual detection rate fell to 44% being a decrease of 1% on the previous year.

Divisional Crime Figures for the Period 1.1.77 – 31.12.77							
<i>Division</i>	<i>Complaints Received</i>	<i>Detected</i>	<i>Undetected</i>	<i>Found to be No Crime</i>	<i>% Detected</i>	<i>'A' Case Load Authorised Establishment</i>	<i>'B' Case Load Actual Establishment</i>
'A' BEVERLEY	4,662	2,160	2,262	240	49%	274	310
'B' WESTERN HULL & DISTRICT	9,068	3,424	5,226	418	40%	292	259
'C' CENTRAL HULL	8,354	3,395	4,616	343	42%	225	225
'D' EASTERN HULL & DISTRICT	7,427	2,983	3,930	514	43%	265	309
'E' SCUNTHORPE	7,015	3,041	3,596	378	46%	200	208
'F' GRIMSBY	9,837	4,268	4,922	647	46%	213	252
FORCE (INCLUDING H.O. SQUADS)	46,363	19,271	24,552	2,540	44%	226	228

Scenes of Crime Department

The number of incidents dealt with by the Department shows an overall increase on 1976, particularly in the examination of scenes for fingerprints and forensic samples. The following table indicates the various data for the department:

	1976	1977
(a) Number of persons photographed and fingerprinted.	7441	7495
(b) Scenes of Crime examined.	9217	11239
(c) Scenes of Crime where fingerprints found	2435	2304
(d) Number of persons identified by fingerprints	511	602
(e) Incidents where photographs taken excluding (f).	3860	4125
(f) Injured persons photographed.	1139	1373
(g) New Plans prepared.	124	131
(h) Cases submitted to Forensic Science Laboratory for examination (excluding breath test).	732	638
(i) Breath test samples submitted for examination.	1094	1093
(j) Lectures given to probationary constables.	19	11
(k) Visits by and lectures to outside organisations.	26	45

The team work by Police and Civilian Scenes of Crime Officers is reflected in the number of identifications by the fingerprint bureau of fingerprints found by them during their examinations. Some of the tasks carried out by them have been unpleasant and two such incidents were the recovery of bodies from the fire at the Wensley Lodge Old Peoples Home and the searching of the scene of

a murder in a house at Scunthorpe, but the work was carried out with enthusiasm. The work of the Photographic Section has been supplemented by the issue of cameras to traffic patrol crews but this has in turn increased the amount of photographic processing carried out. The number of photographs produced by the Department for use in Court hearings increased, indicating the value which the Courts place on them as evidence.

Fingerprint Bureau

A total of 7,495 sets of fingerprints of persons arrested were received at the Fingerprint Bureau during 1977. Of these 2,602 had previous convictions and were recorded in the Fingerprint files. The remaining 4,893 were classified and included in the Fingerprint collection.

Fingerprints were found at 2,304 of the 11,239 scenes visited by the Scenes of Crime officers. Of these 669 contained insufficient detail or were eliminated as being those of occupiers or other persons having legitimate access. A total of 1,635 were searched against the Fingerprint Bureau collection and 602 identifications made. This is an increase of 91 on the previous year and gives a ratio of 1 to 2.71 compared with 1 to 3.84 in 1976. These figures reflect the work of the Scenes of Crime Officers and the four members of the Fingerprint Bureau Staff.

Forensic Science

The Home Office Forensic Science Laboratory has now moved into custom-built premises at Wetherby and has combined the work of the old laboratories at Harrogate and Gosforth. The co-operation between ourselves and the Laboratory staff has continued at a high level. Due to heavy commitments the Laboratory has found it necessary to be more selective in the number of visits to scenes leaving examinations to be carried out by our own Scenes of Crime Officers, reflecting the confidence which the Laboratory has in these officers.

All the Scenes of Crime Officers have attended a one-day course at Wetherby where recent developments in Forensic Science were explained to them and discussions took place.

Drug Squad

The strength of the Squad remains the same as in 1976, with one vacancy for a Detective Constable at 'A' Division. During the year there have been nine changes in staff with one Detective Sergeant being seconded to the Prison enquiry for nearly the whole year.

A total of 314 persons have been arrested and charged with various offences against the Misuse of Drugs Acts and Pharmacy and Poisons Act and the Theft Act, this shows an increase of 14 compared with 1976. Twenty persons were charged with supplying or possessing with intent to supply, a decrease of four compared with 1976.

The use of L.S.D. in the Force area has been minimal, only three persons being charged, the same number as in 1976.

The misuse of barbiturates remains about the same as in 1976.

In March 1977, members of the Drug Squad with Custom Officers searched a ship which was berthed at King George Dock, Hull and 97 kilos of cannabis bush worth £120,000 on the black market were recovered. On the 4th November, 1977, a burglary occurred at Leonards Chemist shop, Grimsby, when the Dangerous Drug cabinet and its contents and other drugs to the black market value of £8,000 were stolen. Enquiries resulted in the whole of the stolen property being recovered and five men are now awaiting trial.

It is pleasing to report that the five chemist shop burglaries in Grimsby during the year were all detected. In the Force area as a whole there were 28 cases of burglary and attempted burglary at chemist shops; 18 of these cases were detected.

263 persons were stopped and searched under the powers given in the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971. Of these 75 were found in possession of drugs. The comparable figures for 1976 were 407 and 97.

Officers from the Squad have given 144 talks and film shows on the dangers of Drug Abuse to various organisations. These talks have been well received and in nearly every case a letter of thanks has been received from the organisers.

Close liaison has been maintained with the Central Drug Intelligence Branch, New Scotland Yard and with the Home Office Drugs Branch and H.M. Customs. Relations with all these organisations have been excellent.

Firearms Department

The firm policy of control over firearms has been continued.

During the year a total of 16 new applications for firearms and shotgun certificates were refused. In addition four certificates for renewal and six variations of certificates were refused. I also found it necessary to revoke three certificates.

Details of the grant, etc. of certificates in 1977 are as follows:

	Firearms	Shotguns
Application for the grant of new certificates	290	934
Granted	281	927
Refused	9	7
Application for the renewal of certificates	1,768	4,524
Granted	1,767	4,521
Refused	1	3
Variations of certificates refused	6	0
Certificates revoked	1	2
Certificates transferred to other Forces	74	212
Certificates received from other Forces	85	215
Certificates in force at 31.12.77	7,892	20,876

Three appeals against my decisions not to grant certificates were made to the Crown Courts. In 2 cases my decisions were upheld and in the other it was reversed.



Bridlington children show their prize — winning entries in a competition aimed at reducing thefts from cars to Lady Macdonald of Sleat with Supt. C. Braithwaite looking on

Explosives

During 1977, 115 certificates for explosives were issued, the majority of which were either for private individuals engaged in the manufacture of their own cartridges or for their use of powder with muzzle loading weapons.

Crime Prevention Department

The establishment of the Crime Prevention Department at Headquarters remained at one inspector, one sergeant and a clerk/typist although a constable continued to carry out the sergeant's duties. Sergeants continued to be responsible for crime prevention at each Division but because of the territorial extent of 'A' Division, constables augment the establishment at Bridlington and Goole.

The role of the department has been to educate the general public and the business and commercial world on all aspects of security from the protection of buildings and cash in transit to contingency planning in the event of 'bomb scares'.

During the year an intensive drive was made against persons stealing from shops. In the larger stores particularly, assistants were trained to identify the risks and recognise the modus operandi of thieves.

Over 200 talks were given to various groups from Scout and Guide organisations to business clubs, at the Police Training Centre, Dishforth and locally to recruits at local procedure courses.

The number of premises protected by the burglar alarm systems continued to increase bringing attendant problems of false calls. A high proportion of such calls could be attributed to misoperation by staff and these and the consequent wastage of police manpower added to the difficulty of police coverage. False burglar alarm calls are a national problem and a satisfactory answer is yet to be found. However, the false call rate was closely watched on a monthly basis and reduced during the year through the efforts of my officers who investigated troublesome systems and closely liaised with occupiers and alarm companies.

190 police radio alarms were installed in crime-hit premises as a temporary measure and resulted in the arrest of 75 persons.

The security of explosives, firearms and drugs is of the utmost importance and my crime prevention officers rigidly enforce legislation in this respect as well as giving advice.

Several suspect letters and packages were examined by crime prevention officers during the year.

For the first time this year use was made of one of the Force's general purpose caravans as a mobile exhibition. The Design Assistant to Chief Constables at the Central Office of Information provided a portable display built to my specifications which could rapidly convert the caravan into a display unit.

Pupil/Police Relationship Scheme

The pupil/police relationship scheme has been as popular as ever and I am indebted to the Education Authority and headteachers for their continued support. During the year 80 schools were included in the scheme which is designed to show young citizens the role of the police in the community and I look forward to a similar number being visited in the coming year.

Crime Prevention Panels

Crime Prevention Panels are drawn from members of local communities at Beverley, Bridlington and Pocklington/Market Weighton and are an extension of the crime prevention officer's work in those areas. I am grateful to the members of these panels for their enthusiasm and fresh approach to crime prevention.

The Beverley Panel entered a float in the town's Jubilee Day Pageant which was a huge success and at Christmas their efforts were directed to young children when pens were distributed.

Crime Prevention Week at Bridlington was held during the height of the holiday season and is becoming an annual event; this year's efforts were aimed at cyclists who were entreated to secure their valuable machines. During the week daily prize competitions were organised by the Panel and were a great attraction.



The Candlewick Green 'pop' group added their weight to a crime prevention campaign in A Division

The combined Market Weighton and Pocklington Panel directed their attention to a competition for school children in the area, the winner being presented with a cup by Lady Manton.

Nationality Department

The number of Foreign Nationals residing in Humberside who are required to register with the Police continued to increase and the total at the end of 1977 was 765. This number represents 559 males and 206 females from 61 different countries. Educational facilities offered to foreign students are still the main attraction of this area.

The distribution of aliens throughout the divisions is as follows:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
A	42	24	66
B	148	64	212
C	138	57	195
D	33	14	47
E	36	29	65
F	162	18	180

A total of 69 citizens from Iran is the largest contingent in the area. Other countries well represented are the United States of America with 57 citizens, Libya with 51 citizens, Spain with 40 citizens, Chile with 39 citizens, Holland with 34 citizens, Germany with 32 citizens and Iraq with 31 citizens. All such registered aliens are periodically visited by Police to ensure that any changes in their particulars or conditions of stay in the country are accurately recorded.

Officers from the Nationality Department conducted 34 Naturalisation enquiries on behalf of the Home Office in addition to 217 general alien enquiries. 14 seamen deserters were dealt with and repatriated and assistance was given to the Immigration Service on 26 occasions when Foreign Nationals had been refused leave to enter this country at Humberside Ports. During the year 31 aliens appeared before courts for a variety of offences including assaults whereby grievous bodily harm was occasioned, assaults on Police, theft, burglary, importing and possessing controlled drugs, sexual offences and offences contrary to the Immigration Act 1971.

Higher Courts Liaison Department

The Crown Courts sitting at Hull, Beverley, York, Grimsby and Lincoln hear criminal cases committed from the Petty Sessional Divisions within the Humberside Police area. Cases have also been heard on several occasions during the past year at the Crown Courts sitting at Leeds, Doncaster, Wakefield, Sheffield, Nottingham and Leicester, these having been transferred after the committal.

In order to provide liaison with these courts one Inspector and one Sergeant are stationed in Hull, and one Sergeant is stationed at Grimsby.

The liaison officers attend Crown Courts on all occasions when Humberside Police cases are heard to give evidence of character and previous convictions. They also assist at trials with arranging the attendance of witnesses and the tracing of defendants. They form a liaison with judges, court staff and the legal profession in general.

During 1977, 1,705 persons appeared before the Crown Courts compared with 1,694 in 1976. The details are as follows:

	1976	1977
Hull/Beverley	1,050	1,129
York	110	94
Grimsby	449	424
Lincoln	47	27
Other Courts	38	31



Typical havoc caused when vandals break into a building

OFFENCE	1976		
	Reported 1976	Recorded 1976	Detected 1976
Murder	7	7	7
Threat or conspiracy to murder	2	1	1
Manslaughter	2	2	2
Causing death by dangerous driving	11	11	11
Wounding or other act endangering life	59	54	53
Other wounding, etc.	2,228	2,103	1,789
Assault	1	1	1
Child stealing	1	1	1
Buggery	15	13	9
Attempt to commit buggery, etc.	57	52	43
Indecency between males	28	28	26
Rape	58	34	23
Indecent Assault on a female	310	296	175
Unlawful sexual intercourse with girl under 13	12	12	12
Unlawful sexual intercourse with girl under 16	117	116	107
Incest	14	14	14
Procuration	1	1	1
Abduction	1	1	1
Bigamy	3	3	3
Burglary in a dwelling	4,537	4,362	1,109
Aggravated burglary in a dwelling	4	4	3
Burglary in a building other than a dwelling	5,319	5,238	1,721
Aggravated burglary in a building other than a dwelling	2	2	2
Going equipped for stealing, etc.	47	44	44
Robbery or assault with intent to rob	140	124	59
Blackmail	14	12	9
Theft from the person of another	113	106	29
Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter	929	857	422
Theft by an employee	606	595	569
Theft or unauthorised taking from mail	15	12	6
Theft of pedal cycle	4,529	3,435	453
Theft from vehicle	3,039	2,960	776
Shoplifting	3,552	3,622	3,242
Theft from automatic machine or meter	531	512	284
Theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicle	2,466	2,331	966
Other theft or unauthorised taking	7,144	6,596	2,210
Fraud by company director, etc.	1	1	1
False accounting	35	34	33
Other fraud	1,140	1,077	862
Handling stolen goods	976	958	958
Arson	301	290	84
Criminal damage endangering life (excluding arson)	1	1	1
Other criminal damage over £20	1,453	1,387	530
Threat or possession with intent to commit criminal damage	2	2	2
Forgery or uttering of prescription	6	6	6
Other forgery or uttering	164	163	156
Other offence against the State or public order	9	9	9
Perjury	7	5	4
Other indictable offence	245	245	236
TOTAL	40,354	37,740	17,065

OFFENCE	1977		
	Reported 1977	Recorded 1977	Detected 1977
Murder	8	4	4
Attempted murder	3	3	3
Threat or conspiracy to murder	3	3	3
Manslaughter	1	1	1
Causing death by dangerous driving	6	6	6
Wounding or other act endangering life	76	75	70
Endangering railway passenger	1	1	1
Other wounding, etc.	2,372	2,281	1,859
Concealment of birth	5	5	4
Buggery	20	18	15
Attempt to commit buggery, etc.	59	53	43
Indecency between males	46	46	46
Rape	24	15	12
Indecent assault on a female	356	337	225
Unlawful sexual intercourse with girl under 13	2	2	2
Unlawful sexual intercourse with girl under 16	105	102	98
Incest	8	7	5
Procuration	1	1	1
Abduction	1	1	1
Bigamy	4	4	4
Burglary in a dwelling	4,982	4,835	1,363
Aggravated burglary in a dwelling	9	8	5
Burglary in a building other than a dwelling	6,726	6,631	2,071
Aggravated burglary in a building other than a dwelling	2	2	2
Going equipped for stealing, etc.	45	43	43
Robbery or assault with intent to rob	154	143	65
Blackmail	8	6	2
Theft from the person of another	140	126	46
Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter	879	811	417
Theft by an employee	634	618	574
Theft or unauthorised taking from mail	9	8	3
Theft of pedal cycle	4,344	3,321	451
Theft from vehicle	3,819	3,744	859
Shoplifting	4,586	4,551	4,057
Theft from automatic machine or meter	519	505	293
Theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicle	2,702	2,566	1,004
Other theft or unauthorised taking	8,333	7,759	2,482
False accounting	27	26	26
Other fraud	1,112	1,055	819
Handling stolen goods	1,020	1,012	1,012
Arson	408	401	121
Criminal damage endangering life (excluding arson)	2	2	1
Other criminal damage over £20	2,331	2,220	719
Threat or possession with intent to commit criminal damage	9	9	8
Forgery or uttering of drug prescription	33	33	33
Other forgery or uttering	213	213	198
Other offence against the State or public order	1	—	—
Perjury	7	6	4
Other indictable offence	208	204	190
TOTAL	46,363	43,823	19,271

INDICTABLE OFFENCES	JAN -- DEC 1976	JAN -- DEC 1977
Offences Against the Person		
Wounding, Assaults, etc.	2,180	2,379
Indecency Offences	566	581
Offences Against Property		
Burglary in a Dwellinghouse	4,362	4,835
Agg. Burglary in a Dwellinghouse	4	8
Burglary in other Buildings	5,238	6,631
Agg. Burglary in other Buildings	2	2
Going Equipped for Stealing	44	43
Thefts		
Robbery	124	143
Theft of Pedal Cycles	3,435	3,321
Theft from Unattended Vehicles	2,960	3,744
Theft from Shops	3,622	4,551
Theft from Meters	512	505
Theft/T.W.O.C. of Motor Vehicles	2,331	2,566
Other Thefts	8,166	9,322
Fraud		
Handling Stolen Property	958	1,012
Frauds	1,078	1,055
Forgery and Kindred Offences	203	272
Malicious Criminal Damage		
Malicious Criminal Damage -- Arson, etc.	1,680	2,632
Miscellaneous Indictable Offences	275	221
TOTAL RECORDED	37,740	43,823

TRAFFIC

Traffic Division Organisation and Function

The formation of the Operations Support Echelon in September 1977 meant that some of the functions previously carried out within the Traffic Division became the responsibilities of other departments and affected the overall establishment of this Division.

Driver Training and Traffic Law have now become the responsibility of the Force Training Department whilst the Operations Room and Mounted Section are controlled by the Operations Support Echelon. The other functions of the Division remain the same and the general increase in traffic within the County has meant an extra workload for officers patrolling the area.

Traffic Management and Highway Developments

Throughout the year a close liaison has been maintained with members of the Humberside County Council Technical Services Department together with the various district highways staff. The Traffic Management Officer has continued to attend meetings of the County Council and District Councils' Highways Committees and present observations on all matters relative to Traffic Management within the County. The various problems which have arisen with regard to road safety especially at certain road junctions, have led to site meetings and discussions being held with a view to improving the safety factor. The construction of the M.180 Motorway has continued and 1977 saw the opening of the first part of the M.180, the Brigg By-Pass. Its effect was immediately noticed in relieving Brigg of much of the heavy traffic which formerly passed through the town.

Motor Rallies

There were 25 motor car and 2 motor cycle events during the year. Few complaints from members of the public were received, no doubt due to the discussions that took place before the events to avoid sensitive areas.

Cycle Events

During the year, 232 time trials, 22 road races and 3 sponsored cycling events were organised. Only minimal supervision by Traffic Zones and Territorial Divisions was required.

Traffic Patrols

The number of patrol areas within the force remains unchanged since my last Report but the present manpower situation means that too many of these patrols have to be covered by one vehicle covering two or more areas and although it is desirable at times that some vehicles should be double manned, it is only very rarely that this can be achieved.

Speed Limits — Radar, Vascar

During the year 3419 motorists were reported for exceeding the speed limit.

It became possible in 1977 to purchase sets of VASCAR (Visual Average Speed Computer and Recorders) speed equipment. Three Sergeants attended an Instructors Course at Essex Police Headquarters and, upon their return, commenced training traffic patrol officers in the use of this equipment. It was possible to bring it into operational use on the 1st November, 1977.

In order that Magistrates and other interested bodies throughout the County should be aware of the technique, lectures and demonstrations have been given and are continuing in 1978. No persons reported for speeding offences following the use of this equipment actually appeared before the Magistrates of the County during 1977, due to the general back-log of all types of cases awaiting hearing.

The use of static speed measuring equipment is still an essential facility; as mentioned in my Report for 1976 the present PETA radar equipment is virtually obsolete and the acquisition of a suitable replacement is becoming an urgent priority. Although devices which would appear to be suitable are at present being reviewed by a Home Office Department a final choice is awaited.

Although not always apparent in accident statistics, speeding remains a primary contributory factor not only in a large number of accidents but also in causing more serious injuries in what might otherwise be only a slight accident. The provision of VASCAR will help to combat this offence which, despite the vigilance of patrols, is still much too prevalent.

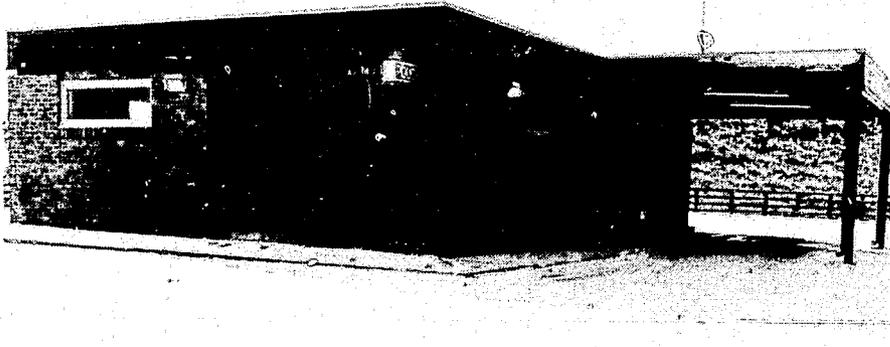
Accommodation and Manpower

No dramatic changes have taken place during 1977, mainly due to restrictions on manpower and finance. However, the North Bank Motorway Section has firmly established itself at Howden, a location which provides for ready access to the Motorway. The need for an increased establishment, (which is under review) is imperative if the Motorways are to meet the intention of creating a safe and fast road network. Too frequently the necessity to implement even the most basic of emergency schemes results in unacceptable delays due to the dearth of manpower. Such a simple operation as diverting traffic from only one carriageway has, on occasions, taken almost 30 minutes which is far too long.

The opening of the Brigg By-Pass brought Motorway Patrolling to the South Bank. When another 20 miles of the M.180 is opened in October 1978 it will be necessary for a unit, similar to that on the North Bank, to be established.

During the latter part of the year a Motorway Post — designed to a standard Home Office specification — approached completion on land adjacent to the M.62 Motorway at North Cave. The Post includes facilities for public reception, report writing, refreshment and the storage of equipment. A secure

vehicle compound is also included within the perimeter of the Post. It is intended that it will provide an essential "staging" post for patrols giving ready access to the M.62 and A.63, when it is taken into use early in 1978.



The motorway post at North Cave

Abnormal Loads

The escorting of abnormal loads continues to be a regular feature of patrol work and although a time-consuming activity, it is essential in the interests of safety. All movements continue to be co-ordinated through the Force Operations Room where advice is given on the most suitable route to be used.

During the year 39,956 such loads were notified — an increase of 3,246 from the previous year — making an ever increasing demand upon our resources.

Dangerous Loads,

The danger stemming from badly secured loads was tragically highlighted when a woman passenger in a car travelling on the A.63 was killed. A 9ft. girder weighing 1½ cwt. worked loose from the load of a goods vehicle and fell on to the carriageway. A car driver swerved to avoid the obstruction, collided with a fence and the woman passenger lost her life. Traffic patrols continue to be particularly vigilant, especially in industrial areas of the County in an effort to combat these dangers and advise drivers accordingly.

Dangerous Substances

Whilst the Hazardous Substances (Conveyance by Road) Tank Labelling Regulations have reached final draft stage the marking of road tankers carrying hazardous substances is still not mandatory. The labelling system containing a code by which the emergency services can instantly deal with an incident without technical knowledge is, however, widely used by the Chemical and Transport Industries in Humberside.

During the year discussions aimed at streamlining procedures and overcoming possible problems at incidents involving hazardous substances have taken place between the police and representatives of the following bodies: Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service, Local Authorities, British Rail, Local Transport and Chemical Companies, Amoco and B.P. North Sea Gas terminals, British Transport Police and other Northern Police Forces.

Radio Humberside produced a programme on the subject in February of this year involving the police, fire brigade and industry outlining the common problems faced, the current and proposed legislation and the training given to personnel involved.

A good liaison has been maintained between all interested parties and no major problems have arisen.



A delicate situation for a wide load

However, during 1977, despite all the precautions taken by industry, there were 51 incidents involving chemicals throughout Humberside (47 in 1976). As a result of these incidents a total of 29 persons required hospital treatment and this included 7 police officers. Fortunately none of the persons treated suffered serious injury.

In addition to the refineries and installations on both banks of the Humber, there are added problems caused by the import and export of chemicals through the Humber Ports. Research has revealed that the quantities of dangerous chemicals conveyed along the roads within the County are numbered in millions of tons annually rendering Humberside the second most chemically-intensive county in this respect.

With incidents involving chemicals occurring on a weekly basis a certain amount of expertise has been acquired by the emergency services and particularly the Fire Brigade. This has ensured that potentially dangerous situations have been contained quickly with minimum effect to persons and property.

Department of the Environment Vehicle Checks

A close working relationship exists with the Department of the Environment Enforcement Officers. A total of 225 road checks have taken place this year in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, emphasis being placed on goods vehicles of all types. The Department of the Environment road checks are additional to those undertaken throughout the year in the normal course of duty.

Vehicle Investigation Branch

The work of the Vehicle Investigation Branch on both Banks of the River has increased once again during 1977. Members of the Force and outside organisations continue to recognise the valuable contribution which this Branch of the Division can make in all aspects of Traffic Law enforcement.

A particular case of interest arose when enquiries and an examination of a burnt-out Alfa Romeo car by the Southorpe Branch revealed that the vehicle had been stolen in St. Tropez, Southern France. Other stolen vehicles have also been identified following examination by V.I.B. Officers.

The 'bread and butter' work of the section is shown in the following example.

In March, 1977 a policeman in Hessle Road, Hull, stopped a van which was "crabbing". The vehicle was examined and no less than fifteen Construction and Use offences were found. The most blatant related to the rear brakes, which were covered in oil with the lining worn from the shoe; the rear axle had moved, seriously affecting the steering and stability of the van; one tyre was about to "blow out"; the bodywork was dangerous and the rear wings about to drop off.

The trend during 1977 appears to have been for cheaper maintenance work and the purchase of cheaper vehicles (including those which have been reported as a "total loss") which have been rebuilt and put back into use on

the roads. Many people, having purchased such transport cheaply, are not aware of this and consider that they have bought a good car at a bargain price until V.I.B. Officers arrive to examine the vehicle.

Traffic Hazards and Problems

The amount of traffic using the Motorways continues to increase. Although traffic density cannot be compared with some other major Motorways it is clear that numbers will continue to grow and probably not achieve a peak until after the completion of the Humber Bridge M.180 link. The M.18 appears to have shown a marked increase in traffic in recent months.

The need for a constant presence and vigilance on Motorway patrol work is paramount and prompt action is essential at even the smallest incident in order to prevent its escalation. A typical example of how a dangerous situation could easily develop was illustrated at an incident which occurred shortly after dusk, one evening during the summer. A hot air balloon landed in a field adjacent to the M.62. A number of passing motorists stopped on the hard shoulder and the conflict of varying speeds and changes of direction presented an immediate hazard to other traffic. The Motorway patrols quickly responded and dispersed the gathering before the potential danger became the reality of a multi-vehicle accident. Despite the prohibition on several classes of road user, patrols regularly deal with learner drivers, hitch-hikers and pedal cyclists. Motorists still stop on the hard shoulder, leave their vehicles to stretch their legs, take photographs and even cross the carriageways. One family went as far as pitching a tent on the grass verge! All these activities are of course illegal and potentially very dangerous amongst fast moving vehicles. Despite a wealth of national publicity on the proper use of Motorways in particular, there are still far too many motorists who are ignorant of their obligations and a constant Police presence is essential.

Physical obstruction of the carriageway naturally presents an equally dangerous hazard. The main dangers arise from vehicles which have broken down, or been abandoned. The immediate priority is to ensure that they are moved from the main carriageway to the hard shoulder, coned off for safety and subsequently removed. On a smaller but nonetheless equally dangerous scale, other objects are scattered almost hourly by traffic using the Motorways. These can range from baulks of timber falling from badly loaded goods vehicles, to parts and accessories from poorly maintained vehicles; all are at the very least distracting and capable of diverting drivers into the path of other vehicles. Although it is the daily task of the Council Motorway Maintenance Department to clear this 'debris' from the carriageway, the Police patrols play their part in removing as much as possible, or signing and coning those objects which cannot be moved manually.

County Council Maintenance Unit

It is perhaps opportune to mention the assistance given to police personnel by the Motorway Maintenance Unit. Their invaluable back-up support at several accidents, where they have assisted to establish diversions, allowing

the Police patrols to concentrate on the heart of the incident, is much appreciated and is typical of the excellent liaison which has developed between the two organisations.

Weather Hazards

The vagaries of the British weather, particularly during the winter, can quickly supplement the day to day hazards. 1977 was no exception. Early November brought with it a sustained period of foggy weather bringing danger to all roads, particularly the M.62 and M.18, both of which cross low lying land and are consequently prone to conditions of poor visibility.

Fortunately no major incidents occurred, nevertheless patrols did experience some anxious moments — a typically disturbing example was the sight of a motor car being reversed in the fog along the eastbound carriageway of the M.62. The driver had failed to read an advanced warning sign properly and had subsequently stopped and reversed in order to read the direction contained on the sign, presenting an imminent danger to all other following vehicles.

Despite the publicity afforded to both the legal and logical necessity to use headlights in daylight fog many drivers still fail to appreciate that although their headlights may not illuminate their own path to any appreciable degree their use certainly makes the vehicle more visible to other drivers. It has been necessary to resort to prosecutions in a number of cases of failure to use headlights in conditions of poor visibility and whilst there is no satisfaction to be gained from this, the circumstances demand positive action when motorists jeopardise others due to their own unwillingness to apply a little common sense and consideration.

Ouse Bridge

Last year I reported on the special precautions taken to meet the hazards created by high winds on the Ouse Bridge, and how the anemometer (wind speed gauge) installed on the bridge is linked to the Operations Room. During the year 'rota-plank' wind warning signs were included in the advance warning signs at the half mile approaches, east and west of the bridge. The signs, activated by patrols when the strength and direction of the wind becomes a hazard to the drivers of high sided vehicles, advise diversion via Boothferry Bridge. Although these are of benefit, only one sign exists on each side of the bridge which, in a Motorway environment, is inadequate. More advance warnings are still required and hopefully both present and future signs will be operable electronically, rather than manually, when the financial restrictions applied to other agencies are eased.

Traffic Survey

During the summer season, an internal survey of coastal bound traffic, initiated the previous year, was continued. Despite a reduction in the overall volume of some of the traffic — possibly as a direct result of the variable weather — there were clear indications that visitors to our coastal resorts are



The diversion sign on the Ouse Bridge — part of the M.62

using the Motorways to a greater extent. In consequence there has been some easing of pressure on some of the more notorious bottle-necks on former traditional coastal routes.

Accident Prevention

A close liaison has been maintained with the County Council Road Safety Section and officers regularly participate in the various Traffic Education courses organised by the statutory authority. In addition to these joint projects, members of the Accident Prevention Department have continued to give school assembly talks on Road Safety and general behaviour. The value of these visits is inestimable in fostering a good Police/Public relationship, especially with the increase in vandalism, a fact recognised by headteachers who give their whole-hearted support. The Accident Prevention Inspector represented the Force at all Road Safety Meetings at District Council level.

Talks to Adult Audiences

218 film shows and lectures were given to adult audiences on road safety subjects. Advance driving lectures were also given by Scunthorpe, Grimsby, Hull and Beverley based members of the Department in conjunction with evening institutes. A course of such instruction given by officers at Grimsby was run in conjunction with the Transport and Road Research Laboratory.



A police Accident Prevention display

Exhibitions

Accident Prevention Displays were given at 46 exhibitions and shows. The main feature of the displays was audience participation in the seat belt simulator, reaction tester mounted in a car and the eyesight tester. These exhibitions were staged at both the Grimsby and Tower Grange Police Station open days.

Accompanied Drives

In order to promote better standards of driving, members of the public who were already qualified drivers were invited to drive their own vehicle, accompanied by a Police Advanced Driver as observer. On completion of the drive, any dangerous or undesirable habits were pointed out. The evening following the driving assessment, a lecture on better driving techniques was given. The scheme operated from Hull, Beverley, Scunthorpe, Grimsby and Goole, with 385 drivers participating. The programme proves to be extremely popular and results in more applicants for places than can be accommodated.

Road Trials

The Accident Prevention Department assisted the Kingston upon Hull Road Safety Committee to organise the annual Road Courtesy Trials for private cars and motor cycles. Assistance was given at both the Lorry Driver of the Year and Bus Driver of the Year Competitions.

Pre-School Training

During the year 94 visits were made to Tufty Clubs and pre-school play groups.

Visits to Schools

In the year 944 visits were made to schools where talks and film shows affecting Road Safety, the general behaviour and related problems were given to 172,350 pupils.

Examination of Pedal Cycles

23 schools were visited and with the fullest co-operation of the Head-teachers, spot checks were made on over 5,500 cycles owned by pupils. A disturbing factor was that over 29% were found to be defective, and further visits were made to ensure that these faults had been rectified.

National Cycling Proficiency Tests

The County Council Road Safety Section, in close co-operation with teachers and volunteer instructors, were responsible for the training of young cyclists; Police Accident Prevention Officers carried out the testing. During the year 386 test sessions were carried out and 5,480 pupils passed. Approximately 8.4% failed to reach the required standard.

Driver Education

Assistance was rendered to the County Council Road Safety Section by providing police lecturers to talk on Traffic Law, Accidents and their Causes, the Breathalyser Law and Construction and Use Regulations. 179 such lectures were given during the year.

Road Safety Publicity

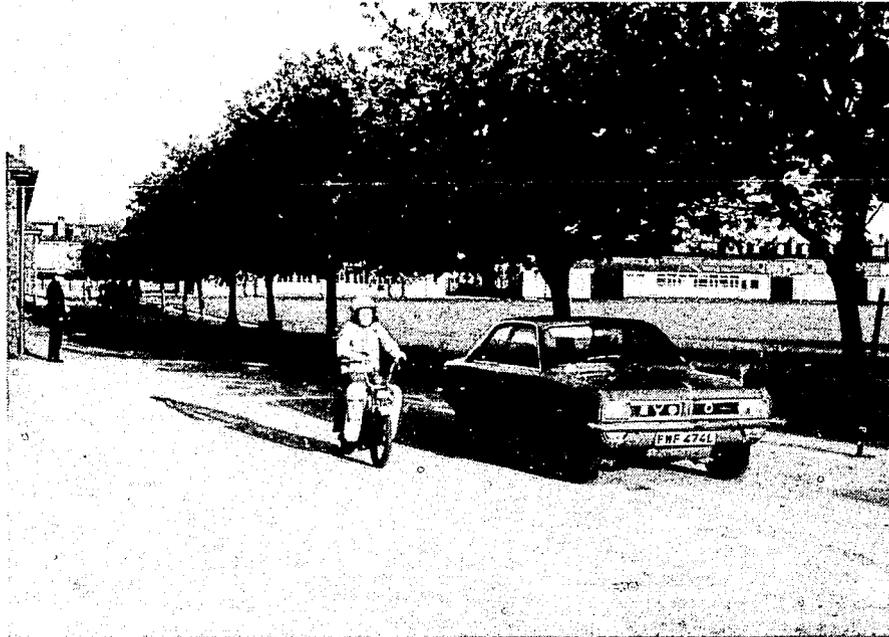
Every opportunity is taken to publicise Road Safety advice and the co-operation of the media in extending press, T.V. and radio facilities has been excellent.

Radio Humberside Broadcasting

An excellent relationship exists between the staff of Radio Humberside and the Department. As a result, over 120 broadcasts were made by Accident Prevention Officers.

Accident Investigation

All major accident scenes are visited by the appropriate Accident



A practical road safety session at Goole — to overtake

Prevention Officer in order that contributory factors and causations might be examined with a view to taking remedial action, whether by enforcement or engineering, to prevent similar occurrences.

Motor Cycle Training

The Department organised motor cycle training courses consisting of lectures and practical riding at six high schools. In addition, assistance was given to teachers running courses under the guidance of the County Council and the R.A.C./A.C.U. motor cycle courses.

A special display for motor cyclists was held at Scunthorpe and because of its success it will be repeated at other locations in 1978.

School Crossing Patrols

The County Council has assumed full responsibility for the school crossing patrol system. Due to the Police manpower shortage the County Council has been informed that there will be no Police coverage available for situations left vacant due to resignations, and there is no guarantee of cover in the case of illness. A pool of reserve Patrols has been established by the County Council to cover emergencies.

Water Safety

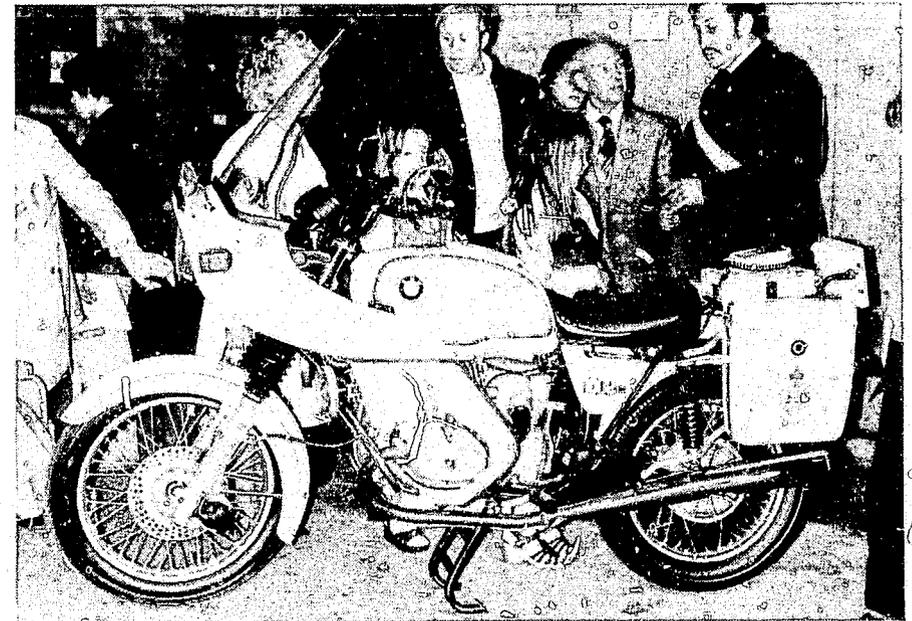
Members of the Accident Prevention Department have included lectures and slide-shows on Water Safety in their schools programme, as an adjunct to normal road safety education.

Army School of Mechanical Transport

An excellent liaison has been established with the Army School of Mechanical Transport, Leconfield, and lectures are given monthly to basic courses and to the Motor Transport Officers' Courses.

Fleet Management and Maintenance

1977 saw the standardisation policy for vehicles continued with 137 vehicles being changed, of which 31 were vans replaced by cars. The replacement schedule got off to a good start; the latter half of the year enabled the programme to reach its target dates and during December the ideal situation was reached when the vehicle suppliers held a small number of units in stock slightly in advance of our programmed requirements. Minor delays experienced during this period were due to the inability to deal with radio installations in adequate numbers, mainly because of staffing problems.



One of the new B.M.W. 1,000 c.c. motorcycles

Financial constraint allowed us to expand by only four vehicles, making the attainment of the authorised strength of 399, still seem a long way off. It is hoped that further acquisitions will be made during 1978 if financial limitations are eased.

At 31st December, 1977, the fleet comprised:

- 237 Cars
- 49 Vans
- 27 Motor Cycles
- 16 Personnel Carriers
- 2 Prison Vans
- 2 Recovery Vehicles
- 1 Horse Box
- Total 334

As predicted, the purchase of 6 B.M.W. motor cycles has enabled these particular motor cycle patrols to operate consistently. Their reliability is excellent, consequently patrol-time is high, maintenance and repair time being minimal.

In keeping with the policy of constantly seeking greater efficiency and economy, a Ford Fiesta 950 was purchased in April for rural-beat work and has



A new Ford Fiesta rural beat car

proved to be reliable and economical, having to date covered over 17,000 trouble-free miles, at better than 42 miles per gallon. A further 18 of these cars have been ordered.

Fleet Maintenance

To date, financial restrictions have not allowed us to make the required alterations to buildings to install additional lifts at the Headquarters Garage. It is envisaged that this will be resolved in the near future.

An electronic wheel-alignment unit has been installed at the Scunthorpe Garage and has proved very effective in use, enabling a high degree of accuracy to be attained with speed of operation.

Very little progress has been achieved in the development of the garage at Priory Road; a much needed facility.



An instant statistic — one of the many listed overleaf

1976					
DIVISION	Number of Accidents Reported	Number of Accidents Involving Injury	PERSONS		
			Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured
A Beverley	1780	700	16	233	741
B Priory	1917	734	16	167	717
C Central (Hull)	1129	406	3	96	369
D Tower Grange	1610	623	11	197	591
E Scunthorpe	1775	807	23	270	786
F Grimsby	2206	864	12	221	845
Total	10417	4134	81	1184	4049
Total Casualties:- 5,314					
The Categories are classified as follows:-					
Persons over 16 years Categories		Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total Casualties
VEHICLE DRIVERS		15	225	881	1121
VEHICLE PASSENGERS		14	193	751	958
MOTOR CYCLISTS/MOPEDS		18	346	1007	1371
PILLION PASSENGERS		1	39	98	138
PEDAL CYCLISTS		8	58	304	370
PEDESTRIANS		15	135	267	417
Total		71	996	3308	4375
Children under 16 years		Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total
PEDESTRIANS		9	128	358	495
PEDAL CYCLISTS		1	46	206	253
BUS PASSENGERS		0	4	38	42
CAR PASSENGERS		0	10	139	149
Total		10	188	741	939

1977					
DIVISION	Number of Accidents Reported	Number of Accidents Involving Injury	PERSONS		
			Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured
A Beverley	1797	648	29	24	763
B Priory	1776	680	19	176	680
C Central (Hull)	1062	435	7	96	411
D Tower Grange	1494	638	19	192	594
E Scunthorpe	1691	716	24	212	633
F Grimsby	2032	828	12	209	794
Total	9852	3981	110	1099	3875
Total Casualties:- 5084					
The Categories are classified as follows:-					
Persons over 15 years Categories		Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total Casualties
VEHICLE DRIVERS		30	231	797	1058
VEHICLE PASSENGERS		18	160	778	956
MOTOR CYCLISTS/MOPEDS		10	329	878	1217
PILLION PASSENGERS		1	22	79	102
PEDAL CYCLISTS		6	57	271	334
PEDESTRIANS		30	123	322	475
Total		95	922	3125	4142
Children under 15 years		Killed	Seriously Injured	Slightly Injured	Total
PEDESTRIANS		9	113	345	467
PEDAL CYCLISTS		2	40	231	273
BUS PASSENGERS		—	1	32	33
CAR PASSENGERS		4	23	142	169
Total		15	177	750	942

TRAFFIC DIVISION OFFENCES

No.	Offence	Offences Reported		Verbal Warnings	
		1976	1977	1976	1977
1.	Dangerous driving – motor vehicles (including S.1 R.T.A. 1972)	126	112	—	—
2.	Careless driving – motor vehicles	1360	1257	—	—
3.	Dangerous/Careless riding – pedal cycles	41	27	—	—
4.	Driving/In charge under influence	23	13	—	—
5.	Driving/in charge over prescribed limit	238	195	—	—
6.	Failing to provide specimen (R.T.A. 1972)	54	75	—	—
7.	Drunk – others	9	8	—	—
8.	Speed Limits – Non P.E.T.A.	3004	2952	3913	3005
	P.E.T.A.	1951	394	1009	1459
9.	Driving Licence Offences (other than at No. 10)	648	629	246	189
10.	Provisional Licence Offences	1141	1069	526	518
11.	Test Certificate Offences	798	722	27	43
12.	Insurance Offences	1122	1042	4	6
13.	Drive whilst disqualified	112	149	—	—
14.	Forging/Altering – Licences/Documents	26	36	—	—
15.	No Excise Licence	1723	1438	151	114
16.	Fail to Display	1294	1195	3338	2377
17.	Fraudulent use, Excise Licence etc.	75	86	4	3
18.	Fail to produce Driving Documents	798	788	32	35
19.	Aiding and Abetting Offences	602	549	31	33
20.	Trade Plate Offence	44	42	123	58
21.	Records – Goods Vehicles/P.S.V.s etc.	2485	2822	1458	1242
22.	Obstruction/Dangerous Position	47	32	303	179
23.	Clearways – No Waiting Regulations and Order	28	18	582	428
24.	Fail to stop/report accident	188	128	2	—
25.	Fail to conform to traffic sign/Police sign	489	449	219	184
26.	'U' Turn Order	17	4	13	13
27.	Brakes – motor vehicles	562	394	455	323
28.	Tyres – motor vehicles	1219	1116	1619	1075
29.	Dangerous, insecure loads	206	222	203	142
30.	Other Construction and Use Offences	1651	1482	1454	2031
31.	Brakes – Pedal Cycles	87	40	326	234
32.	Lights/reflectors – motor vehicles – pedal cycles	1042	1049	7585	5146
		142	69	1318	711
33.	Animals straying	9	11	4	32
34.	Load over weight	171	262	52	57
35.	Miscellaneous Offences	1038	1118	1963	1492
36.	MOTORWAY				
	Stop – Hard Shoulder	133	62	179	127
	– Carriageway	7	13	2	14
37.	'L' Drivers	42	41	19	26
38.	Pedestrians	42	40	89	81
39.	Other prohibited traffic	28	21	11	12
40.	'U' Turns – Motorway	15	7	2	1
	TOTALS	24,837	22,178	27,262	21,390



My traffic patrol officers do not spend all their time reporting offences. These two officers were invited to a vicar's garden party (where they are pictured with children who entered a fancy dress competition) after helping him on the motorway when his vehicle broke down

Accidents involving Personal Injury
 Causes of accidents involving Injury

Cause	1976		1977	
	Number of Accidents	Percentage	Number of Accidents	Percentage
<i>Drivers and Cyclists:</i>				
Fatigued or asleep	7	0.17	7	0.16
Ill	13	0.32	14	0.33
Under influence of drink or drug	87	2.18	90	2.18
Physically defective	1	0.02	1	0.02
Learner driver	61	1.53	96	2.33
Inexperienced with type of vehicle	26	0.65	39	0.94
Excessive speed for conditions	153	3.83	175	4.24
Failing to keep to n/side or proper lane	108	2.71	94	2.28
Cutting in	8	0.20	6	0.14
Overtaking improperly on nearside	11	0.27	22	0.53
Overtaking improperly on offside	120	3.01	145	3.52
Swerving	55	1.38	39	0.94
Failing to give way at pedestrian crossing	75	1.88	80	1.94
Turning round in road negligently	29	0.72	38	0.92
Reversing negligently	33	0.82	27	0.65
Failing to comply with traffic sign/signal	387	9.71	446	10.83
Failing to signal correctly	7	0.17	8	0.19
Pulling out from n/side without due care	41	1.02	60	1.45
Pulling out from o/side without due care	9	0.22	2	0.04
Changing lane carelessly	7	0.17	6	0.14
Cyclists riding more than two abreast	0	0.00	1	0.02
Cyclists riding head down	7	0.17	3	0.07
Inattention or attention diverted	411	10.30	366	8.88
Hampered by passenger, animal or luggage	6	0.15	5	0.12
Turning left without due care	66	1.65	66	1.60
Turning right without due care	485	12.17	507	12.3
Driver negligently opening side door	35	0.87	45	1.09
Negligently opening rear door	1	0.02	2	0.04
Door not fastened properly	0	0.00	2	0.04
Crossing without due care	42	1.05	36	0.87
Pedal cyclists holding another vehicle	2	0.05	0	0.00
Dazzled by lights of another vehicle	12	0.30	8	0.19
Moving off carelessly	23	0.57	32	0.77
Stopping suddenly	59	1.48	49	1.18
Misjudging clearance, distance or speed	350	8.78	388	9.42
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	Total C/F	2737	2905	
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Accidents involving Personal Injury Causes of accidents involving Injury <i>Cause</i>	Total B/F	1976	<i>Percentage</i>	1977	<i>Percentage</i>
		<i>Number of Accidents 2737</i>		<i>Number of Accidents 2905</i>	
Following vehicle too closely	59	1.48	57	1.38
Defective eyesight	0	0.00	2	0.04
<i>Pedestrians:</i>					
Crossing road masked by stationary vehicle	202	5.06	204	4.95
Crossing road masked by moving vehicle	17	0.42	12	0.29
Crossing road not masked by vehicle	153	3.83	165	4.00
Walking or standing in road	41	1.02	30	0.72
Playing in road	7	0.17	1	0.02
Moving off footpath into road	263	6.59	248	6.02
Slipping or falling	8	0.20	14	0.33
Physical defects or sudden illness	1	0.02	2	0.04
Under influence of drink or drug	11	0.27	15	0.36
Holding onto a vehicle	0	0.00	5	0.12
Other error or negligence	15	0.37	7	0.16
<i>Passengers:</i>					
Carelessly getting on or off P.S.V.	28	0.70	32	0.77
Carelessly getting on or off non P.S.V.	2	0.05	1	0.02
Falling when inside or from vehicle	59	1.48	40	0.97
Passenger opening door carelessly	4	0.10	2	0.04
Other negligence on part of passenger	2	0.05	7	0.16
Stealing ride	3	0.07	1	0.02
Negligence by conductor or attendant	4	0.10	8	0.19
Under influence of drink or drug	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Animals</i>					
Dog in carriageway	42	1.05	32	0.77
Other animal in carriage way	29	0.72	13	0.31
<i>Obstructions</i>					
Stationary vehicle dangerously placed	7	0.17	2	0.04
Vehicles involved in previous accident	0	0.00	0	0.00
Other obstruction	9	0.22	6	0.14
<i>Vehicle Defects</i>					
Mechanical defect – brakes	16	0.40	19	0.46
Mechanical defect – tyres or wheels	27	0.67	29	0.70
	Total C/F	3746		3859	

Accidents involving Personal Injury
Causes of accidents involving Injury

Cause	1976		1977	
	Total B/F	Number of Accidents 3746	Percentage	Number of Accidents 3859
Mechanical defect – steering	6	0.15	8	0.19
Mechanical defect – chain	2	0.05	5	0.12
Mechanical defect – frame	1	0.02	0	0.00
No front light	5	0.12	3	0.07
Inadequate front light	1	0.02	0	0.00
No rear light	1	0.02	2	0.04
Inadequate rear light	0	0.00	0	0.00
Unattended vehicle running away	0	0.00	0	0.00
Drivers view obstructed	2	0.05	1	0.02
Unsafe load	7	0.17	11	0.26
Other feature of vehicle or equipment	19	0.47	21	0.50
<i>Roads</i>				
Pot hole	4	0.10	1	0.02
Defective manhole cover	0	0.00	4	0.09
Other road surface condition	30	0.75	18	0.43
Road works in progress	2	0.05	4	0.09
View obstructed	4	0.10	1	0.02
Slippery road not due to weather	28	0.70	25	0.60
Other road conditions etc.	2	0.05	2	0.04
<i>Weather</i>				
Fog or mist	19	0.47	11	0.26
Ice, frost or snow	71	1.78	92	2.23
Strong wind	12	0.30	18	0.43
Heavy rain	12	0.30	26	0.63
Undefined	0	0.00	0	0.00
Glaring sun	9	0.22	6	0.14
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	3,983		4,118	
VEHICLES INVOLVED	6,461		6,383	
PERSONS INJURED – FATAL	110		89	
SERIOUS	1,099		1,301	
SLIGHT	3,875		4,370	
TOTAL	5,084		5,760	

ORGANISATION PLANNING AND INTERNAL INSPECTIONS

ORGANISATION AND PLANNING

The Organisation and Planning department carried out a comprehensive review of the Force's establishment during the year. No such review has been undertaken since the amalgamation on the 1st April 1974 although the establishment has been revised from time to time to meet specialist needs. The constable in the Force is still working a 42 hour week and the object of the exercise was to determine the number of men required effectively to police the Force area under present day conditions based on a 40 hour working week. Discussions have taken place with all Chief Superintendents concerning the present and future needs of their respective divisions and departments. The report which has to be prepared in conjunction with the prescribed Home Office formula on manning levels should be completed early in 1978.

In order to assist the above review and assess how the various categories of patrol constables spend their time I called for a survey into their activities. A total of 43 constables was selected to represent each beat category in every division throughout the Force, i.e., foot, car, area and rural beat. The two week survey covered 447 tours of duty and involved 2703.7 man-hours. The results obtained showed a detailed analysis of every working minute and will form a nucleus for study in the future when the deployment of manpower is further considered.

I have been concerned at the number of hours required by supervisory ranks to deal with process and correspondence. The department is examining alternative systems to the present one in the hope that supervisory officers can be relieved of some of their paper work. It is hoped to allow them more time to fulfil their primary function of supervising incidents as and when they occur.

Further surveys of a less exacting nature which have been completed, or which are subject to current review include the following: found property, circulation of police information, examination of a Force policy regarding road accidents and the submission of files relating to them. Numerous amendments have been made to procedures, forms and Standing Orders for the Force where improvement was found necessary in the light of continued experience and the implementation of new legislation.

Inspection of the Force

Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary, Mr. J. Page, Q.P.M. carried out an inspection of the force on the 17th, 23rd, 24th and 26th August, 1977.

Having only recently been appointed to his post he visited the force for the first time. He met representatives of the Superintendents' Association, the Joint Branch Board of the Federation, Civilian Organisations and members of the Police Authority. He also talked to a cross-section of officers, representative of all ranks and inspected police buildings and records.



Mr. Page on his visit to Brigg (Reproduced by courtesy of Lincolnshire and South Humberside Times)

Internal Inspection of the Force

Because of the geography of Humberside and the limited time available for the Annual Government Inspection, Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary is not able to visit all Territorial Divisions. Arrangements are made therefore for H.M. Inspector, in addition to the Headquarters Departments, to visit three Territorial Divisions during each inspection.

Early in the year I decided to introduce a scheme of Internal Inspection when the three Territorial Divisions not visited by H.M. Inspector would be inspected by one of my chief officers.

The introduction of this Internal Inspection is not regarded purely as an examination of records and buildings but is looked upon by Divisional Commanders as an opportunity for them to assess realistically the efficiency of their command.

An Inspection Booklet is completed for the information of the Inspecting Officer and Divisional Commanders are invited to comment on any matter which they wish to draw to the attention of the Inspecting Officer. The completion of the booklet enables Divisional Commanders to examine the deployment of personnel, the trends or likely trends in the fields of crime, and other work and the need to vary existing procedures or introduce new practices.

At the same time the Inspecting Officer is able to ensure that policies laid down are understood and implemented, see that duties are carried out intelligently and practically, examine morale and man management, see that the Division has the necessary equipment and that such equipment and resources are used properly and economically.

The first inspection was of 'D' Division in May by Mr. R. N. Joyce (Temporary Deputy Chief Constable) who has since retired and 'A' Division and 'F' Division were inspected in September and October by Mr. A. A. Clarke, Deputy Chief Constable.

In addition to visiting the various Departments at Divisions and Sub-Divisional Headquarters the Inspectorate visited all stations and as many rural beat officers as was possible. Some police houses were visited when police constables and their wives were able to have informal talks with the Inspecting Officer.

The Superintendent, Organisation and Planning Department, who performs the duties of Staff Officer to the Inspecting Officer, ensures that matters raised by the Inspection are followed through to a conclusion and the Divisional Commander is notified of the result.

From the experience and result of the three inspections carried out I am satisfied that they serve a very useful purpose both from the point of efficiency and, of equal importance, in the field of man management.



Internal inspection at Goole

COMPUTER STUDY

Early in 1977 I established a small team, under the direction of a Superintendent, to conduct a feasibility study into the use of computers within the force. The terms of reference of the team were to determine ways in which modern technology could improve the operational efficiency of the force in a cost-effective manner. The officers had to outline options, giving the advantages, disadvantages and probable cost and thus enable a policy to be determined on the use of computers within the force.

The advice of the Home Office was sought and staff from the Police Research Services Unit and the Police Scientific Development Branch gave valuable advice on the method of carrying out this study and on the many technical aspects to be considered in the installation of a computer. In gathering the facts the team held over 200 interviews with police and civilian staff of all ranks and grades throughout the force.

The report was published in May 1977 and revealed that several of our existing systems were thoroughly efficient and computerisation of them would cause unnecessary cost without improvement to the service to any marked degree. Some other systems which were studied were not entirely satisfactory but they were too small to justify the introduction of computerised methods for their purpose alone. Such a change in these particular systems may be possible as part of a larger re-organisation in the future.

Six of the systems studied showed themselves to be worthy of further study, these were:

- Criminal Intelligence
- Criminal Records
- Message Switching
- Personal Records
- Property
- Vehicle Fleet Management

After discussing the report with senior officers and representatives of the Home Office and the Local Authority it was presented to the Police Committee in September 1977. Approval was then given for a more detailed evaluation to be carried out on those systems identified as being appropriate for further study.

Home Office authority for the appointment of a project leader is currently awaited.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public Relations Department

Unfortunately it is not always possible to explain police matters to everyone on a face to face basis. By far the vast majority of Humberside people come into contact with the police only on rare occasions.

Consequently most people rely heavily for their information about police activities on the media, whether it be newspapers, radio or television.

My Public Relations Department ensures that through a working relationship with the media every opportunity is taken to explain the police function in the variety of situations which make news.

Public and Police

Increasing public co-operation by ensuring a greater understanding of the police role in society should be the objective of all officers in their day to day dealings with the public. We are constantly endeavouring to improve people's understanding of the police function in a variety of ways.

Schools are visited regularly by my officers who show films, give talks and, from time to time, when operational requirements permit, pupils are given every opportunity to see at first hand police equipment, vehicles and the mounted and dog sections.

Regular visits to police stations throughout the county are arranged for various organisations, groups and societies.

For the first time since Humberside came into being, in 1977 I arranged Open Days at Police stations on both sides of the Humber — at Grimsby and Tower Grange in Hull.

Thousands of people were able to see at first hand how the modern day Police Force operates and gain a greater understanding of the problems we face in trying to maintain law and order.

Shows and Exhibitions

The force takes every opportunity — funds and manpower permitting — to make direct contact with the public by having Humberside Police stands at various shows, displays and exhibitions throughout the county. Again, in this way, more and more people have an opportunity to see at first hand some of the equipment on which it is necessary to spend public money in order to fulfil our functions.

During 1977, Humberside Police were represented at most of the large shows and exhibitions in the county.



Great public interest in the communications office at Tower Grange



Visitors patiently waiting for a tour of Grimsby Police Station



BBC TV crew filming Cadet Steve Robinson in the Operations Room

Press and Broadcasting

The press and broadcasting authorities throughout Humberside and beyond regularly assist the police by keeping the public informed of crimes, accidents and other incidents. They assist the police in practical ways by publicising advice on how to prevent crime and avoid accidents. They are particularly helpful too in making appeals for witnesses to crime and other incidents to come forward. In fact, countless enquiries have been resolved successfully as a result of information being passed to the police following such appeals.

Early in 1977 members of the Force Operations Room staff started to make early morning broadcasts on B.B.C. Radio Humberside warning motorists about the weather, accidents and road repairs which may affect their journeys.

I was interviewed for television, radio and the newspapers on matters of policy and I also took part in a "live" question and answer session on local radio.

From the Open Day at Tower Grange Police Station, B.B.C. Radio Humberside put out a "live" programme which included interviews with several of the officers manning the different aspects of this event.

Media interest in our activities is not limited to Humberside. Cadets and other young Humberside officers were the subject of a film made by B.B.C. Television in a series about careers for young people. Film about lifelines used by my mounted section to rescue people from water was seen as far away as Hong Kong on television while a blowpipe which we acquired for drugging suspected rabid dogs was publicised in America.

Force Newspaper

The ever increasing demand for information about Humberside Police from students and schoolchildren was met by my Public Relations Department early in 1977 by a newspaper style publication simply called "Policing Humberside". In fact demand for this publication proved so great that a re-print had to be ordered during the year.

Internally the force has its own monthly newspaper "Context" which provides a useful means of informal communication which is particularly appreciated by police pensioners who each received a copy every month through the post.

OPERATIONS SUPPORT ECHELON

FORMATION OF OPERATIONS SUPPORT ECHELON

Towards the end of the year, some re-organisation within the Headquarters Departments resulted in, inter alia, the formation of an Operations Support Echelon. The idea was that those units or sections of the Force which provided a Force-wide rather than a Divisional/Departmental service to facilitate operations should be under one umbrella.

These were listed as Communications Section, Operations Room, Criminal Intelligence Unit, Dog Section and Mounted Section. Other individual functions were also placed under the Echelon; these were:— The Staff Officer to the Assistant Chief Constable (Operations), War Duties, Task Force and Police Support Unit Liaison, Operational Planning for Pre-planned Events and Liaison with Outside Bodies. These units were placed under the command of The Superintendent (Communications).

The main effect of this re-organisation has been to modify the chain of command for the units involved, and to transfer their functions and responsibilities from their former departmental heads to the Superintendent in charge of the Operations Support Echelon.

The administrative support of the Echelon is being performed in an unchanged manner by the various departments, and until this can be brought under one roof it is going to be difficult to develop a cohesive unit. However, the members of the Echelon are dedicated to their task of providing a first class service to the force.

COMMUNICATIONS

Telephones

The force telephone network, giving direct dialling between all police stations down to Sub-divisional level, is still proving a most useful facility. It is a pity that cost prohibits its extension to Section Stations like Driffeld, Pocklington, Withernsea, Barton and Immingham.

October saw the opening of a new Police Station on the Bransholme Estate, Hull, and installed into the building was a 3 + 12 P.M.B.X. switchboard, operating at present with two exchange lines and seven extensions. A public access telephone connected to an automatic dialling unit gives the public a quick and easy means of calling for assistance when the station is unmanned.

Teleprinters

The only additional work completed on the force teleprinter network during 1977 has been the installation of a 'Leak' teleprinter, with receive facilities only, at the Sessions House, Beverley.

This gives the traffic patrol men parading at this station a far more efficient means of receiving circulations about crime and kindred matters than hitherto.

Radio — V.H.F. (Vehicle Radio Schemes)

1977 saw the installation of equipment for a third operational channel at a hill top site in South Humberside and therefore completed the target of three force V.H.F. channels. The channels were divided operationally as follows:

Channel 1 — Headquarters and Traffic vehicles.

Channel 2 — North Bank Divisional vehicles.

Channel 3 — South Bank Divisional vehicles.

It was also apparent early in 1977 that the masts on the main hill top site were dangerously overloaded and that they would have to be replaced. In addition to this, the building on this site housing the radio equipment was too small for present and future requirements and therefore a larger building was needed.

The necessary permission was granted in mid-1977 for the erection of two new 150ft. aerial towers and a new building; at the present time planning is well advanced on this project with the work expected to commence in mid-1978.

Poor radio coverage from the hill top site in the northern part of the County is still causing problems, especially in the Bridlington and Flamborough areas; this mast is also overloaded. In consequence of this, Home Office Wireless Field Engineers have conducted test transmissions with the aid of portable aerial masts and equipment from a site nearer to Bridlington. Initial reports of the test survey are encouraging and it is hoped to commence planning this scheme in the near future, as soon as the official report from the Home Office is received.

September, 1977, saw the installation of a V.H.F. sub-control at the Sub-Divisional Headquarters, Brigg and this has now reduced the number of calls into the Scunthorpe control to an acceptable level while giving the officers in charge at Brigg more efficient control of men and resources.

Radio — U.H.F. (Personal Radio Schemes)

An additional site in Grimsby has provided radio reception to the south and west of the town in areas not previously covered.

The Withernsea U.H.F. base station has been removed from the police station to a more elevated site and as a result reception in the town has greatly improved.

Additional Pye Mascot 70 radio controls have been installed at the Hessle and Cleethorpes Sub-Divisions, giving direct access into the force integrated radio control network. These controls give two operators direct control of two personal radio transmitters and direct speech links with their Divisional H.Q. and Force H.Q. These links can also be connected to officers on the beat who use them frequently to check vehicles on the police national computer.

All main divisional and sub-divisional U.H.F. schemes have now been equipped with the Burndept 3 channel pocket radios; over 500 sets are in daily use.

Emergency Communications

The two fully equipped mobile police stations based at Force Headquarters and Scunthorpe continue to be a valuable asset in the field of emergency communications.

The mobile police stations have been used on 12 occasions during the year for major incidents, serious crime and various annual shows throughout the County.

The installation of two emergency generators planned in 1973 for Force Headquarters was completed in October. These generators are connected to the Force Operations Room and 'C' Division control room and cell blocks, and will, in the event of an electricity mains failure at Headquarters, automatically start and take over the supply needs.

1977 saw the Power Supply workers taking industrial action; in consequence of this radio communications were put at risk.

Fortunately the main hill top sites and all main U.H.F. base stations are protected by stand-by power equipment and, apart from a few isolated failures, radio communications came through the power cuts without serious disruption. Several small portable generators have been purchased in the past year in order to give greater flexibility in the event of similar situations arising in the future.

OPERATIONS ROOM

The second half of the year saw the completion of direct radio private wire links with AB, AC, BB and FB Sub-Divisions, which greatly speeded up response time to enquiries via personal radios from beat constables.

During the year Operations Room handled the following traffic:

	1977	(1976)	
999 Calls	33,270	(32,502)	North Bank only. Handled at Scunthorpe and Grimsby
	7,638	(7,600)	
Motorway Calls	5,441	(4,149)	
Telex	72,868	(69,306)	
Abnormal Loads	1,164	(1,076)	Escorted.
	38,792	(35,634)	Unescorted.

The M.62 has had the effect of containing the increase in escorts required; many loads which would require escorts on normal roads are allowed to proceed unescorted on the motorway, provided there is no danger to other road users.

Police National Computer

During 1977 the use of the Police National Computer increased; 190,600 transactions were handled compared with 122,295 in 1976. Of these, 452 vehicles were shown to be stolen or of other major interest to the police, as against 399 in 1976.

Although excellent facilities are available nationally for training terminal operators, training for the officer on the ground in the use of the P.N.C. was found to be inadequate. It was therefore decided to make a film for in-force training on the use of the computer; this film was completed in June, 1977, and has been shown to all ranks throughout the force.

The film was also shown to members of the Police National Computer Unit and two copies were purchased by them for use in their training programme.

Several copies have been purchased by other police forces, and the film was shown to representatives of Interpol at a meeting in Paris in December.

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT

Considerable change has occurred within this Unit during 1977; new offices were occupied in December, 1976, incorporating the Humberside Criminal Records Office within the same complex. In September, 1977, the Unit was combined with other support services into the Headquarters Operations Support Echelon. Throughout the year all indices/records have been reviewed, amended or extended to provide a more comprehensive reference and some new indices have been introduced.

The Crime Intelligence Unit continues to be supervised by a Detective Inspector and staffed by a Detective Sergeant and four Constables.

The work of the Unit extends over the whole field of criminal intelligence. Information is received at the Unit from individual officers investigating specific crime and from Divisional Collators who contribute daily information of a criminal nature. The effectiveness of the Unit and its success depend largely on the information received, which is analysed, evaluated and subsequently disseminated throughout the force by means of Crime Bulletins, Special Circulars and Force Crime Informations.

Prison Liaison

A Detective Constable from the Unit is appointed as Prison Liaison Officer. This work concerns close liaison with members of the staff at H.M. Prison,

Hull, the escort of category 'A' and 'E' prisoners and routine enquiries directed through the Unit in respect of matters associated with prisons. It also includes enquiries associated with the Contravention of Prison Regulations by visitors to the Prison.

Criminal Records Office

The office maintains a comprehensive nominal file of persons convicted of all criminal offences and notifiable traffic offences within Humberside, and those persons convicted elsewhere who reside within Humberside. Approximately 300,000 conviction cards are now kept and maintained by the office which is staffed entirely by civilians under the general supervision of the Detective Inspector in charge of Crime Intelligence.

Photo-Fit and Photograph Identification

Officers from the Unit supply a photo-fit service to 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' Divisions, providing a portrait of a suspected person built up from verbal descriptions given by witnesses. 'E' and 'F' Divisions are provided with Photo-Fit equipment for joint use within these two Divisions; nominated officers are responsible for the use of this equipment and seek advice from the Crime Intelligence Unit when necessary. Officers from the Unit have provided photo-fit services on 58 occasions; on at least three occasions the photo-fit has been the major identification factor in the subsequent arrest of the offender.

Photographs of all convicted persons are maintained by the Unit; selected prisoners are placed in albums for use in the identification of suspects by 'B', 'C' and 'D' Divisions. 'A', 'E' and 'F' Divisions maintain their own albums under guidance from the Crime Intelligence Unit. A total of 509 witnesses viewed the albums maintained in the Crime Intelligence Unit and 115 persons indicated a positive or possible identification.

Current Development

Since the creation of the Operations Support Echelon it has been decided that the Criminal Intelligence/Record Unit will also be the central office for all Police National Computer enquiries. Staff have been selected and are now being trained within the force to provide a 24-hour service supporting the Police National Computer enquiries with all in-force indices and records; in this way national and local intelligence/information will be immediately available throughout the force area. The Detective Inspector in charge of the Unit has also assumed responsibility as the Force P.N.C. Liaison Officer, and early indication is that there may be distinct advantages in a combined involvement of Crime Intelligence, local records and the Police National Computer, each aspect supporting the other.

The Detective Sergeant, who is also the Force Collator, is currently evaluating the work of Divisional Collators. The aim of the evaluation is to ensure a standard procedure throughout the force and to some extent standardisation has been achieved during the course of the evaluation. Presently being considered is the need for representation by Field Intelligence

Officers who would have a direct responsibility to Divisional Collators and the Crime Intelligence Unit thus improving and creating the flow of information throughout the force.



Photo-Fit used on Yorkshire Television; the suspect gave himself up after seeing it.

DOGS

The authorised strength of the Dog Section is 1 Inspector, 3 Sergeants and 28 Constables. The actual strength is 1 Inspector, 3 Sergeants and 27 Constables.

The disposition of the Section is as follows:—

Headquarters		
1 Inspector, 3 Sergeants	2 Alsatian dogs	
1 Kennelman	2 Labrador dogs	
'A' Division		
5 Constables	5 Alsatian dogs	
'B' Division		
4 Constables	4 Alsatian dogs	
	2 Alsatian pups	
'C' Division		
4 Constables	4 Alsatian dogs	
'D' Division		
4 Constables	4 Alsatian dogs	
'E' Division		
5 Constables	4 Alsatian dogs	
	1 Alsatian bitch	
	1 Alsatian pup	
'F' Division		
5 Constables	5 Alsatian dogs	
	3 Alsatian pups	

Statistical Results

The statistical results of the Dog Section for 1977 are as follows:—

	1977	1976
Calls to scenes of crime	1,180	(1,104)
Arrests	411	(300)
Assist arrests	670	(751)
Persons reported	95	(65)
Property/Persons found	209	(131)
Drug Calls	23	(16)
Others	6,155	(5,358)

Courses

10 handlers attended Refresher Dog Training Courses at Harperley Hall, Durham.

2 handlers attended Initial Dog Training Courses at the same centre. One team won the shield for the best overall nosework tests on the Initial Course. The other team won the shield for the best criminal work tests on the pass-out.

Dog Trials

At the No. 2 (North East) Region Police Dog Trials held at Gosforth Park, Newcastle, from 3rd to 7th April, 1977, this Force was placed 6th, 7th, 25th and 26th out of 35 competitors. We received two Excellent and one Good certificates.

At the No. 2 (North East) Region Additional Police Dog Trials held at Bradford from 12th to 15th September, 1977, this force was placed 16th, 17th, 28th and 30th out of 35 competitors.

Talks

During 1977 22 talks were given to civilian organisations. 43 Schools were visited during the year under the liaison scheme. A total of six demonstrations was given during the year. The Section continued to organise the Police Dog Competition in conjunction with the Hull Show Committee. 22 competitors attended from forces in the north of England.

Drug Dogs

During the year another Labrador dog was obtained for training in drug detection work. This dog is handled by Sergeant Matchett and is stationed at Scunthorpe.

Dog Detections

1. At 20.15 hours on 1st January, 1977, Pc Hopkin and his dog *Spartan* were called to Debenham's Store in Hull. The dog was taken up to the top floor of the building and a search was commenced. This floor is the Furniture Department. On reaching some wardrobes the dog started to bark. The door opened and two boys, aged 12 and 13 years, surrendered.

2. About 05.35 hours on 5th April, 1977, Pc Lea and his dog *Foil* joined other handlers and officers to assist in the search of the Thorne area following a car chase from the South Cave area. It was believed that three men were disturbed attempting to steal antiques.

Their stolen car had crashed into a shop in the main street in Thorne and two men were subsequently arrested. The third man ran off. The area was searched thoroughly without success. The old brewery, now disused, was then searched. After some time, Foil indicated a track leading from the brewery across some waste ground and ended in a derelict wooden shed. The man was found hiding under rubbish and blankets in the shed.

3. At 02.15 hours on 21st October, 1977, Pc Templeman and his dog *Max* were called to a printing works. On arrival he was informed that the general search had been made. He put his dog to work and after searching the ground floor he started on the first floor. His dog quickly indicated a door, which led to a cupboard full of boxes. The dog persisted and the boxes were moved to reveal the man hiding behind them.

4. At 00.10 hours on 9th December, 1977, Pc Jacklin and his dog *Dax* were called to the Weelsby Social Club, Grimsby after the landlord had

reported hearing strange noises. The dog searched the Club without any success. On checking the roof Pc Jacklin found an entry had been made into the loft of the two storey building. The loft was searched, again negative. Pc Jacklin then searched the loft access to the Club and returned into the Club and searched again. This time a man was found by the dog and detained. The man later admitted climbing back out onto the roof hoping to escape after the cordon had been lifted, and then climbed back into the Club when he saw Pc Jacklin coming onto the roof.



Members of the Dog Section (Reproduced by courtesy of Grimsby Evening Telegraph)

Mounted Section

The authorised strength of the Mounted Section is 1 Sergeant and 6 Constables. The actual strength of the Section is 5 Constables.

It is anticipated that the Sergeant's vacancy will be filled in the near future.

Talks

During 1977, 2 talks were given to civilian organisations. 4 visits were made to the stables. 40 Schools were visited during the year under the liaison scheme. 3 displays were given to outside organisations.

Competitions

During the year, individual horses were entered in shows at Newark, Manchester, Sheffield, and at the Metropolitan Mounted Police Horse Show and Tournament. These entries resulted in 1 first, 2 seconds, one third and 5 fourth placings.

Statistical Results

The statistical results of the Mounted Section for 1977 are as follows:—

Searches	6
Special Patrols	14
Parades	13
Football Matches	31
Race Meetings	16
Arrests	3
Summons	1
Assistance Calls	20



Constable Brian Gallagher on "Fairfax" with, left to right, Mrs. A. Ramshaw, Councillor A. Ramshaw, Deputy Chairman of the Police Authority, Mrs. L. Clappison, the Chief Constable, Councillor L. Clappison, Chairman of the Police Authority.

MAJOR OR UNUSUAL INCIDENTS

Fire at Wensley Lodge, Hessle

On the evening of Wednesday, 5th January, 1977 a fire broke out at Wensley Lodge, West Hill, Hessle. West Hill is a narrow tree-lined cul-de-sac. The property itself was set in its own grounds and was used by Humberside County Council as a home for elderly men. The lodge was an adaptation of three late Victorian houses (one pair of three storey semi-detached houses being linked at ground and first floor level to a two-storey detached house). The fire took place in the main part of the house which was the former pair of three storey houses; the two storey annexe was not affected.

After the fire had been discovered it spread rapidly and the task of the staff and the emergency services was extremely difficult because of the nature of the building and the number of residents — fifty at the time. The condition of the residents made it necessary for many of them to be carried. In this cul-de-



Fire damage at Wensley Lodge



Councillor Mrs. Muriel Bean, Chairman of Humberside County Council, with Mr. and Mrs. Hawksworth

sac the marshalling of the emergency vehicles proved to be a great problem, not only because of the number involved but also because of the seemingly inevitable crowd of sightseers who appear at such incidents and who made this occasion no exception.

Ten residents died in the fire and another died later in hospital. The remaining thirty-nine were rescued.

After the fire a public enquiry was arranged by Humberside County Council.

Great courage was displayed by those engaged in fire fighting and rescue duties. Awards for bravery were made by the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire to two of the staff at the home and to Superintendent Donald Hawksworth, then stationed at Hessle but now retired.

OTHER SERIOUS FIRES

House fire 21st March 1977

Soon after midnight on Monday, 21st March 1977 a fire was discovered at 6 Silver Street, Barnetby, South Humberside. It was discovered by a passer-by who made repeated attempts to reach the occupants who were all trapped on the first floor of the house. He was soon joined by the emergency services but all rescue efforts failed and five people died in the fire.

House fire 27th April 1977

During the early hours of 27th April, 1977 a fire broke out in a terrace house at 4 Belgrave Terrace, Rosamund Street, Hull. The fire began downstairs and spread very quickly throughout the house. Two children aged 13 years and 7 years died while trapped in a bedroom.

DROWNINGS

Withernsea 18th April 1977

On Monday, 18th April, 1977 four men launched a 14ft. fishing dory from the beach at Tunstall. Not far out from shore the boat entered rough water; one wave swamped it and a second capsized it. Three men managed to get ashore but the fourth, the boat owner, was drowned.

Cleethorpes 29th August 1977

On Monday, 29th August, 1977 a particularly high tide occurred at Cleethorpes and some young children quickly became marooned on a sandbank. This happened despite an adult relative being present. One of the children, a 13 year old girl, carried a 3 year old to safety but two brothers aged 9 years and 6 years were drowned.

Withernsea 8th December 1977

On Thursday, 8th December, 1977 three men put to sea at Withernsea in a 22 ft. coble. After an hour long trip they returned but capsized close to shore. One man reached the beach and raised the alarm. A second man was rescued but the third was swept away and drowned.

These three tragedies highlight the hidden dangers on the east coast. At Cleethorpes the beach appears safe but has many deceptive areas which can soon be surrounded by deep water. At Withernsea both boats were only 100 yards from shore when encountering the rough water above a sandbank.

Two rescues from Prince's Dock, Hull

(i) About 3.40 p.m. on Thursday, 18th August, 1977, a sixteen years old youth was seen to be staggering along the eastern side of the disused Prince's Dock in the City Centre of Hull. There are stanchions along the edge of the dock and chain linking these stanchions hangs loosely between them. The youth was seen to fall against the chains several times until he reached the end of the safety barrier. He then removed his jacket, leaned backwards against the water's edge and fell in.

The dock itself varies in depth and the bottom is known to be strewn with debris of all kinds. The water was in excess of six feet deep and it was stagnant and filthy.

The youth was helplessly floundering in the water and crying out for help. His cries were heard by two men working in nearby offices and they ran out to him. They got a rope and threw it to the youth who eventually managed to retain a grip on it.

Meanwhile, D.C. Steven Watson of 'C' Division was on a routine enquiry in the vicinity and he also heard the cries for help. He ran to the dock side and saw the youth in the water being pulled along by the two men with the rope. The officer went to a ladder set into the dock side and climbed down it into the water. The youth was in such a state that he was unable to grasp hold of the side and D.C. Watson, with no thought for the possible consequences for himself, let go of this ladder and swam a few strokes to grab the youth and help to pull him up on to dry land.

The youth was semi-conscious and in fact he was drunk. He was taken to the Hull Royal Infirmary from where he was transferred to a local mental hospital for twenty-four hours.

The officer did not receive any medical treatment other than a normal check up and he has been awarded recognition by the Royal Humane Society.

(ii) On 11th October, 1977 a 27 year old woman who was the mother of two girls aged 9 years and 2 years was wheeling the 2 year old in a push chair alongside the Prince's Dock in Hull. The woman pushed her child in the push chair into the dock and jumped in after her in an attempt to commit suicide. Once in the water she had a change of heart, held the child's head above the water and managed to struggle to the side. They were both helped out of the dock by passers-by. The police attended and the child was taken to hospital where, after initial treatment, she made a complete recovery. The woman admitted that she had attempted to end the life of both herself and the child. She was admitted to Broadgate Hospital, Walkington.

The two children are now in the care of the local authority. The file on this matter was sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions and he decided that it was not in the public interest to institute criminal proceedings against the woman.

A final point about the dangers of this unguarded dock is that early in 1977 one of my patrolling officers pointed out that there were no lifebelts or lifelines available for rescue purposes. I notified the city council who were very prompt in rectifying this matter and lifebelts were provided. It is now sad to report that all of this new equipment has been stolen.

Series of indecent assaults

In January 1977 two 12 year old boys were indecently assaulted in People's Park, Grimsby. This was a disgusting attack involving attempted buggery and oral intercourse. It appeared linked to three previous attacks of a similar nature which occurred in February 1976 and on two occasions in November 1976. The assailant was clearly dangerous and a major investigation began which lasted for five weeks. This intensive enquiry, which included excellent co-operation from the Lincolnshire Police, entailed:

- 214 police officers
- 10,165 houses visited
- 23,103 people interviewed
- 1,430 vehicles examined
- 2,074 'action' enquiries.

The offender, who was arrested at the end of February 1977, was a 19 year old Grimsby resident and he was charged on six counts of burglary and common assault. At Nottingham Crown Court he was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment on each of four charges of burglary, the sentences to run concurrently to each other.

FIRE BRIGADE UNION STRIKE

Following the decision of the Fire Brigade Union to commence industrial action, Governmental plans were made to provide fire protection cover by utilising fire appliances from Home Office stores, manned by military personnel. In order to provide the best possible organisation meetings between senior police, Fire Brigade and Armed Services officers took place at an early stage with the result that at 0900 hours on Monday, 14th November, 1977, when the withdrawal of labour by members of the Fire Brigade Union took effect, service-manned 'Green Goddess' fire engines were already in position, principally at major police stations in the Force area, with provision for control if necessary, from the Force Headquarters Operations Room.

The operation was carried out until 0900 hours on 19th January, 1978, when all military forces and their equipment were withdrawn.

During the course of the operation, the Humberside Force was committed to the following extent:—

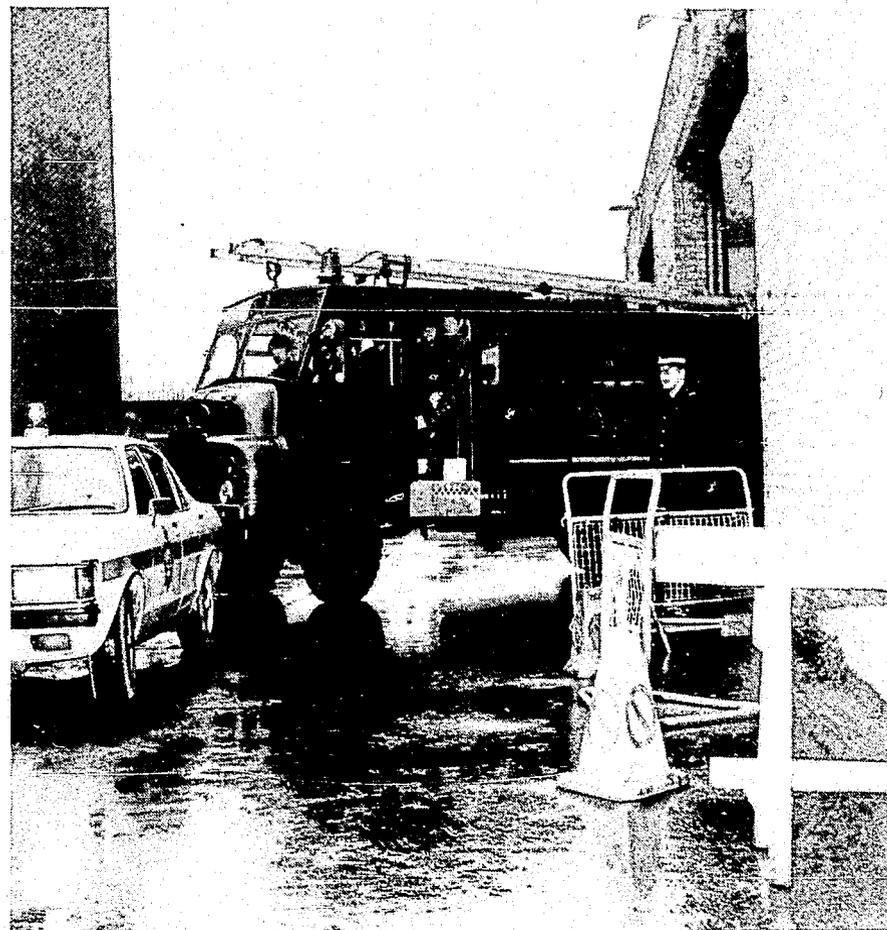
Full control of the fire-fighting situation in the county was maintained by the Headquarters Operations Room staff in conjunction with military force officers and those members of the Fire Brigade (principally senior officers and control room staffs who had elected to remain on duty) from 1730 hours on Wednesday, 16th November, 1977 until the end of the operation.

Accommodation for military personnel (either as an operational base providing garage, watchroom and on-duty catering facilities or as a fully-residential unit) was provided by nine police stations at which seventeen 'Green Goddesses' and their crews and later two R.A.F. fire tenders and their crews were based.

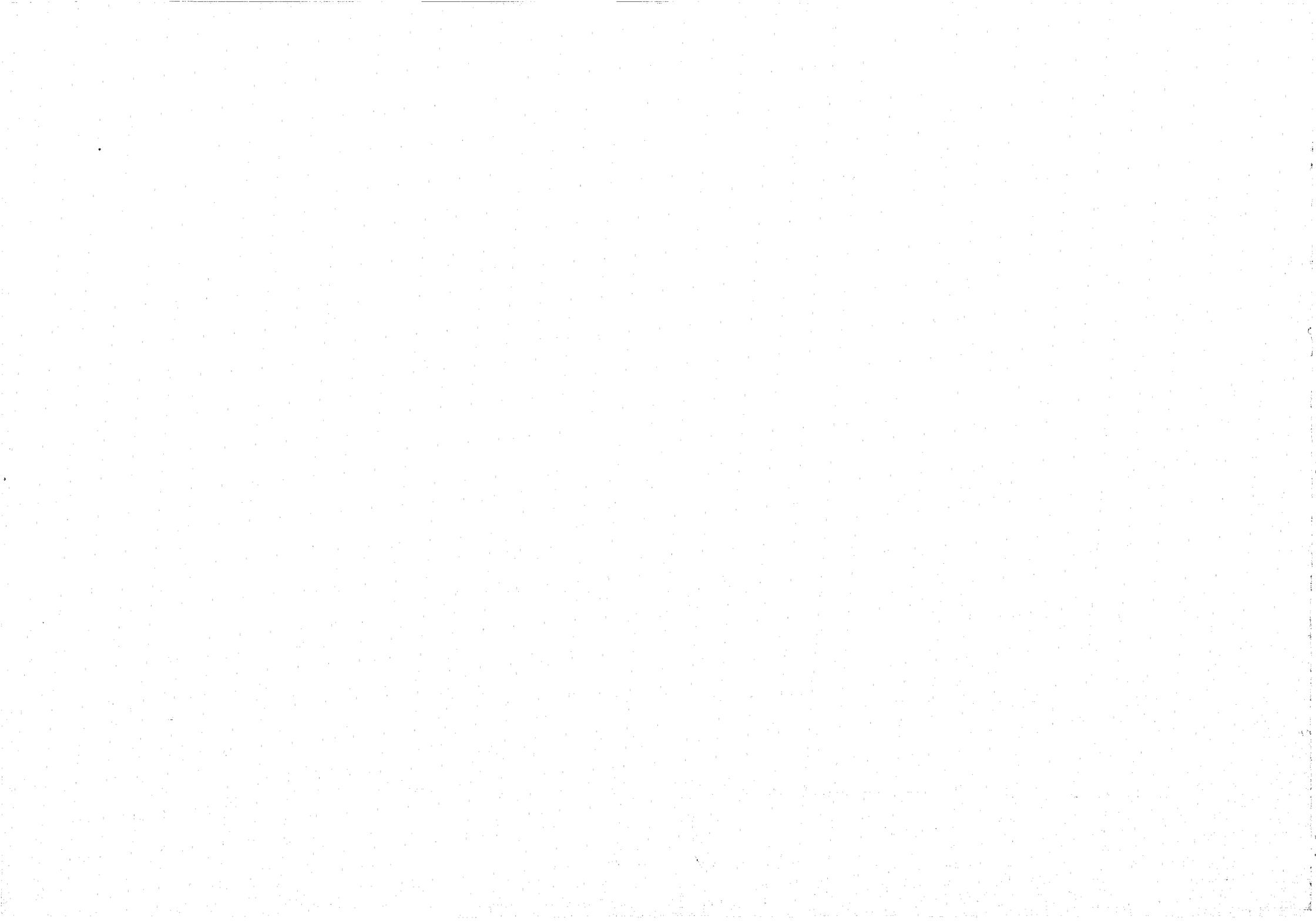
Guide cars were provided at eleven locations. These were driven by police officers, whose duty it was to lead the fire appliances by the most suitable route to the scene of each incident.

Refuelling facilities were provided at police garages.

A total of 629 incidents were handled by the Force Headquarters Operations Room during the course of the operation.



A "Green Goddess" being led out of the yard at Central Division



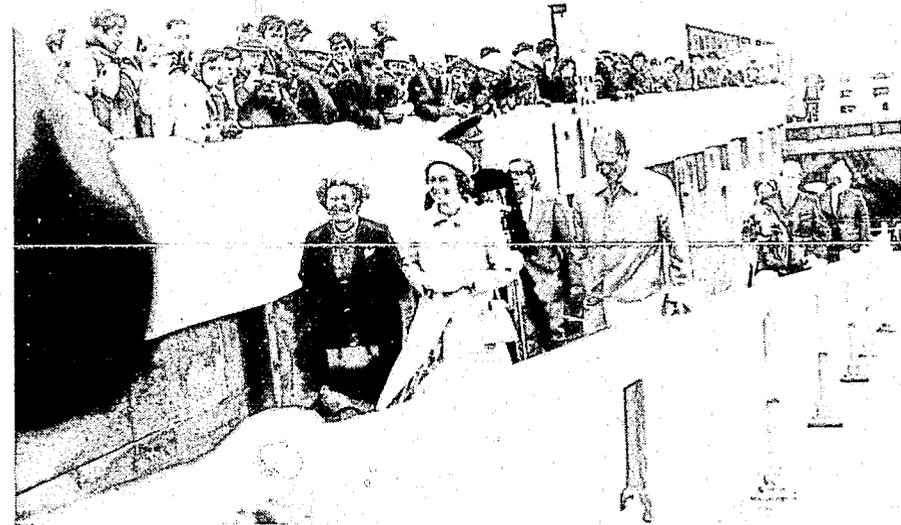
SILVER JUBILEE AND ROYAL VISITS

VISIT OF HUMBERSIDE POLICE TO HENDON

On 6th May 1977 members of the force and their wives visited the Metropolitan Police Training Centre at Hendon where Her Majesty the Queen reviewed the police forces of the United Kingdom. More than 3,000 guests, representing the fifty-five forces, attended and it was a memorable day for those present.



Her Majesty the Queen with Humberside Officers and their families at Hendon



The Royal Party arrives at Grimsby

VISIT OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH TO HUMBERSIDE

In January 1977 I learned that Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh were to visit Humberside during July 1977 in connection with the celebrations to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne. The visit was to be an integral part of the country-wide Silver Jubilee programme and much emphasis was to be placed on making the visit as informal as possible.

This was to be a major operation; "walkabouts", now a familiar term to all of us, were to take place at Cleethorpes, Grimsby, Brigg and Hull. Her Majesty was also to visit Beverley Minster. Tuesday, 12th and Wednesday, 13th July were fixed as the days of the event.

From the outset my planning team under the directions of Mr. Barker, my Assistant Chief Constable (Operations), received the greatest of help from Buckingham Palace, Humberside County Council, every District Council in Humberside, police forces adjoining our area and many other organisations and individuals far too numerous to mention. It must be placed on record that the ultimate success of the operation was due to the team work of people from many different quarters.

My immediate task was to plan a suitable route for the royal motorcade and it was not until May 1977 that final confirmation of the route to be taken was received. The route was planned to follow a course that would enable as many people in the county as possible to have the opportunity to see the royal visitors. An important function of the police on such occasions is to maintain the time schedule in order that the royal party make smooth progress. For this visit 87 miles of road were to be covered and the policing of "walkabouts" was to be a new venture altogether. Every available Constable, Cadet and Traffic Warden had to be used for Silver Jubilee duties or normal duty on those two days. Thirty Humberside recruits undergoing initial training at the Police Training Centre at Dishforth were also used. Manpower was provided on a mutual aid basis by the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire forces.

Members of the Humberside Police Special Constabulary also provided splendid service in helping to police the route.

The services of outside organisations had to be hired for the provision of adequate catering and transport facilities and excellent arrangements were made in this field.

Policing was very effective and any time lost during the tight schedule was a direct result of the overwhelming reception which Her Majesty received from the public in every part of the county which she visited.

On the second day of the visit the Humberside Police Military Band provided music on the quayside at King George Dock, Hull, near where the Royal Yacht Britannia was moored.



Her Majesty on a "walkabout" in Hull



One enthusiastic boy being returned to his parents

After the visit I received many letters of appreciation from many sources. The sentiment expressed in these letters proved to me how successful the operation had been. It is my pleasure to state how proud my officers and I were to serve Her Majesty on this notable occasion.

OTHER ROYAL VISITS.

Visit of H.R.H. The Princess Alexandra

On Monday 18th April 1977 Her Royal Highness The Princess Alexandra arrived by air at Humberside Airport, Kirmington and attended an engagement on the Dock Estate at Immingham. Her Royal Highness departed by air from Humberside later the same day.

Visit of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester

On Monday 3rd October 1977 His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester arrived by air at Holme on Spalding Moor and visited business premises in Hull. His Royal Highness left by air later the same day.

Visit of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent

On Thursday 17th November 1977 His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent arrived by air at Holme on Spalding Moor and paid a visit to business premises in Hull. His Royal Highness left by air later the same day.

GENERAL POLICE DUTIES

Vandalism

Recorded offences of criminal damage (value £20 or over) in the county have risen during the last year by approximately 60%. The property to suffer most is street furniture, schools, community centres and building sites. We have in our society a hard core of offenders, most of them juveniles, who appear to delight in causing sheer wanton destruction.

In my report of 1976 I mentioned a scheme to combat this problem which had been introduced at Scunthorpe and was still in the experimental stages. This followed the report on Protection against Vandalism by the Home Office Standing Committee on Crime Prevention. Initially a number of firms and organisations were circulated with a letter requesting that any instances of vandalism should be reported to the police. Of the 35 bodies contacted only one declined to participate.

A small number of officers operated as a vandal patrol and worked both in uniform and plain clothes. Their brief was to visit likely places where damage took place, prevent offences, detect those committed, and record the names of children found playing in the area. If a child was checked twice then a visit was made to his home and co-operation was sought from parents. Publicity for the scheme was given in the local newspapers and emphasis was placed on the cost of such damage and the need for full public co-operation. The scheme appeared to be a success and in making a comparison between the school summer holidays of 1976 and 1977 it was found that the reported incidents of vandalism had decreased slightly and the detection rate had increased by 30%. The scheme has been continued and personal letters of thanks have been sent from the Divisional Commander to each member of the public who has passed in information. The value of press publicity cannot be forgotten. The help of the press in Scunthorpe was first class. One journalist travelled with officers on vandal patrols and published an excellent article. The scheme is simple to operate but one of the main difficulties, of course, has been to find the manpower.

It cannot be left unsaid that much of this mindless behaviour results from the anti-social attitude of a certain section of the youth of today. Many parents and guardians choose to ignore their responsibilities and shirk the imposition of any control over their children.

Football Hooliganism

A high level of policing combined with a decline in the level of interest in Humberside's three Football League teams — Hull City, Grimsby Town and Scunthorpe United — have meant that there was little football hooliganism.

Low attendances at most matches resulted in only a small amount of trouble outside the grounds.

Inside the grounds, the worst match for trouble was when Hull City entertained Sunderland in August when there were 23 arrests and 16 ejections from the ground. The record at Hull City over 24 matches in 1977 was only 90 arrests and 192 ejections.

Special precautions are taken with visiting supporters to all Humberside grounds and coach operators are advised to travel directly to the match, avoiding town centres and arriving not earlier than one hour before the scheduled kick-off.

When coaches leave Hull after games, police escort them by various routes to reduce the risk of home supporters knowing where to go to cause trouble.

Similar precautions are taken at Grimsby and Scunthorpe but fewer supporters of the opposition choose to travel for Fourth Division matches.

I have noticed there has been an increase in disorderly behaviour among the younger element attending Rugby League matches. This means that it may well be necessary to deploy extra officers for duty at the two First Division Rugby League grounds in Hull.

While there is no room for complacency with regard to football hooliganism, I am happy to report that, compared with most other areas of this country, the problem is well under control in Humberside.

MISSING PERSONS

The following table shows the number of persons reported missing during the period under review. No suspicious circumstances surround the four who have not yet been traced.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	Total
Missing Persons	387	340	209	508	431	500	2395
Missing Persons Traced	387	340	209	508	429	498	2391

STRAY DOGS

The police have a statutory duty under the Dogs Act, 1906, for dealing with stray dogs.

The following table shows the number of dogs dealt with during 1977.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	Total
Dogs impounded	353	437	612	559	760	753	3474
Returned to owners	201	41	196	234	168	260	1100
Destroyed or disposed of to R.S.P.C.A.	109	277	388	270	389	232	1665
Otherwise dealt with	43	119	28	55	203	261	709



To cater for the ever-present danger of a rabid animal being discovered in Humberside, the County Council have made available special protective clothing, a blow-pipe and a rifle which can fire anaesthetising darts. This equipment is held by the Police and Sergeant Dennis Cheater, of the Firearms Department, demonstrates the blow-pipe in use

LOST AND FOUND PROPERTY

The table shows on a divisional basis items of lost and found property which came to the attention of the Humberside Police.

FOUND PROPERTY							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	Total
No. of items received by police	3357	2521	2151	2358	2296	2793	15576
No. of items claimed by the owner.	1512	1051	948	983	799	1094	6387
No. of items returned to the finder	841	1027	316	753	352	688	3978
LOST PROPERTY							
No. of items reported	3551	1199	2986	1485	2959	3032	15212
No. of items later found	732	421	217	235	272	949	2826

PROSECUTING SOLICITOR

The primary functions of the County Prosecuting Solicitors' Office are to advise the County Council and myself in matters concerning criminal law and procedure and to represent the Crown, the County Council and myself in criminal proceedings before Magistrates' Courts, Crown Courts and the Supreme Court in its Appellate jurisdiction. Two offices are maintained — Head Office at Hull and a branch office at Grimsby.

The current establishment includes eight Solicitors and a number of Legal Assistants. In September, 1977, the Deputy Prosecuting Solicitor, Mr. M. Martin resigned and was succeeded by Mr. J. M. Evans, on promotion from Assistant Solicitor. The post of Deputy Prosecuting Solicitor has now been transferred from Grimsby to Hull. A new post has been created at Grimsby, that of Senior Prosecuting Solicitor which has yet to be filled. At present there are two vacancies for Solicitors. The subsequent delay in finding replacements has resulted in more operational officers being required for prosecuting duties. It is of paramount importance that these vacancies are filled with the least possible delay.

The increase in crime and the availability of legal aid are reflected in an increase in the workload of the Crown Court. In 1974, in the nine months following the creation of the County of Humberside, 557 cases were dealt with at Crown Court level. In 1977 the figure for the full year amounted to 1287 cases.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES

Since 1975 there has been an increase of 28% of persons who have been arrested or summoned for indictable offences in the Humberside Courts. Of the 10,183 persons arrested or summoned for indictable offences 32% of them were juveniles.

A detailed analysis of the age groups and the manner in which they were dealt with are as follows:—

<i>Age Groups</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
10—13	993	129	1,122
14—16	1,861	278	2,139
17—20	1,972	259	2,231
21—29	1,848	316	2,164
30+	1,975	552	2,527
Total	8,649	1,534	10,183

	1976	1977
Dealt with summarily — acquitted	234	286
Committed for trial	1,361	1,381
Committed for sentence	183	216
Convicted and dealt with as follows		
Absolute discharge	187	134
Conditional discharge	1,237	1,248
Probation	297	254
Imprisonment	187	184
Suspended	308	321
Care Order	106	130
Supervision Order	468	437
Fined	4,231	4,813
Community Service	31	92
Others	620	687
	9,450	10,183

Non-Indictable Offences

A total of 33,761 persons were dealt with for 52,986 offences during the period under review.

Proceedings were taken in the Magistrates' Court in respect of 44,595 of-

fences. 4,404 persons were cautioned in respect of 5,607 offences committed by them.

2,784 offences were "No further action" or "otherwise dealt with".

Details of some of these offences

	Offences	
	1976	1977
Assault on Police	195	248
Obstruct Police	105	113
Indecent exposure	100	83
Breach of the peace	906	963
Non-indictable Firearm offences	756	730
Soliciting for the purpose of prostitution	36	42

Criminal damage under £20

4,050 offences. (No comparable figure recorded in 1976).

Community Relations

1977 saw the end of a series of meetings between regular police officers and local coloured community immigrant leaders. All those involved were enthusiastic at the results of these meetings, which produced frank discussions, some positive ideas and a better understanding of police and immigrant community problems.

A report, setting out the conclusions and findings of this exercise, has been delayed due to the appointment of a new full-time Community Relations Officer, by the Council, but arrangements are almost complete for a new round of meetings between the police and representatives from the coloured Immigrant Community.

Very few community relations problems have manifested themselves during the past year. Those that do, are as a result of misunderstandings rather than deliberate anti-racial behaviour and are mainly connected with the landlord and tenant situation.

The problems that have arisen have been quickly solved, due entirely to the easily accessible avenues of communications between the coloured community and the various official and unofficial bodies that are represented and actively involved in the Community Relations Council.

Only one instance involving activities directed particularly at members of the coloured community occurred in 1977. The white individual concerned was prosecuted for two separate assaults on coloured people and for this and other criminal offences, he was sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

The biggest difficulties in this field are experienced as a result of religious disputes within particular communities. The two examples of this have been

the splits within the Muslim and Sikh communities where separate Mosques and Temples have been set up, creating acrimony and, in one case, civil litigation. The position of the police in these instances has been one of a traditional peace-keeping and law-enforcement role. The Community Relations Officer to the Council has acted as a mediator between the two factions and the problems have remained minimal.

JUVENILE LIAISON

During 1977, a total of 9,600 juvenile offenders were recorded by the Humberside Juvenile Liaison Officers.

Eight per cent of these were under the age of criminal responsibility (under 10 years old), but of those committing recordable crimes 10% were under age.

Nine per cent of all juvenile offenders were already under either Care or Supervision Orders, and the overall recidivist rate for 1977 was 8%.

Female offenders now account for 15% of the total number of juveniles being reported for crime.

Children of 10 and 11 years, and those juvenile offenders who are already under Care or Supervision Orders, are normally the subject of consultation with the Social Services Department before a final decision is made as to whether or not to prosecute; the remainder are dealt with in the normal manner or referred for consultation depending upon factors concerning the offender or the offence.

The 8,853 aged 10 to 16 who committed indictable and other offences were dealt with as follows:

No consultation		
Prosecuted	4,767	54 %
Cautioned	2,652	30 %
No further action	388	4 ½ %

After consultation		
Prosecuted	704	8 %
Cautioned	322	3 ½ %
No further action	20	—
	<u>8,853</u>	<u>100%</u>

There were 5,447 juveniles concerned in criminal offences and they were dealt with as follows:

	1976	1977
Under the age of criminal responsibility	403	534
Cautioned by police	1,359	1,499
Process withdrawn or dismissed	70	103
Conditional discharge	662	705
Absolute discharge	97	84
Fined	916	1,205
Committed for trial	54	57
Committed for sentence	37	59
Care/Supervision Orders, Detention Centre, etc.	1,151	1,171
Total	<u>4,749</u>	<u>5,447</u>

As will be seen from the following table, the most prevalent indictable offences committed by juveniles are Theft, Burglary, Criminal Damage and Violence to Persons.

	1975	1976	1977
Theft	2,461	2,700	3,026
Burglary	1,297	1,175	1,367
Criminal Damage (including Arson)	116	136	260
Violence to Persons	297	344	233
Fraud and Forgery	57	90	49
Others	90	239	424
Sub Total	<u>4,318</u>	<u>4,684</u>	<u>5,359</u>
Children under 10	302	339	384
Total Offences	<u>4,620</u>	<u>5,023</u>	<u>5,743</u>

The 1977 Theft figure includes 1,511 offences of shoplifting.

Criminal damage under £20 value committed by Juveniles

Offences	<u>455</u>
Male offenders	458
Female offenders	38
Total offenders	<u>496 (Includes 105 under age)</u>

VICE

Prostitution and Brothels

The number of prostitutes arrested for soliciting in a street or public place increased from 15 in the previous year to 20 in 1977. Similarly, increases occurred in the number cautioned which rose from 21 in 1976 to 43 in 1977. Once again, all the offences took place in the old town dock area of Kingston upon Hull. Many more prostitutes continue to operate at Cleethorpes, and the dockland area of Grimsby and Hull but their activities do not under normal circumstances infringe the law. However, two women were convicted of keeping a brothel at Cleethorpes.

Obscene Literature

Thirty-eight warrants under the Obscene Publications Act have been executed by members of the Force against dealers in pornography at Bridlington, Driffeld, Hull, Grimsby and Cleethorpes. On one occasion over 30,000 articles were seized on the raid. Although all the enquiries have not yet been finalised orders of forfeit have been obtained against the remainder and the material destroyed. Persistent police action can be successful — a 'hard core' pornography shop in Hull was closed as a result of executing warrants on three separate occasions during the year.

LICENSING

The following table shows the number and classification of premises in the County licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor, the number of registered clubs, details of the administration of the licensing laws, and various statistics for the period 1st January to 31st December, 1977.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	Total
'On' Licences							
Alehouses	300	81	131	133	141	94	880
Licensed Clubs	7	29	19	34	8	18	115
Beerhouses	—	—	6	—	—	—	6
Restaurants	31	2	23	6	24	36	122
Residential &							
Restaurant	24	2	7	3	4	10	50
Residential	31	—	1	—	—	5	37
Licensed Seaman's							
Canteen	1*	—	2	1	—	—	4
Wine only	—	—	1	—	—	—	1

Off Licences

Beer, Cider and wine	1	15	10	7	4	—	37
Beer, wine & spirits	120	71	40	56	79	126	492
*Beer and Cider only							

Other Premises

Intoxicating liquor is sold without Justices' Licences in two theatres in Kingston upon Hull and one in Scunthorpe.

Licences in Suspense

The certificates cover the following:

'On' Licences

Alehouses	39
Beerhouses	6
Licensed Clubs	7

Gaming Act, 1968, Section 6

Orders are in force to allow gaming in addition to dominoes and cribbage in the following Petty Sessional Divisions:

Goole, South and Middle Holderness, Scunthorpe, Cleethorpes and Grimsby.

Supper Hour Extensions

Certificates to supply intoxicants with meals either up to 3.0 p.m. or 11.30 p.m. in accordance with Section 68 of the Licensing Act, 1964 are in force for 221 premises.

General Orders of Exemption

Orders are in force for 106 premises.

Special Hours Certificates

Special Hours Certificates are in force for 76 premises.

Extended Hours Orders

Extended Hours Orders are in force for 4 premises.

Drunkness

Proceedings were taken in 1,461 cases of drunkness.

	Age of Persons against whom proceedings were taken					Total
	10-13	14-16	17-20	21-29	30+	
Male	1	43	354	322	643	1363
Female	1	5	18	19	55	98

Proceedings against licensees

Eleven persons were convicted of 75 offences, and in addition, 14 licensees were cautioned for other offences.

Proceedings against other persons

64 persons were proceeded against for 70 offences concerned with selling intoxicants without a licence.

Other offences connected with drunkenness

17 males were convicted of drunkenness and criminal damage
 9 " " " " " " " " assault police
 6 " " " " " " " " being drunk in charge of pedal cycles
 2 " " " " " " " " " " a child under 7 years

Offences Committed by Persons under 18

	<i>Proceeded</i>		<i>No further</i>	
	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Action</i>
Sale to under 18	27	24	24	5
Drinking under 18	245	54	272	3
Buy under 18	30	2	31	1

Registered Clubs

The total of registered clubs is as follows:-

'A'	'B'	'C'	'D'	'E'	'F'	Total
73	44	41	41	76	90	365

Offences at registered clubs:-

Five clubs were found to be in contravention of the rules governing their conduct and applications for the cancellation of their registration certificates were granted, although two clubs were able to re-register.

Music, Singing and Dancing

Premises licensed for the sale of intoxicants	212
Other premises	255
Total	467

Music and Singing

Premises licensed for the sale of intoxicants	50
Other premises	33
Total	83

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1963

Bookmakers' Permits	149
Betting Office Licences	219

Offences:-

Two Bookmakers were convicted of offences concerning the evasion of betting duty and their permits forfeited.
 Five verbal cautions were administered, one for failing to display the betting

office licence and four for allowing unlawful advertisement by leaving the outer door open.

General Remarks

Apart from the incidents referred to in the previous paragraph licensed betting offices are generally conducted in a satisfactory manner and are maintained in a reasonable state of decoration and cleanliness.

Gaming Act, 1968

	<i>Divisions</i>						Total
	'A'	'B'	'C'	'D'	'E'	'F'	
Licensed under Part II	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Licensed under Part II (Bingo only)	6	20	10	18	5	8	67
Registered under Part II	-	-	1	1	31	-	34
Registration Part III	61	39	34	37	63	81	315

Offences

After lengthy investigations into a club in 'C' Division 23 persons were convicted at York Crown Court for offences of theft and deception by obtaining money through unlawful manipulation of Link Bingo. Officials in several clubs in the Hull area were convicted of offences concerning the unlawful use of gaming machines. A letter of caution was sent to the licensee of a club in 'D' Division for amusement with prizes only.

General Remarks

The police and the local Gaming Board Inspector continue to supervise licensed premises and there is close liaison between them and the Clerk to the Licensing Committee. In all cases concerning the unlawful use of gaming machines the offence arises out of persons using the machines who are not members or bona fide guests. Apart from this, gaming in the Division is generally conducted in a satisfactory manner.

Warrants

<i>Divisions</i>	'A'	'*B', 'C', 'D'	'E'	'F'	Total
Number of warrants issued	1,427	10,708	2,185	4,303	18,623
Number of persons arrested	557	2,906	784	1,646	5,893
Money collected	£14,256	£68,270	£20,471	£53,383	£156,380

*'B', 'C', 'D' Divisions operate from the same centralised warrant office—figures are not available on an individual basis.

Special Constables have assisted the Regular Force many times in the past year by performing uniformed duty at sporting events, agricultural shows, fairs and civic occasions. Approximately 12,000 training and operational duties were performed by Special Constables during the year.

The following table shows the distribution of actual strength at the 31st December, 1977:—

	H.Q.	'A'	'B'	'D'	'E'	'F'	Band	Total
Commandant	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chief Superintendent	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Superintendent	—	1	1	1	1	1	—	5
Chief Inspector	—	1	1	1	1	1	—	5
Inspector	1	4	2	4	9	3	1	24
Sergeants	—	7	5	2	17	7	1	39
Constables	—	38	24	15	94	56	19	246
Total	4	51	33	23	122	68	21	322

CENTRAL FIXED PENALTY OFFICE

Staffed by civilians under the general supervision of Headquarters Administration the Office monitors enquiries and maintains a comprehensive record of all fixed penalty tickets issued in the Humberside Police area. The Office has recently been equipped with an I.B.M. data processing machine. It is too early yet to assess the true value of this equipment but it is hoped that it will greatly facilitate the administrative procedures.

An analysis of the tickets issued during the year ended 31st December, 1977 is given hereunder.

DIVISION	A	B	C(HQ)	C(TW)	D	E	F	Total
Parking offences	2565	728	121	6489	1024	460	1811	13198
Lighting offences	207	209	28	—	375	113	997	1929
Fail to display V.E.L.	80	10	119	—	375	300	824	1708
Moving vehicle offences	—	—	1	—	—	18	—	19
	2852	947	269	6489	1774	891	3632	16854

Effective Notices	
Paid in 21 days	7541
Paid Late (Police follow up Action)	5046
Process issued	389

Ineffective Notices	
Diplomatic Privilege	—
Visitors from abroad	226
Time limit expired/Driver not traced	152
Mistake on Ticket/TW or PC resigned	48
Cautioned or excused	1589
Other reasons	102
Tickets within statutory 21 day period	620
Under enquiry	1141
Total	16854

ACCOMMODATION

NEW POLICE BUILDINGS

In my report last year I referred to the Government's review of public expenditure as a result of which a limited building return was called for by the Home Office. Three projects were submitted to the Home Office but only one was approved. This was the provision of a new Sub-Divisional Headquarters at Hessle but no definite commencement date was given. A site on the Priory sidings, Hessle High Road, has been approved by the Home Office and negotiations are now taking place between the County Council and British Rail for its purchase. At the present time all the indications are that a start on the building will be made early in 1979.

Bransholme Section Station

This station has now been completed and became fully operational in November, 1977.

M.62 Motor Post

This post was also completed in the past year and became fully operational in December, 1977.

New Sub-Divisional Headquarters — Brigg

Work on this building is well in hand and it is hoped that it will be completed by August, 1978.

Site for New Force Headquarters

The purchase of the old Beverley Barracks was completed in November, 1977. Although there are no indications when building work will commence the planning of this vital project has now started.

Section Box — Scunthorpe

Provided that difficulties regarding site acquisition can be overcome quickly, a start should be made on this building not later than March 1978.

POLICE STATION IMPROVEMENTS

Cleethorpes

During the past year many further improvements have been carried out at this Sub-Divisional Headquarters. A second house attached to the main building has been converted into offices for use by the Regional Crime Squad. The vacation of other offices by the Regional Crime Squad has made it possible to provide better messing and recreational facilities.

In addition, improvements have been made to the Charge Room and Communications Room.

Bridlington

Much needed toilet and shower facilities have now been provided at this busy Sub-Divisional Headquarters.

Scunthorpe

The security facilities at this station have now been greatly improved. In addition further offices and prisoners' interview rooms have been constructed by reducing the size of the prisoners' exercise yard.

At Shelford House the entrance foyer has been altered to provide interview rooms and storage accommodation.

Security of Police Stations

The security at a number of Stations throughout the County, including Tower Grange, Hull, Hornsea, Goole and Headquarters, has greatly been improved by minor alterations.

POLICE HOUSES

During the past year new rural beat houses have been completed at Holme on Spalding Moor and Leven. Also a start will be made in the near future on a new house at North Ferriby.

The acquisition of sites for new rural houses is posing a problem and this resulted in the building of a new house at Crowle having to be deferred. At the present time negotiations are in hand to acquire sites at Flamborough, Crowle, Barrow upon Humber, Skirlaugh, Gilberdyke and Hutton Cranswick, and I hope that it may be possible to start building three new rural beat houses during the forthcoming year.

Excluding houses already approved for disposal, there are now 378 houses owned by the County. During the past year I set up a working party consisting of a senior police officer, the Chairman of the Joint Branch Board of the Police Federation and the Force Buildings Officer to look into the whole question of police houses. It is quite obvious from their report that, when finances become available a number of existing houses will have to be replaced and major improvements carried out on a further number.

The programme of installing central heating in police houses has continued although, due to a cut-back in finances made available by the Home Office, this programme was necessarily curtailed. I am still hopeful, however, that central heating will be installed in all houses by 1980.

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WELFARE

My two Force Welfare Officers have recorded 45-50 new enquiries from officers each month. Most of these enquiries have been resolved quickly and satisfactorily and only a small nucleus of referrals has required a follow-up service by means of counselling and support through their personal difficulties.

Assistance has been offered to serving and civilian personnel who have retired and more especially to serving members retired on medical grounds. Second career opportunities have been circulated, with some success, to those interested. This service depends upon the help given by the nominated employment adviser at the Job Centres in the county and to date this help has been invaluable. The Welfare Officers assisted the Police Federation in the organisation and operation of the two resettlement courses held at the end of the year for serving officers contemplating retirement.

Pensioners

Fifty-four new pensioners have been registered, mostly ex-serving but also some civilian members. It is with regret that I report the deaths of thirty-two pensioners of the constituent forces. Newly-widowed pensioners have been given assistance and support by my officers to help them through the immediate crisis and the first few months of painful re-adjustment.

A small lottery was held again in 1977 to help towards financing the next pensioners' reunion. The success achieved was mainly due to the individual efforts of many of the serving and civilian members.

Subject to operational commitment my officers have continued to visit our pensioners at regular intervals and these visits are both welcomed and valued by them.

Humberside Police Welfare and Benevolent Fund.

Following the annual drive to increase membership amongst serving and civilian members of the force, approximately 250 new members of the Humberside Police Welfare and Benevolent Funds were recruited. It was found necessary to increase the weekly subscription to 2p to take account of inflation. The assets remain healthy due to the many small donations from members of the public and the generous donations from police social functions to this very active fund which exists to help serving and civilian members in need.

Promotions, postings and retirements have necessitated the resignation of several fund managers, some of whom were founder members, with the

resultant loss of their expertise in welfare matters but the new nominees are quickly gaining experience in this field.

Police Dependants' Trust

In the Humberside area there are 26 beneficiaries registered with the Trust, this number being made up of retired officers and widows. There have been three new applications forwarded to the Trust, these will be considered by the Committee at their January 1978 meeting.

The trust has given sums towards holidays for some of the beneficiaries and in addition to this Sir Fred Pontin annually offers 50 places at his holiday camps for one week free holidays for our widows and children. In 1977 two of our widows went to the Morecambe camp in May.

National Police Funds — Educational Committee

Three young ladies are currently receiving support from the National Police Fund towards the continuation of their education at higher level.

St. George's Fund

Fourteen children are currently receiving grants from the St. George's Fund and although four recently passed the age of 16 years, thus no longer receiving assistance, three new children have been added to the list.

St. Andrew's Northern Police Convalescent Home

It is a pity that the excellent facilities at the convalescent home at Harrogate are underused by members of the force. Officers repeatedly state that they prefer to complete their convalescence at home with their families but in fact it would help their families if these officers took advantage of a fortnight at Harrogate. Those who have been guests there praise the excellent care and accommodation, the food and the physiotherapy.

HEALTH OF THE FORCE

The following table shows the health of the Force during the year 1977:—

	1976	1977
Average daily strength of the Force	1,750.00	1,768.50
Days lost through sickness	16,883.00	14,365.00
Days lost through injury on duty	1,395.00	1,358.00
Average number of days lost per member of the Force	10.44	8.89
Average number off per day	44.94	43.07

POLICE FEDERATION

In 1977 representatives of the Police Federation were very active both on a local and a national scale as no-one can have failed to notice and once again great efforts have been made to obtain better pay and working conditions for their members.

In March two members of the Constables' Board attended a Branch Board Representatives' Course at Whitelands College, London. In April six members of the Joint Branch Board attended a discussion and study group at Sheffield University. Conference was held in Scarborough in May and the Joint Branch Board was fully represented. Coaches were made available for observers to attend and there was a large response. Force Open Meetings were held at Cottingham in October and at Brigg in November.

In November and December this office organised two resettlement courses at the Hull College of Further Education for officers with 24 or more years service. Twenty-six officers attended on the first course and 27 on the second. The object of the course was to prepare those officers contemplating retirement for life outside the Police Service. Subjects discussed ranged from Pensions and Employment Prospects to Leisure during Retirement and Health in Later Life.

In December 1977 the Joint Branch Board approved the appointment of a former employee of the County Council as the full-time Personal Assistant to the Secretary of the Joint Branch Board.

The office has dealt with 91 claims to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, an increase of 13 over 1976. There have been 58 awards and there are 84 cases outstanding. There have been 7 civil claims and 8 civil awards and 6 members have obtained legal assistance in road traffic cases. Payments from the Group Insurance Scheme amount to £18,951.67, this sum consisting of £18,500 for 15 members of the scheme who were compulsorily retired on medical grounds and £451.67 for members of the scheme who sustained accidental injury and as a consequence were off duty for more than 14 days. There are four claims pending at the end of the year.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

The force entered a team in the P.A.A. North East Region League for the first time at the beginning of the 1977/78 season. This enables the team to play regularly against forces in the region on a home and away basis. At the end of December, having completed half of its fixtures, the force had won four, lost two and drawn one. The team was knocked out of the national P.A.A. cup competition by Lincolnshire Police in the first round.

The force team is fully representative of all divisions. At divisional level all except 'A' division play in local leagues and a combined team from the Hull stations plays in the first division of the Hull Sunday League.

In the past inter-divisional football has been difficult to organise on a competitive basis because of travelling difficulties but a seven-a-side tournament was organised in May at the force sports ground in Inglemire Lane, Hull. This was a great success, all divisions participated and 'F' division were the eventual winners.

ATHLETICS

The first major event in the Humberside Police Athletic club calendar were the inter-divisional sports championships at Goole on Wednesday, 25th May, 1977. The event was well supported by competitors and spectators. Five records were broken on that day.

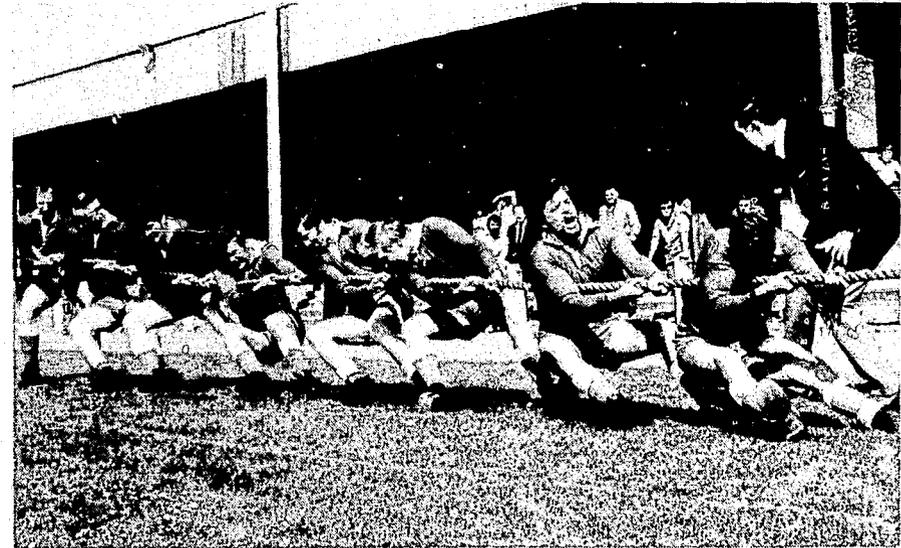
At the North East Region Championships at Gateshead in June Constable Mayhew was the only winner from the force, taking the 400 metres title. A small team was entered in the National Championships at Hendon, but no success was gained. Overall it has not been a very good season for this section but in 1978 the force will compete in the Northern Police Track League and this will ensure regular competition which most of the members have lacked in the past.

BAND

The Humberside Police Military Band completed a successful and busy period. Practically every type of musical engagement was undertaken from ceremonial parades to formal concerts as well as attendances at Fetes, Galas, Carnivals and the more relaxed garden parties.

As well as regular Officers the Band includes, as Special Constables, a number of young musicians who are still pursuing full-time educational studies. Whilst this is most gratifying it does, on occasions, pose problems in respect of regular attendances at rehearsals and engagements.

The success of the Band however, continues and this is due in no small measure to its Conductor, Special Inspector G. E. Gregory and I am confident that it is playing a big part in the furtherance of Police/Public relations.



Scunthorpe Tug of War team; Humberside Police champions for the second year

MALE VOICE CHOIR

Seven concerts were given by the North Bank Choir in Hull and the surrounding district and these were mainly at the request of various organisations for the aged and the disabled. Holderness Lions organised a carol concert at South Holderness School, Preston which was attended by both the choir and the Police Band.

The main event of the year was a combined choir and brass band concert held at the City Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne in May 1977 in aid of the Police Dependants' Trust. A choir representative of the whole county attended; other police forces present were Cleveland, Durham and Northumbria.

Membership numbers have declined during the last couple of years and it is to be hoped that more serving officers will take an interest in joining in the future.

CHESS

In January, 1977 two officers took part in the North East Region Police Championships but were placed 7th and 13th out of twenty competitors. On the domestic scene, at the end of the year the Humberside Police 'A' team was placed midway in the second division of the Hull and District League; there has been sufficient interest to form a 'B' team but at present they are finding life a struggle in the fifth division of the same league.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

This section has again enjoyed a full and successful year. New members have taken up the sport and 'D' and 'E' divisions have very strong teams. A shooting area with a stationary and a portable trap has been established at Scunthorpe, to the undoubted benefit of the 'E' Division competitors.

In the No. 2 Region P.A.A. Clay Pigeon Shooting Championships in Cleveland in July the individual sporting bird trophy was won by Detective Constable Hobson. The force Championships and President's Day were held in August and were very well supported. The National Championships took place in Northern Ireland but because of lack of funds in the section it was not possible to send a team. It is hoped that the force will be able to participate in the championships of the coming year.

CRICKET

The glorious summer of 1976 resulted in the loss of only one game through rain. It is therefore surprising to report that during last summer, when the weather was far worse, only one game had to be cancelled in similar circumstances. However, as a whole, the weather did not help the team's pursuit of the first division title in the local league and two crucial matches were affected. The team finished one point behind the eventual winners.

There is no doubt that this has been the team's best season since promotion and as its performance has improved year by year, the 1978 season is awaited with confidence.

GOLF

This section had an extremely active year and there are now 110 golfers in the force who are active participants. There were 14 fixtures against local forces and clubs. The force championship was held at Grimsby and the winners were Sergeant Evans (best gross) and Detective Constable Copley (best nett). Two teams represented the force in the North East Region championships but had little success.

Sergeant Flynn was Golfer of the Year in the force, having collected the most points from the monthly divisional fixtures. The season closed with a well attended Captain's Day held at Hessele Golf Club.

HOCKEY

The hockey section has had a year of mixed fortunes with good wins against local teams but no success in the national Police Championships in which they were beaten by Staffordshire for the second successive time. This fixture was played with more aggression and enthusiasm by the force team and in the victories that have since been gained a steady improvement is noticeable. More players are keen to represent the force than ever before which makes competition for places much keener. This in its turn promotes team spirit and should restore pride in the section which it is felt has been lacking in the past.

NETBALL

This section has experienced a number of changes in its administration which affected the organisation of fixtures but it is now settling down to playing in both a summer league and a winter league on the North Bank. As with so many sections a force team is not always fully representative of the county's strength because of the difficulty involved in travelling. Most fixtures have been honoured by the selection of a team from the North Bank. It is hoped to enter a South Bank team in a local league during 1978 and eventually have two teams for inter-force and P.A.A. matches.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

The 1976-77 season finished on a high note with a number of good victories and a promising start to the new season looked likely. Unfortunately for the section the 1977-78 season began with a succession of injuries to key players and by the end of the first month the playing strength had been weakened considerably. This necessitated playing many of the survivors out of position and some heavy defeats were sustained. Eventually the team was restored to a recognisable outfit and by the end of December eight of the sixteen matches played had been won. The second half of the season is viewed with more confidence and will include a three match tour in Gwent. The new force captain is Tony Rice, a regular player for the Hull and East Riding Club.



Tony Rice (with ball), the force rugby captain (Reproduced by courtesy at Middlesbrough Evening Gazette)

SAILING

In comparison with previous seasons the 1977 season was quiet in sailing activity. A number of members have acquired new boats and sailing takes place at Hornsea Mere and from Cleethorpes beach. There was no entry from the force for the national Police Championships owing to re-organisation within the section but it is hoped that participation in this event will be renewed in 1978.

SEA ANGLING

The section completed a season with a full programme of matches. The force hosted the North East Region Police Championships and entered two teams. The B team, consisting of Constables Oliver, Coleman, Murphy and Mason, was placed second. The same team represented the force in the national championships at Durham and did extremely well to finish fourth.

Eight inter-divisional matches were staged and the result was a tie between 'A' and 'E' divisions. All matches have been well-supported and it is hoped that interest is maintained despite the constant difficulty involved in travelling around the county.



The force sea angling team

SMALL BORE SHOOTING

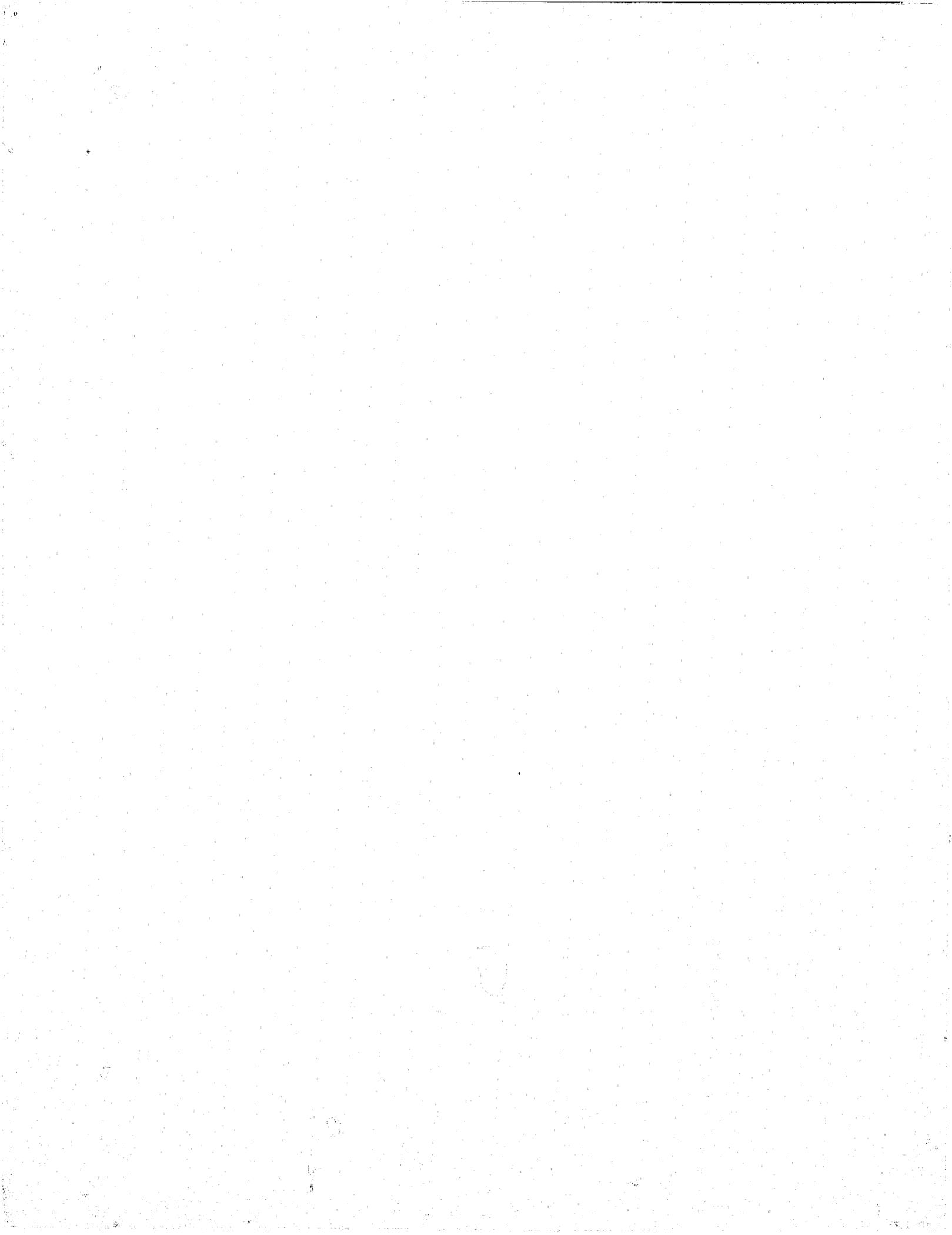
This section had a very good year with individuals taking trophies at every meeting. Unfortunately the team efforts did not always have the same success. Nevertheless this was one of the section's most successful years and much good will was promoted in the fixtures with local clubs. Constable Willoughby attended club instructors' courses organised by the National Smallbore Rifle Association in the use of the pistol and the rifle. Sergeant Green and Constable Smith hope to be able to attend the rifle course next year.

WEIGHTLIFTING

During 1977 the section continued weekly training sessions at the Central Police Station, Hull and at Tower Grange Police Station. Detective Constable McPherson competed in local league events and in the Middle Heavyweight class at the Yorkshire and North East District Championships (Power lifting event) in Leeds in June he gained second place in a highly competitive class.

The eleventh P.A.A. championships were held at Staffordshire during the year but because of injuries the force was unable to enter any competitors; this is the first year that no entry has been made but it is hoped to be able to send representatives to the 1978 championships.





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