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The Chief Constable

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FOREWORDBy Mr. C.H.KELLY, Q.P.M., LL.B.

ACQUISITIONS

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In compliance with Sections 12 and 30 of the Police Act, 1964, I have the honour to present to you my Report for 1978.

Introduction:

1978 has been a busy year. The Force, with a greatly reduced strength, has had to meet many challenges, not least of which was the marked increase in crimes involving vandalism. The year also brought a major murder investigation and, on the national scene, a pay award which, hopefully, will help to reduce wastage and bolster recruiting.

The Carl Bridgewater Murder:

The murder of the young newspaper boy in September horrified the country and initiated a full-scale murder investigation which, at its peak, involved more than 150 officers of this Force and many civilian staff. The professional, thorough and painstaking enquiry, under the senior detective officers of the Force, resulted in the arrest of four men who now stand charged with the murder. I am extremely proud of the loyalty and dedication shown by all involved in this enquiry and I am most grateful for the unstinted help given by so many other Forces in the country.

Crime:

The disturbing aspects in the figures of reported crime are the increases in crimes of violence, burglary in a dwelling and criminal damage. The police are doing everything within their power to reduce the numbers of these crimes and to detect offenders. I am convinced that we must now look to Magistrates and Judges to play their part and impose realistic and deterrent penalties on those found guilty.

I cannot fail to be concerned at the continuing increase in the number of offences of assaulting or obstructing police officers in the execution of their duty. Here again, part of the remedy lies in the hands of the Courts and I feel that police officers are entitled to look for support from those responsible for sentencing offenders.

Bail Act:

The introduction of this legislation and the way in which it has been implemented has given cause for concern.

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During the year 914 indictable crimes were committed by persons on bail and over one-third of these were offences of burglary. Indeed, the major part of the increase in offences of burglary in a dwelling was accounted for by offences committed by those on bail. Magistrates and Judges bear an equal responsibility with the police for the prevention of crime and the protection of the public and, viewed in this light, it is often difficult to comprehend the reasons for decisions to admit to bail offenders whose known record of previous offences suggests that they will immediately resume their criminal activities upon release. It is even more difficult to comprehend the reasons for decisions to grant bail to those who are accused of committing offences whilst already on bail, yet such decisions are not infrequent.

Manpower:

For the major part of the year losses from the Force exceeded recruitment but the acceptance of the recommendations of the Lord Edmund DAVIES Report had the threefold effect of slowing down wastage, improving recruitment and raising morale. The pay award is, of course, to be made in two stages; one half in September 1978 and the other half in September 1979, and, although there is bound to be a measure of wastage by retirement on pension in September 1979, I do not feel, having regard to the improvement in recruiting, that the exodus will be as disastrous as it was in 1977/78. Indeed, I am hopeful that by the end of the financial year 1979/80, the Force will be quite near to its authorised establishment.

In my Report for 1977 I did say that I should be presenting you with a review of the establishment and I now hope to be able to do this in 1979.

"Bobby on the beat":

About a decade ago, in an endeavour to meet changing demands on the Service, this Force, in common with other Forces throughout the country, moved away from the former methods of beat policing to a sophisticated mobile system with better communications. This meant an improved response time to incidents and, on the face of it, a better service to the public. However, there is a real danger that a policeman who spends the majority of his tour of duty in a vehicle can become somewhat remote from the society he serves. As a consequence there can be a loss of that vital friendly contact between police and public which is so essential to our traditional concept of policing with the consent and co-operation of the community. To redress the balance, and

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to try to have the best of both worlds, I have introduced a new method of policing throughout the County which brings back the "bobby on the beat" to play his traditional community role, in particular to help to prevent crime and vandalism, yet retains the mobile element in which uniformed officers are deployed in marked vehicles to respond quickly to calls for assistance. I trust this change will become more apparent to the public as our strength increases.

Community involvement:

Because of the inter-dependence between a Police Force and the community it serves, I encourage all officers to play an active part in as many facets of community life as possible.

Many are involved locally in youth work, and some are trained youth leaders. Others work with sports clubs and similar organisations or play a leading part in working for charitable causes. I am always delighted to have so many of my officers making such a valuable contribution to society and I am appreciative of the fact that they give their free time to do so.

The Force arranges displays at events throughout the County and organises visits to Police Stations and Police Headquarters. Such visits are always well attended. In addition, my officers give talks to adult organisations on a wide variety of police subjects. The Force Open Day and the three days set aside for school children to visit Police Headquarters, were outstandingly successful.

One particular example of the initiative which can be displayed was illustrated in the 'Adventure 78' scheme held in the Cannock Division. This ambitious scheme combined community involvement with youth activity in an attempt to prevent vandalism. The local police and the District Council met together to organise a number of events designed to occupy young people during the school holiday period. The events varied from sporting competitions to discos and from community work parties to hobby displays, and culminated in a presentation dance in September when prizes were awarded by local dignitaries to the winners of various competitions. Vandalism seems to have been significantly reduced during the scheme and the venture is to be repeated as 'Adventure 79'. This initiative shows what can be done when all members of the community give of their time and talent to point the way for the young. I hope others will follow this challenging lead.

Complaints:

243 complainants made a total of 384 complaints against police officers of the Force, an appreciable rise over previous

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years. This was the first full year of operation of the Complaints Board and one wonders if the very publicity given to the setting up of the Board contributed to the increase.

Whilst the procedure of submitting complaint investigation reports to the Board has increased administrative work, and markedly extended the period within which matters can be brought to a conclusion, I feel that the new procedure has served a useful purpose by highlighting, under independent scrutiny, the thoroughness with which the Force deals with complaints.

Conclusion:

I would like to thank all members of the Police Authority, and Officers of the County Council, for the support given to the Force and to me, personally, in 1978. I think it is appropriate to say that Staffordshire is a happy Force and this is due, in no small measure, to your keen interest and support.

CHARLES H. KELLY,

Chief Constable

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Constitution of the
Staffordshire Police Committee
as at 31st December, 1978

Chairman: - H.J. Carter
Vice-Chairman: - H. Goodwin

Members appointed by Magistrates'
Courts Committee

Mrs. M. Phillips
J. Hawley Cooke, O.B.E.

Stoke-on-Trent Petty Sessional
Division.

T. Byatt
J.E. Hulme
J.H. Plant

Burton on Trent Petty Sessional
Division

D.D. Wallace

Cannock Petty Sessional Division

Mrs. E. Astbury

Leek Petty Sessional Division

J. Sales

Lichfield Petty Sessional Division

T.F. Winterton

Newcastle Petty Sessional Division

R. Statham, C.B.E

Stafford Petty Sessional Division

W. Dean

Tamworth Petty Sessional Division

G.W. Hart

Members appointed by
Staffordshire County Council

Ashley, Mrs. E,
Bevan, D
Brown, H
Carter, H.J
Cholerton, F.A., C.B.E.,
Farmer, Mrs. M,
Finney, C.
Goodwin, H,
Haines, T.R
Hancock, W., C.B.E.
Handley, G
Humphries, G
Jones, C.H
Jones, C.L
Jones, M.E
Lees, K.G
Lewis, F.W
McKimmie, J,
Roberts, R
Savill, F.W
Shirley, J
Stafford Northcote, C.H.
Stanton, D.A.
Ward, A.G.

Clerk: J.R.P. Hughes, LL.B, D.P.A., L.M.R.T.P.I
Treasurer: G. Woodcock, F.C.A., I.P.F.A.
Architect: D.B. Taylor, B. Arch., F.R.I.B.A.

PART I

ORGANISATION AND ESTABLISHMENT

Establishment and Strength

1. The authorised establishment of the Force as at the 31st December, 1978, was 2,066 made up as follows:

C.C.	D.C.C.	A.C.C.	Chief Supt.	Supt.	Chief Insp.	Insp.	Sgt.	P.C.	Total
1	1	3	11	27	48	100	333	1542	2,066

2. You will recall from my 1977 report, a Force Support Unit comprising a Chief Inspector, 1 Inspector, 2 Sergeants and 20 Constables became operational on 18th December, 1976, on an experimental basis, with the officers being withdrawn from Divisional Establishments as a temporary measure. Following the success achieved by the Unit you agreed to its establishment as a permanent feature of the Force and the Secretary of State gave his approval to carry the supervisory ranks supernumary to the Force establishment until January, 1978, when he considered that it should be possible to redeploy the posts within the existing establishment.

3. At that stage, a detailed review of the organisation of the Force, including provision of a realistic strength for the Force Support Unit, was well advanced and it was hoped that the matters would be resolved by an early agreement on the proposals as a whole. However, following consultation with H.M. Inspector of Constabulary, it was considered advisable to further review the position in the light of the latest guidelines and advice emanating from the Home Office particularly with regard to the internal framework of the Force. This further review involved a study in depth of all areas of activity to ensure the structure which is eventually adopted will provide the most effective policing appropriate for the Force area for the foreseeable future.

4. However, owing to the extent of the study being undertaken I will not be in a position to present the full review to you until the latter part of 1979 and obviously it would be some time afterwards before a revised establishment could be approved by the Home Office and fully implemented. Therefore in order to overcome the difficulties which have arisen from the temporary re-allocation of the ranks of 1 Chief Inspector, 1 Inspector and 2 Sergeants, to provide supervisory officers for the Unit, you approved in December, 1978 of the appointment of these additional ranks with a compensatory reduction of 4 in the number of Constables. Home Office approval for this interim arrangement is now awaited.

Strength

5. The actual strength of the Force on 31st December, 1978,

including officers seconded to Central Service, Overseas and Regional Crime Squads, was 1,977 including 137 women. There were 127 vacancies in the establishment.

Acreage and Population

6. The acreage of the Force area on the 31st December, 1978, was 671,164.

The estimated population of the Force area on 31st December, 1978, was 997,600.

At the end of the year the ratio of Police Officers on establishment to population was 1 to 482.

Force Support Unit

7. The Unit, which was first formed in late 1976 has continued to show good progress over the past year and the nature of the work in which its members have been involved, has confirmed the necessity of the Unit being a permanent feature of the Force structure.

8. Further training and exercises have been held which have enabled the Unit to achieve a higher standard of proficiency in organised searching, house to house enquiries, the handling of firearms, assisting in major disasters and crowd control. The Unit is now in a position to respond to incidents of this nature in a more competent and professional manner.

9. During the year a wide spectrum of work was undertaken ranging from traffic matters to murder enquiries, either operating in small teams or as a complete unit.

10. During 1978, 377 arrests were made, 170 for offences involving dishonesty and 126 involving Public Disorder, Assault and Damage. In the same period 1,200 traffic offences were reported.

11. From September to the end of the year the entire Unit was committed for duty in connection with the Wombourne Murder and the expertise of its members proved to be valuable in certain aspects of this enquiry.

Civilian Employees

12. Home Office Circular No. 99/1978 dated 9th June, 1978, outlined additional expenditure on the Law, Order and Protective Services programme for the year 1978/79. This relaxation of controls allowed an increase in the strength of civilian clerical staff by 12 and Police Cadets by 36.

Clerical Staff

13. The authorised establishment of clerical staff at 31st

December, 1978, was 398, comprised the following grades:-

Shorthand Typists	-	141
Clerical Division	-	154
Miscellaneous	-	103

At the end of the year there were nine vacancies.

14. The increase in the civilian clerical posts goes a little way towards alleviating the work-load, but as I stated in my last report, a realistic review of civilian establishment and grades will have to be carried out as soon as there is an improvement in the economic situation.

Traffic Wardens

15. The authorised establishment of Traffic Wardens remained unchanged at sixty and; on the 31st December, 1978, the actual strength employed in divisional areas was as follows:

Burton	-	5
Cannock	-	3
Leek	-	3
Lichfield	-	4
Newcastle	-	4
Stafford	-	4
Stoke North	-	15
Stoke South	-	12
Total		<u>50</u>

16. The authorised establishment of 60 has remained unchanged for a number of years, but unfortunately, due to the economies in police expenditure, posts, as they become vacant, are not filled. This has resulted in 7 fewer Traffic Wardens this year than last.

Manual Workers

17. The number of manual workers employed at the end of the year was 225, made up as follows:-

	<u>Whole-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mechanics	40	-	40
Cooks	19	4	23
Cleaners	87	65	152
Others	10	-	10

18. In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations, 1973, whole-time employees are defined as persons regularly working thirty or more hours per week.

Secondments

19. (a) Ch/Supt. Phasey, J.H - Force Liaison Officer to Computer Research Project
- Insp. Thorley, P.T - Computer Project
- Insp. Reynolds, J.W - Full-time student on social science degree course at Keele University.
- Ch/Supt. Wilkes, R.C - Staff Officer to H.M.I
- Det/Sgt. Cumberbatch, J - Central Drugs and Immigration Unit, New Scotland Yard.
- Sgt. Roberts, J - Police National Computer Training Centre, Durham.
- D/Ch/Insp. Manning, R.J - Midland Region Forensic Science Laboratory, Birmingham.
- T/Supt. Adamson, B.W - Police Research Services Unit, London.
- Insp. Holmes, B.L - Central Planning Instructors Training Unit, Pannal Ash.
- Sgt. Holding, I - Police College Special Course, Bramshill.

(b) Regional Police Training Centres

- T/Ch/Supt. Whalley, F.E - Eynsham Hall
- Sgt. Shannon, D.A - Ryton-on-Dunsmore
- Sgt. Ballard, R.A - Ryton-on-Dunsmore
- Sgt. Moss, N.G - Ryton-on-Dunsmore
- Sgt. Hulse, D - Ryton-on-Dunsmore
- Sgt. Dutton, P - Ryton-on-Dunsmore

(c) Regional Crime Squad

- Det/Ch/Insp. Houlston, K.F - Stoke-on-Trent Branch
- Det/Insp. Palmer, E.J - " "
- Det/Insp. Beech, H.E - " "
- Det/Sgt. Nixon, J.H - " "
- Det/Sgt. Talbot, E.H - " "
- Det/Sgt. Peake, D.L - " "

Det/Sgt. Williamson, R	-	Stoke-on-Trent Branch
Det/Sgt. Bird, D	-	" "
D/C. Nicholls, A.J	-	" "
D/C. Young, D.A	-	" "
D/C. Watts, T.E	-	" "
D/C. Colclough, P	-	" "
Det/Ch/Insp. Foster, J	-	Birmingham Branch
Det/Insp. Fowlie, J.A	-	Wolverhampton Branch
Det/Insp. Turner, J.S	-	" "
Det/Sgt. Eccleshall, L	-	" "
Det/Sgt. Walker, D	-	" "
Det/Sgt. Rogerson, B.A	-	" "
Det/Sgt. Giddens, C.J	-	" "
Det/Sgt. Till, J.H	-	" "
D/C. Massey, C.C	-	" "
D/C. Till, E.A	-	" "

Resignations and Retirements

20. The following table shows the losses during the year:-

RETIRED	CHIEF CONS. M. W.	CHIEF SUPT M. W.	SUPT. M. W.	CHIEF INSP. M. W.	INSP. M. W.	SGT. M. W.	P.C. M. W.	TOTAL M. W.
30-yrs. service or over.	- -	1 -	2 -	2 -	1 -	2 -	4 -	12 -
29-yrs. "						1 -		1 -
28-yrs. "								
27-yrs. "						1 -	1 -	2 -
26-yrs. "							1 -	1 -
25-yrs. "						1 -	2 -	3 -
Ill-health pension.				1 -	1 -	3 1	8 -	13 -
Ill-health gratuity								
TOTAL RETIRED	- -	1 -	2 -	3 -	2 -	8 1	16 -	32 1
<u>RESIGNATIONS</u>								
Over 10 years service.					1 -	3 -	6 1	10 1
" 9 years							1 -	1 -
" 8 years							4 1	4 1
" 7 years							4 1	4 1
" 6 years							4 -	4 -
" 5 years							4 2	4 2
" 4 years							8 -	8 -
" 3 years							8 2	8 2
" 2 years							4 2	4 2
Under 2 years							11 9	11 9
Deceased							1 1	1 1
Services dispensed with							3 -	3 -
Dismissed								
Transferred to other Force.							4 -	4 -
Transferred to other Author- ities.								
TOTAL RESIGNED ETC.					1 -	3 -	62 19	66 19
GRAND TOTAL	- -	1 -	2 -	3 -	3 -	11 -	78 19	98 20

Recruiting - Regular Force

21. During 1978, 79 men and 24 women were recruited to the Force, compared with 87 men and 27 women during 1977. These included 6 men on transfer from other Forces and 3 men on re-appointment. 19 men and 15 women were appointed as a result of applications received during 1976.

22. 10 enquiries were received from graduates or under-graduates - 7 males and 3 females. Of these only one male pursued his initial enquiry and subsequently applied and was appointed under the normal entry scheme.

23. Three enquiries were received from coloured applicants, one female and two males. The woman was 2" below the minimum height; the two men have not pursued their initial enquiry.

24. A total of 637 enquiries were received from men during 1978, compared with 552 in 1977; and 263 enquiries were received from women compared with 257 in 1977.

25. Although there was increased Force advertising in the local press, as well as in local magazines and publications, the Staffordshire Regiments Magazine and Welsh newspapers, the known response was extremely poor. There was an initial increase in the number of enquiries received following the reported increase in pay, but these eased off again towards the end of the year.

26. There was a substantial increase in the number of enquiries which were not pursued or where the applications were subsequently withdrawn.

27. Applications and enquiries received during 1978 were dealt with as follows:-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Below education standard	21	9
Below height/physical/medical standard	59	43
Over age	4	3
Under age	1	3
Failed interview	11	2
No appointment to offer	50	9
Applications not pursued, or withdrawn later	375	169
Enquiries on behalf of other Forces	222	78
Appointed from 1978 applications	60	9
Applications pending	12	7
Awaiting Education examination	6	2
Awaiting Medical and Final interview	10	2
Accepted for appointment during 1979	28	5
	<u>859</u>	<u>341</u>

Promotions

28. The following promotions were made during the year:-

MEN:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Numbers</u>
Constable	Sergeant	22
Sergeant	Inspector	11
Inspector	Chief Inspector	8
Chief Inspector	Superintendent	4
Superintendent	Ch/Superintendent	2

No female officers were promoted during 1978.

29. At the end of 1978, 117 Sergeants had passed the qualifying examination to Inspector and of these, 87 were qualified for promotion, the remainder having to complete the 'service in rank' qualification. 124 Constables were qualified for promotion to the rank of Sergeant and 30 Constables had passed the qualifying examination to Inspector.

Promotion Examinations

30. Promotion examinations to qualify to the rank of Sergeant and Inspector were held in November, 1977, and April 1978, the results were as follows:-

	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Percentage Pass</u>
November, 1977	329	49	14.89%
April, 1978	137	22	16.05%

31. In addition, under the present procedures, the following number of candidates reached the required standard in all but one paper and are only required to resit one subject to qualify.

November, 1977	-	18
April, 1978	-	26

32. In November, 1978, 292 Constables sat the promotion examination, the result of which will be published in 1979.

Discipline

33. Six officers were charged with offences against the Discipline Code, two officers were dealt with by way of reprimand and four were fined.

34. One of the convicted officers lodged an appeal with the Secretary of State which is still pending decision.

Complaints against Police

35. During 1978, 243 complainants made a total of 384 complaints against police officers of this Force, an appreciable rise over the previous year when 179 complainants made 286 complaints.
36. This is a significant increase and is the first full year of operation of the Police Complaints Board.
37. The pattern of complaints differs little from previous years. Again the majority of complaints were received from members of the public who, themselves, had either been arrested or reported for offences. Most of these complaints were withdrawn following Court proceedings.
38. Seventeen of the complaints have been recorded as substantiated, three of which resulted in criminal proceedings. One officer was charged with assault and one officer was charged with theft. In both these cases the officers concerned resigned before proceedings were instituted against them. In the third case the officer was charged with a traffic offence but this was dismissed by the Magistrates. In the remaining substantiated complaint, the officers concerned received suitable advice.
39. Fifty-three cases alleging crime - mainly assaults and traffic offences - were referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions for his consideration and only the three previously mentioned resulted in criminal proceedings.
40. The background to each type of complaint is examined and any lesson learned is brought to the notice of the Force at supervisory officers' conferences at Headquarters and in each Division.
41. The increasing complexity of the complaints procedure, involving as it does the morale of the Force, public confidence in the system, and a heavy commitment of senior officers engaged on investigations, indicated a training need.
42. This need was met by the organisation of two seminars at Force Headquarters. The first, for investigating officers, lasted two days and was presented by senior officers of the Force and attended by representatives of the Police Complaints Board and the Director of Public Prosecutions. The second, for members of the Federation, was presented by the Deputy Chief Constable, members of the Discipline and Complaints Department, and national representatives of the Police Federation.
43. Both seminars were adjudged successful by those taking part and all benefited by the quality of the presentations, the frank exchange of views, and by hearing officers and representatives of the independent bodies so closely involved in the complaints procedure.

44. The general training in the Force continues and included in the new Training Syllabus for refresher training given to officers attending courses at the Force Headquarters are lectures on Discipline and Complaints procedure by members of the Discipline and Complaints Department.

45. The Police Complaints Board continues to discharge its function in a satisfactory manner considering the large number of files which are forwarded to them.

46. In order to have a closer understanding of the working of the Police Complaints Board the officer in charge of the Discipline and Complaints Department, and his deputy, spent a day at the Headquarters of the Board in London. This was time well spent.

Appreciation

47. In contrast to the complaints made against Police Officers it is always a source of pleasure to hear of the occasions when members of the Force have been particularly helpful in providing assistance to members of the public.

48. In this respect 241 letters were received from members of the public during the year, expressing appreciation for the assistance and kindness given to them by individual officers.

49. The extracts below are a cross section of the type of letters received.

"Recently I had cause to report that I had been raped. My statement was taken by two Officers, a Detective Constable and a uniform woman Police Officer. I wish to express my thanks to both of them for their patience and understanding at a time when I felt extremely distressed and shocked.

One does hear condemnation of the police in their handling of this sort of thing - women made to feel even more degraded, etc. - but certainly in this instance the whole unfortunate episode was only made bearable for me by their practicable but sensitive questioning. I was not only able to be concise and accurate in describing the attack - I was also able, by the time I left the Police Station, to come to terms with the situation a little: that helped me personally a great deal".

"I would be grateful if you would express my thanks and those of my Aunt to the two Officers who broke into her house to rescue her from the bathroom floor where she had collapsed. It was particularly good of them to take the trouble to make a bed downstairs. A step I have been trying to encourage for a long time.
Thank you again for your help".

"On the night of Sunday, 15th January, my car broke down in Burton-upon-Trent 60 miles from my destination at Manchester. A lot of money, time and a day's wages and a cold night in the car were saved by the dedicated services of one of your Force.

This Officer was quick in offering his services in the best manner possible. In spite of the cold, damp and dark he worked on the oily confines of my car engine until he had analysed the fault, remedied it and push-started the car. This action enabled me to get home safely, attend work in the morning and saved me considerable expense.

I consider this action to have been a commendable example of Police dedication to service to the public and I trust this commendation will serve to give credit where it is due. I request that my gratitude be expressed to the Officer concerned, if at all possible".

"Recently we had a burglary at our home and a quantity of jewellery and money etc. was stolen to the value of £2,500.

My wife and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you and your Officers who investigated the crime, and quickly apprehended the suspects, recovered some of the property and finally got a conviction at Stafford Crown Court.

We cannot speak too highly of you and your men, and we wish to thank all those concerned, especially for their zeal and efficiency, and the understanding and comfort they gave to us at that time".

"I would like to thank you and your C.I.D. colleagues for your help and kindness to me and my daughter on the sad death of my husband.

Your help and understanding at a time when all was bewilderment meant a lot and still means a lot. The police receive a lot of brickbats, but I would like you to have a little appreciation for a change".

Commendations

50. Forty regular officers were commended by me for outstanding police duty and given below are details of some of the work performed.

"A uniformed Inspector and Constable for their courageous and effective action in arresting a mentally disturbed man who was armed with a loaded pistol".

"Two uniformed Constables for the courageous and determined manner in which they dealt with a very difficult public order situation which resulted in the arrest of an offender for assault upon the Police and his subsequent conviction".

"Two Detective Constables for the competent and painstaking manner in which they carried out enquiries into the theft of a lorry loaded with whisky. At Stafford Crown Court the seven men involved received substantial terms of imprisonment".

"An Inspector, two uniformed Sergeants, twelve uniformed Constables and two Detective Constables for their outstanding work, individually and as members of a team, during their period of night relief from 18th to 24th September, 1978.

Throughout this period they were called upon to deal with a large number of incidents, including theft, criminal damage, assault and serious public disorder, which resulted in no less than 24 persons being arrested.

The teamwork and dedication to duty under considerable pressure was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Police Service".

"A Detective Sergeant and two Police Constables for the skill and perseverance they showed whilst conducting enquiries to identify the driver of a stolen motor vehicle at Stoke-on-Trent on the 13th January, 1978. The driver of the stolen vehicle collided with and killed two women pedestrians. At Stoke-on-Trent Crown Court the offender was sentenced to two years imprisonment and at the conclusion of the case the Learned Judge commended the officers".

Awards

51. (i) In the 1978 New Years Honours List, Her Majesty the Queen was graciously pleased to award me the Queen's Police Medal for distinguished service.

(ii) The below-mentioned officers were promoted within the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in the following grades:

Chief Superintendent Eric Dennis HANSON	-	OFFICER BROTHER
Chief Inspector Kenneth William RATCLIFFE	-	SERVING BROTHER
Woman Police Constable Doreen Margaret Ann WICKENS	-	SERVING SISTER
Mr. Donald Joseph KELLY	-	OFFICER BROTHER

(iii) Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medals were awarded under Royal Warrant to 47 officers on completion of 22 years Police service.

Staffordshire County Council Long Service Award Scheme

52. During the early part of 1977 a joint approach from the Police Federation and the Superintendents' Association of the Staffordshire Police was made to the Staffordshire County Council for Regular Police Officers to be included in their Long Service Award Scheme. In February, 1978, it was finally agreed that Regular Officers, who had completed 30 years continuous Police service, should be eligible for an award and the agreed commencement date was 1st April, 1977.

53. At presentations held at the County Buildings on 8th and 18th December, 1978, 17 ex-officers and 31 serving officers received awards.

Police Cadets

54. The authorised establishment for Police Cadets is 107 and the actual strength at 31st December, 1978, was a little under half that number - 52, 32 males and 20 females.

55. The following appointments were made during the year.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
From applications made during 1977	14	9
From applications made during 1978	17	12
Losses were as follows:		
Appointed to the Regular Force	11	7
Resigned	2	-

There is very little difference in the number of enquiries received from girls and boys; during 1978, 417 enquiries were received from boys, compared with 256 in 1977, and 392 enquiries were received from girls, compared with 234 in 1977.

All Cadet applicants are required to take the standardised entrance examination and the pass mark for the Force is 85/200, the same as for the Regular Force.

Dog Branch

56. The authorised establishment and distribution of the Dog Branch at 31st December, 1978, was as follows:-

Staff at Headquarters Regional Dog Training School.	1 Ch/Inspector (also in charge of Mounted Branch)
	3 Sergeants
	1 Sergeant on secondment from West Midlands Police
	2 Constables

Divisions

Burton upon Trent	6 Constables
Cannock	6 Constables
Stoke North	6 Constables
Stoke South	6 Constables
Leek	6 Constables
Lichfield	6 Constables
Newcastle	6 Constables
Stafford	6 Constables

57. In accordance with established practice, summaries of interesting cases involving the use of Police Dogs have been issued quarterly during 1978 and they have been made available to the Police Authority.

58. In addition to the 620 successes by Handlers and Dogs, the dogs have again been regularly and most successfully employed in dealing with hooliganism at football matches and other incidents.

Mounted Branch

59. The authorised establishment of the Branch is one Sergeant, ten Constables, and ten horses.

60. During 1978 there has been a great call upon the services of the Branch in rendering assistance in public order and crowd control situations, particularly at football matches at Port Vale and Stoke City.

61. Furthermore, assistance has been given to the Derbyshire Police at Derby County Football Club's home matches when resources have been available.

62. The Branch has continued selected patrols throughout the County, paying particular attention to the large open spaces on Cannock Chase where the mounted officer becomes particularly valuable in difficult terrain.

63. Two police horses - 'Bombardier' and 'Corsair' - died during the year and we are now in the process of training two young remounts both of which are progressing very satisfactorily.

64. A two-horse Rice Trailer was purchased during the year for use by the Branch and its usefulness is already being realised.

65. During the summer Musical Rides and Demonstrations were given at a number of fetes and carnivals and these proved very popular with the general public. The show team again had a good year, competing against other mounted branches and winning three cups.

66. A Police mounted class competition formed part of our own Annual Horse Show at the County Showground and this event was well supported by other Police Forces. Hopefully this feature will become an annual event.

Special Constabulary

67. Authorised strength	1,100
Strength at 31/12/78	477
Applications received	84
Applications withdrawn	12
Applications rejected	19
Applications pending	17
Appointed	36

Losses During 1978

Resignations	15
Left district	4
Ill health	6
Age limit	46
Business/Domestic	20
Marriage	5
Joined Regular Force	3
Joined Security Organisations	6
Joined Army	1
Required to resign	3
Transferred	1
Died	1
Obtained Justices Licence	1

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Recruitment

68. The strength of the Special Constabulary at the end of the year was 76 less than 1977. This, in the main, is accounted for by a large number of Special Constables attaining the age of compulsory retirement.

69. Whilst recruitment has been reasonable it is far below what is hoped for and concerted efforts are now being made to make up some of the deficit.

70. Towards the end of the year I addressed the Annual General Meeting of the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association and talked of the problems of policing in rural areas and how these could be improved by the recruitment of Special Constables. Letters concerning the recruitment of Special Constables were forwarded to all Chairmen and Clerks to Parish Councils and to all serving members of the Special Constabulary in the Force requesting their assistance in recruiting suitable men and women to the Service.

Long Service Awards

71. During 1978, 26 members were recommended for the Long Service Medal, 8 for their First Bar, and 1 for his Second Bar.

Police Pensions

72. On 31st December, 1978, 1,243 ex-members of the Force and widows of ex-members were in receipt of pensions under the Police Pensions Regulations.

73. The Staffordshire Branch of the National Association of Retired Police Officers continues to be most active and on 13th May, 1978, I was pleased to be elected President.

74. The membership at the end of the year was 1,707 which includes 674 wives and 40 retired officers, wives and widows from other Forces who now reside in Staffordshire.

Public Relations, Press & School Liaison

75. Police/Public relationships in this Force area continue to be maintained at a high level and many officers have given talks on their work to a variety of organisations including schools; parent/teachers associations; women's institutes; scout and youth clubs; vocational and recreational societies.

76. The ever popular police dogs, horses, crime prevention and traffic static displays were again in great demand for demonstrations at summer fetes and shows, but many requests for their services were declined because of other duty commitments.

77. In accordance with long-standing practice, evening visits to Police Headquarters during the winter months were arranged; and twenty-six parties involving six hundred adult members of the public were received and visited crime prevention, road safety and communication departments.

78. Three afternoon public open days were organised at Police Headquarters during the months of May, June and August, to which members of the public of all ages and parties of school children were invited. Arena displays included demonstrations by the police dogs and handlers and members of the mounted branch and static displays consisted of the crime prevention caravan and motorway patrol vehicles. Road Safety films were shown in the motor training department and the stables were also open to the public. These open days continue to increase in popularity and on each occasion in 1978 more than five hundred members of the public attended.

79. The Force Open Day at which all departments were represented was held in the grounds of Police Headquarters on Saturday, 1st July, 1978, and proved extremely popular with attendance figures exceeding 2,000.

80. Throughout 1978 visitors from Australia, Germany and overseas Police Forces were welcomed. A most enjoyable and beneficial visit by twenty-seven American Law Students from Michigan State University took place from the 31st July to the 2nd August, 1978. The primary purpose of the visit was to study comparative criminal justice in England with that of the United States, but the students also saw certain aspects of British cultural lifestyle by visiting places of historical and traditional interests in the county.

81. Local visitors to the Force Headquarters included the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Stoke-on-Trent, the Mayor of Burton on Trent, the Chairman of the East Staffordshire District Council and local dignitaries.

82. On the 19th May, 1978, the official opening of the new training hostel accommodation at Police Headquarters was performed by Lord HARRIS of Greenwich, the Minister of State for Home Affairs.

83. The close relations with the local and national press and other news media continues to be maintained at a high level. The well-established practice of daily press conferences at Force and Divisional level continues to flourish to the benefit of all concerned.

84. In order to gain an insight into the role of the Police in society, and with particular regard to relations with the press, fourteen trainee journalists were invited to Police Headquarters, as part of their training programme.

85. The facility afforded by the local radio station B.B.C. Radio Stoke-on-Trent for the police to participate in a weekly

broadcast in the mid-day programme 'Half Noon' every Wednesday, continues, and has proved to be a very useful medium in disseminating local information to the advangate of both the listening public and the Police service.

86. Liaison was maintained with local schools and youth employment centres throughout the year. The Staffordshire Police were represented at over 30 career conventions where the opportunities and benefits existing within the Police service were fully explained.

87. Police Officers also visited playgroup schemes organised during the school holidays and talked to children on various aspects of police work and displayed police equipment.

The Christopher James Award

88. To perpetuate the memory of Police Constable Christopher Roland Watkin JAMES, who died in December, 1974, whilst serving in the Stafford Division of this Force, his parents and friends provided a Book of Remembrance and a trophy for the encouragement of active participation in the improvement of Police/Public relationships. The award for 1978 was presented to Police Constable Robert STEWART of Stafford Division for his involvement with the Eccleshall community where he performs duty as a Rural Patrol Officer, devoting the majority of his off-duty time to local youth organizations where he is actively involved in co-ordinating various fund-raising activities. In addition he further serves the needs of the community by fully utilising his skills as an appointed examiner and instructor of the Royal Life Saving Society. Furthermore, the manner in which he performs his day to day duty has contributed to the enhancement of the good relations which exist with the general public of the area in which he serves.

Community Relations

89. Apart from Police/Public relations which are fostered officially, many officers throughout the Force spend much of their leisure time in performing tasks in the community field in aid of their fellow citizens.

90. One example of this was the inauguration some five years ago of boys' football teams organised by a number of police officers in the Cannock area.

91. The aim was to encourage children from all walks of life living in the district in the age band of eleven to fifteen years who had an interest in football, to take part in matches at weekends, so enabling them to spend some of their leisure time usefully and to help to combat the increasing juvenile crime and incidents of criminal damage.

92. In addition to running four teams in local leagues, where they have met with a considerable measure of success, a number of five-a-side open competitions have been organised in school holidays. During this last year, in the summer months, a two-day competition was organised with over 1,200 boys from nine to sixteen years participating with a great following from the public. The venture was a great success.

93. Over the period the teams have been formed, a number of social evenings for the boys and their parents were organised by the police to raise funds for kit and to meet other associated expenses, as well as fostering better relations between all concerned. Furthermore, a number of local businessmen and prominent citizens in recognition of the good which emanated from this venture gave their support by donating a variety of trophies. All in all a very beneficial scheme, which has done much to channel young people to a more responsible and fruitful way of life and in particular to give them an insight into the Police role in society. Many police officers are engaged in other youth work and charitable organisations.

Welfare

94. The Welfare Officer is available at any time to give confidential advice and assistance to regular officers, civilian staff, police cadets, families (where necessary), retired Police Officers and widows; a total potential of nearly four thousand in number. The scope of activity includes problems such as those related to law, finance, marriage breakdown, ill-health and death, housing, income tax, probate, re-habilitation and convalescence or any other problem about which a member of the Force may be troubled and which could have a bearing upon his or her well-being and, therefore, efficiency. Under authority, delegated by me, the Force Welfare Officer deals with all such matters on a personal case-work basis maintaining a 'Solicitor/Client' relationship with the individual concerned.

95. Through constant and close liaison with the Police Federation much has been done to remove inhibitions which may have prevented a member of a disciplined service from bringing personal troubles to notice. Moreover, the Staffordshire Joint Branch Board provides an amount of cash from its local funds (in accordance with Regulation 19(f) of the Police Federation Regulations) to be used by the Welfare Officer in connection with the provision of small gifts on such occasions as visits to hospitals etc.

96. Good relationships have again been maintained throughout the year with the National Association of Retired Police Officers together with departments of National and Local Government and numerous officials and other organisations involved in the welfare, health and general well-being of all members of society. It is therefore, frequently possible to offer comfort, reassurance and practical assistance to Police Officers, pensioners

and widows in connection with an even widening range of problems and, perhaps, none more significantly than in the aftermath of death.

97. The ever-improving relationships, from the welfare viewpoint between the various Police Forces in the United Kingdom have been maintained in 1978. Though there were many instances, perhaps the most unusual example of the continuing and worthwhile co-operation between Welfare Officers was seen in the arrangements made for the bereaved parents, brother and sister, of a murdered Staffordshire newspaper boy to have a quiet seaside holiday, in Cornwall, away from the scene of their tragedy and the ceaseless glare of publicity.

98. The Welfare Officer is a co-opted member of all the Force charity committees at meetings of which he presents reports, gives advice or takes instructions. He is also a member of the Joint Consultation Committee, which meets quarterly under my chairmanship. The other members of this small group being the Assistant Chief Constable (Administration), the Chairman and Secretary of the Superintendents' Association together with the Chairman and Secretary of the Staffordshire Joint Branch Board of the Police Federation.

National Blood Transfusion Service

99. Members of the Force, both regular and civilian, continued to make their contributions to this worthwhile cause by donating blood at the special sessions which were arranged on Police premises during 1978.

Staff Appraisal

100. The system of staff appraisal introduced into the Force on 1st January, 1973, as modified by the Working Party Review of 1974, has continued to operate during the year.

Inspections

101. Mr. R.N. BUXTON, O.B.E., Q.P.M., B.E.M., Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary, carried out the Annual Inspection of the Force on 18th, 19th, 20th, 25th, 26th and 27th April, 1978.

102. During the course of his visit, Mr. BUXTON inspected the Force Headquarters, Burton, Newcastle, Stoke North, Leek and Traffic Divisions. At the conclusion of the visit Mr. BUXTON stated that he was greatly impressed with what he had seen and commented that the spirit which was very evident was good to see and augurs well for the future.

PART II - TRAINING

Introduction

103. To ensure that a high degree of efficiency is maintained, it is necessary to arrange specialised instruction to members of the Force in an endeavour to keep abreast with changes in the law and procedures, major incidents and public order.

104. The new residential hostel on the Headquarters complex was taken into use early in the year and this increased accommodation has enabled the provision of additional training courses.

105. The type and variety of courses undertaken will be seen from the following summaries.

Probationary Constables

106. Probationary training in 1978 followed the same pattern as in the previous four years. The ten weeks initial training at the Regional Centres is now well established as the cornerstone of a two year ongoing programme to provide well-trained Constables.

107. During 1978, a total of 92 Probationary Constables attended the Initial Course and 91 Probationary Constables attended the two week Continuation Course on completion of twenty months service.

108. Probationers also attended four Residential Courses at Headquarters between the completion of initial training and their eighteenth month of service. Each course lasted two weeks and was attended by the number of officers indicated as follows:

Local Procedure	73
Junior	103
Intermediate	89
Senior	84

Refresher Training

109. During 1978 residential refresher courses for Sergeants and Constables was increased from one week to two and fifteen residential two-week courses enabled 301 officers to receive training.

Promotion Guidance

110. All candidates who wished to sit the promotion-examinations were invited to participate in a three phase course of study, as in 1977. A total of twenty officers qualified to the third phase which was a residential course at Headquarters for the Constable to Sergeant examination and another twenty-four officers qualified and attended the residential course preparatory to sitting the Inspectors' examination.

Newly Promoted Officers

111. Sergeants

Two Residential Courses were held, each of three weeks duration, attended by a total of 22 newly promoted Sergeants.

Inspectors

A two-week Residential Course was provided for eight newly promoted Inspectors.

These courses covered a wide range of subjects specially selected to be of practical benefit in equipping officers to carry out their new roles effectively.

Student Instructors

112. Two officers attended a Student Instructor's Course at the Central Planning and Instructor's Training Unit during 1978. Both were successful.

Command and Control Computer

113. The training of Computer Terminal Operators continued during 1978 but on a reduced scale to that undertaken the previous year.

114. Three day courses were run for both Police and Civilian Control Room staff, who had joined the Communications Department over the past twelve months, to acquaint them with the specialised equipment and procedures used in the Department.

Police College

115. The following officers of this Force attended courses as shown:

Regional Courses - Birmingham

Inspector P.J. GRAY	13/2/78	-	17/3/78
Inspector J. RILEY	13/2/78	-	17/3/78
Det/Insp. J.A. FOWLIE	15/5/78	-	16/6/78
Insp. G.G. THOMPSON	15/5/78	-	16/6/78
Det/Insp. W.P. PEAKE	21/8/78	-	22/9/78
Inspector A.J. PREECE	21/8/78	-	22/9/78
Det/Insp. D.B.W. AINGE	13/11/78	-	15/12/78
Inspector W. HUNT	13/11/78	-	15/12/78

Police College - Bramshill

Supt. P.G.A. SHELDON	3/1/78	-	23/3/78
Supt. R.H. CADWALLADER	9/10/78	-	21/12/78
Inspector B.J. SHEPPARD	3/1/78	-	23/3/78
Inspector C.S. JONES	3/1/78	-	23/3/78
Inspector P.J. GRAY	3/4/78	-	16/6/78
Inspector J. RILEY	3/4/78	-	16/6/78
Det/Insp. J.A. FOWLIE	3/7/78	-	29/9/78
Inspector G.G. THOMPSON	3/7/78	-	29/9/78
Det/Insp. W.P. PEAKE	9/10/78	-	21/12/78
Inspector A.J. PREECE	9/10/78	-	21/12/78
Sergeant I. HOLDING	3/1/78	-	22/12/78

Keele University Course

116. The above-mentioned course was held from 3rd to 21st April, 1978, and was attended by twelve newly promoted Sergeants from this Force, together with ten officers from the Cheshire Constabulary. The aim was to study certain social sciences and their relationship to Police duty.

117. It is proposed to hold a similar course during 1979.

Pre-Retirement Course

118. Two courses were held during 1978, each of two days duration. They were attended by a total of thirty-seven officers.

Visual Aids

119. As in previous years, full use has been made of the closed circuit television equipment and certain additional items have been purchased to increase its scope and improve

its efficiency.

120. Several video training tapes have been produced during 1978 which have provided a useful media in extending the means available to impart knowledge to students.

121. Apart from its use as a training aid, this equipment has been used in the operational field, the most noteworthy during the year was in connection with the horrific murder of Carl Bridgewater at Wombourne.

Home Office Crime Prevention Courses

122. The Home Office continue to be provided with facilities at Force Headquarters for Crime Prevention Courses.

123. During the year the following courses have been held:

- 7 Standard Courses (4 weeks' duration)
- 3 Refresher Courses (1 week's duration)
- 1 Course for Force Crime Prevention Officers
(1 week's duration)
- 1 Burglary Insurance Surveyors' Course
(5 days' duration)

124. Normally students attending the Standard and Refresher Courses are drawn from all Police Forces in the U.K., but one student from the U.S.A. attended a Refresher Course during 1978.

125. The Centre has been visited by Crime Prevention Panels from various Forces in the United Kingdom.

126. Other visitors have included Police Officers and Government Officials from - Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, Beunei, Hong Kong, Mauritius, New Hebrides, Pakistan, Soloman Islands, and Zambia.

Detective Training Courses

127. A total of thirty-two Detective Officers attended Detective Training Courses at various Home Office Detective Training Schools, as detailed below:

	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Refresher</u>
West Midlands	4	3	2
Avon & Somerset	2		
Lancashire	4		2
Merseyside	2		
Metropolitan	4		
West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police Academy	4	3	2

Scenes of Crime Courses

128. Three Detective Constables and two Police Constables attended a Forensic Science Course conducted by Durham Constabulary of three weeks duration.

129. Two Detective Constables and a Detective Sergeant attended a Scientific Aids and Scenes of Crime Officers' Refresher Course conducted by Durham Constabulary of four weeks duration.

130. Six Detective Constables attended a Scenes of Crime Officers' Course held at the West Midlands Forensic Science Laboratory, Birmingham, for one week.

Drug Courses

131. Two Uniformed Constables attended a Course in Drugs conducted by the West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police of one week's duration.

132. A Detective Sergeant and one Uniformed Constable attended a Course in Drugs conducted by the Lancashire Constabulary of one week's duration.

133. One Uniformed Constable attended a Course in Drugs conducted by the Merseyside Police of one week's duration.

Stolen Motor Vehicle Courses

134. Four Detective Constables and four uniformed Constables attended a Course into the Investigation of Motor Vehicle Thefts conducted by the Metropolitan Police of two week's duration.

Surveillance Course

135. Between 16th and 27th October, 1978, a Detective Chief Inspector, Detective Inspector and Detective Sergeant, all seconded to the No. 4 Regional Crime Squad, Birmingham, attended a Surveillance Course held by the West Midlands Constabulary.

Fraud Investigation Course

136. Two Detective Officers attended a Course in the Investigation of Company Frauds conducted by Greater Manchester Police and the Metropolitan Police respectively.

Police/Community Liaison Officers' Course

137. One uniformed Inspector attended a Course conducted by the Derbyshire Constabulary.

Theft of Antiques Course

138. A Detective Sergeant attended a Course conducted by the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary.

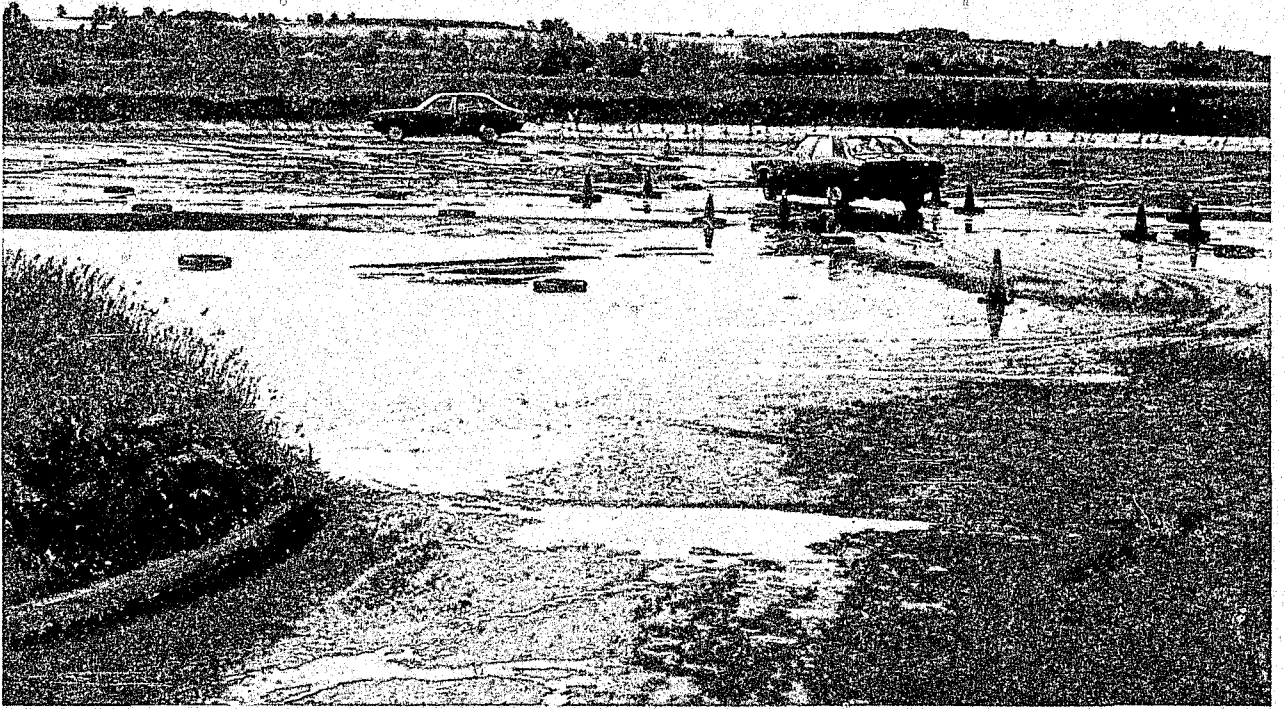
Motor Training Centre

139. During 1978 a total of 105 Courses were held at the Motor Training Centre, upon which 417 students attended and these are enumerated below:

	<u>Staffs.</u>	<u>Other Forces</u>	<u>Total</u>
Car Instructors	4	2	6
Advanced Car Refresher	49	9	58
Advanced Car	19	31	50
Intermediate Car	60	-	60
Standard Car Refresher	29	-	29
Standard Car	120	-	120
Heavy Goods Vehicle	14	5	19
Motor Cycle Instructors	2	1	3
Advanced Motor Cycle Refresher	1	-	1
Advanced Motor Cycle	5	7	12
Intermediate Motor Cycle	8	-	8
Standard Motor Cycle	25	-	25
Traffic Patrol	14	-	14
Vehicle Examiners Courses	12	-	12
	<u>362</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>417</u>

140. Of the 391 officers attending driving courses, 55 were from Forces other than our own. 63 Students achieved a Grade 1 driving qualification, 55 achieved Grade 2, 63 gained Grade 3, and 138 Grade 4. Sixteen students qualified on a Heavy Goods Vehicle Driver's Course. 53 officers failed to qualify and 3 were withdrawn from courses due to sickness.

141. Skid Pan training has continued throughout the year and 714 students received this special training.



Police drivers under tuition on the 'Skid Pan' at Hixon.

Traffic Management Course

142. A Traffic Management Course for senior police officers in No. 3 Region was held at the West Midlands Police Training Centre, Tally Ho, Birmingham, from the 6th to the 17th February, 1978, and a second at the West Mercia Police Training School, Droitwich, from the 11th to the 22nd September, 1978. Six officers from this Force attended.

Road Accident Investigation

143. During 1978 ten Traffic Patrol Officers attended 'Standard' accident investigation courses organised by the West Midlands Police, all of whom qualified.

'Vascar' Speed Measuring Devices - Training Courses

144. Five training courses were held during 1978 for 'Vascar' operators. A total of 146 officers have now obtained the required standard and are authorised to carry out the procedures associated with this method of speed detection.

Training - Dog Branch

145. Three Initial Training Courses for Police Officers and dogs and three Initial Courses for Prison Officers and dogs were held during the year involving 31 police officers and 17 prison officers. In addition, 31 police and prison officers attended Refresher Courses.

<u>Force</u>	<u>Initial Course</u> <u>13 weeks</u>	<u>Refresher Course</u> <u>2 weeks</u>
Derbyshire	5	4
Gloucestershire	1	-
States of Jersey	1	2
Staffordshire	13	11
Wiltshire	1	-
West Midlands	10	4
	<u>8 weeks</u>	<u>2 weeks</u>
H.M. Prisons	17	10

Command and Control Computer Course

146. An Instructor's course of 6 weeks duration, to train Computer Terminal Operators, commenced in October, 1978; the three students attending were successful and commenced duties

in November when a new programme of training was inaugurated.

147. A summary of the courses and the numbers attended is as follows:

Force Control Room staff courses	11
Instructor's Course	3
Computer Terminal Operators' Courses	40

Overseas Officers

148. At the request of the Department of Technical Co-Operation, seven overseas officers were attached to this Force for a period of fourteen days.

149. Two were from Brunei and one each from Hong Kong, Bermuda, New Hebrides, Bahamas and Mauritius.

Policewomen

150. A five-day non-residential course, specially tailored to assist Women Police Officers, was held at the Force Training Centre. Thirty-two Probationary Policewomen attended.

Force Support Unit

151. A course of three weeks duration held in June, 1978, was attended by four Sergeants and nine Constables. Training in appropriate subjects was provided, including Public Order, Major Disasters and Major Crime Investigation.

Public Order Training

152. Between September and December, 1978, uniformed Constables and Sergeants under forty years of age and all uniformed Inspectors, received one-day training in the law and procedures appertaining to Public Order.

Hazardous Chemicals

153. An appreciation training programme was given at Police Headquarters to all senior officers within the Force. An on-going training programme on a Divisional basis was commenced in 1978 to ensure that all Divisional personnel are acquainted with the necessary information.

154. All members of the Traffic Division are receiving specialised training in the form of a one-day course at I.C.I., Runcorn, Cheshire. Each member of the Force is now issued with a 'Hazchem' card providing condensed information and guidance.

Police Cadet Training

Residential Courses

155. A twenty-week Residential Initial Course was held at the Force Training Centre commencing in April. It was attended by 30 Cadets, 18 male and 12 female.

The following awards were gained:

FIRST AID

St. John Ambulance Adult Certificate - 22

Royal Life Saving Society

Advanced Resuscitation Certificate - 21

Bronze Medallion - 13

Intermediate Award - 1

Water Safety - 8

Amateur Swimming Association
Awards

Gold Award - 12

Silver Award - 7

Bronze Award - 2

156. The Baton of Honour, donated by the Police Federation of the Force to the Cadet achieving the best all round performance, was awarded to:-

Girl Cadet J. BEVAN

New Training Scheme - Commenced September, 1978

157. For some years past the training of Cadets has followed the pattern of attendance upon a residential course at Headquarters and thereafter attachment for varying periods to the different departments at Headquarters and in Divisions coupled with a number of courses at Outward Bound Camps, attachment to a variety of Welfare Homes and attendance upon First Aid and Law Courses at Headquarters. Whilst this type of training has met with some measure of success, it is not considered to be the ideal, but it was the best which could be arranged with the limited accommodation available.

158. Following the provision of additional accommodation at Headquarters in 1978, it has been possible to revise the whole of the training syllabus for Cadets and so comply, to a greater degree with the recommendations contained in the Home Office Working Party's Report. The new scheme commenced with an intake of Cadets in September, 1978.

159. This revised training follows three phases and brief details are given below:-

Phase I

160. Commencing in September each year, Cadets attend a Residential Initial Course at the Force Training Centre. For $2\frac{1}{2}$ days each week educational subjects are taught up to 'O' level and in some cases 'A' level standard in Government and Politics, English Law and English Language, with the tuition being given by lecturers from the local Technical College. In addition, talks are given by members of the various Police Departments as well as management in Commerce and Industry. These talks are followed at this stage by visits to police departments and local industries. Emphasis is also given to physical fitness and personal discipline and the cadets participate in first aid, swimming and life saving, drill, physical training, sport and athletics. All Cadets are enrolled in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme at the 'Gold' standard which is the highest award that can be achieved.

Phase II

161. This second phase of training takes place between Cadets completing Phase I and their 18th birthday. They remain in residence at the Force Training Centre and undergo a working attachment for a set period of time, to the various departments within Headquarters on a rotating basis.

Phase III

162. Upon attaining their 18th birthday, Cadets reside with their parents and are attached to departments at the Divisional Station nearest to their home. These attachments include time spent in performing duties on Panda Patrol, Beat Patrol, C.I.D., Charge Office, Collator's Office, Coroner's Department and Administration Department. As this phase of training is just prior to their joining the Regular Force, emphasis is placed upon gaining experience of the working life of a Police Officer and the Cadet works alongside his regular colleague in order to see, at first hand, the job he will be expected to do when he is appointed to the Regular Force.



Cadet Training - Phase III

Public Service

163. Whilst attending their Initial Course, Cadets are attached to a variety of Local Authority Homes, including those provided for children and the physically and mentally handicapped, for a two week period where they assist in attending to the needs of the patients and residents.

164. During Phase II, they carry out a 4 week attachment to the Cheshire Home at Wombourne and the Staffordshire County Council Home at Tan-y-Bryn, North Wales, where they perform similar work amongst the less fortunate members of our society.

165. As part of their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Scheme, a number of Cadets attend the Derbyshire Miners' Holiday Centre at Rhyl to assist with a group of physically handicapped people.

Outward Bound Training

166. During 1978, courses were again held at the Force Outdoor Training Centre at Consall, near Leek. A total of

49 Cadets attended either 2 week or 3 week courses held during Summer and Winter. The programme consisted of camp craft, map and compass work and orienteering. Rock climbing and treks were undertaken in Derbyshire and the Lake District.

167. In connection with the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Scheme, weekend camps have been held where Cadets have undertaken projects at the Centre aimed at improving the amenities available. This has included the excavation of ditches and the laying of a water supply over rough terrain for a distance of $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile.

168. In addition, specially selected Cadets have participated in the Sail Training Scheme, taking courses on board the Schooners, Sir Winston Churchill and Malcolm Miller and at the West Highland School of Adventure in Scotland.

169. On the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. The Princess Anne to Burton on Trent on 7th June, 1978, a team of Cadets demonstrated outward bound training in the form of a simulated mountain rescue.



Cadets demonstrating the use of the 'Thomas' Stretcher in the presence of H.R.H. The Princess Anne at Burton on Trent.

Home Defence Training

170. The three-year cycle in Home Defence Training for all Sergeants and Constables has continued and the opportunity is taken to combine the subject with the 'Major Incident' role of the police in peacetime disasters.

Major Incidents

171. The Department which is staffed by two Sergeants and a civilian clerk is able to offer a twenty-four hour availability to attend the scene of a major disaster to assist in Incident Post control and to deploy the Force Major Incident Kit.

172. Very close liaison has continued with the other emergency services and in particular regular meetings have been held with representatives of the various health authorities to co-ordinate their particular responsibilities.

173. During the year, eighty-seven talks and lectures have been given to regular officers, special constabulary, the various voluntary aid organisations and, on a regular basis, to the Ambulance Service at their Regional Training School.

174. All Probationary Constables attending Induction Courses now receive instruction in major incidents. Inspectors attending specially devised courses for that rank held at Police Headquarters also receive instructions from the Department in Major Incident handling.

175. Close liaison is maintained with the Force Support Unit and assistance is provided in their training which includes exercises in Major Incident handling.

176. An exercise was held in January involving the Staffordshire General Infirmary and County Ambulance Service.

177. During the year officers of all ranks have attended courses covering all aspects of Home Defence:

<u>Courses/Conference</u>	<u>Officers Attending</u>
Regional Police Home Defence Course	3 Chief Inspectors 10 Inspectors 1 Sergeant
National Police Home Defence Course (Home Defence College)	1 Assistant Chief Constable 1 Superintendent 1 Chief Inspector
Air Reconnaissance Course	1 Sergeant
Aircraft Crash Incident Control Course	1 Superintendent 4 Inspectors 1 Sergeant

Warning & Monitoring Seminar

1 Chief Superintendent
1 Civilian

Early Warning System

178. Acting as agents for the Home Office, the Police are responsible for the issue of apparatus and the sounding of warnings to the general public of air attack and radio active fall-out. To facilitate this there are 442 air raid warning sites within the County comprising 130 powered and 312 manually operated siren and fall-out warning points which are controlled from four locations within the County.

179. The Police have to ensure that all points are maintained in a state of readiness for immediate and effective use, as well as ensuring there is an adequate number of trained operators. In furtherance of this aim, tests of the installations are carried out during the year.

180. Adequate coverage of the County is constantly under review to ensure any new housing developments come within the existing system.

181. During the year members of the Department have given talks on the early warning system to Cadets, Special Constables and members of the Regular Force attending Home Defence instruction.

PART III

CRIME AND PROCEEDINGS

182. At the 31st December, 1978, the authorised establishment of the Department was as follows:

<u>Ch/Supt.</u>	<u>Supt.</u>	<u>Ch/Insp.</u>	<u>Insp.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>Cons.</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	2	12	12	62	162	251

183. Additional to the above establishment, a total of twenty-two officers of various ranks were at 31st December, 1978, seconded to Branches of the Regional Crime Squad.

Major Crime Investigation

183. On Tuesday, 19th September, 1978, Carl BRIDGEWATER, a 13 years old Newspaper delivery boy, was engaged on his normal paper deliveries and during the course of this called at Yew Tree Farm, Prestwood in the Wombourne Sub-Division of this Force area. Yew Tree Farm is an isolated Tudor farm-house situate at the junction of Lawnswood Road and the A.449 Wolverhampton to Kidderminster trunk road. The farm-house had been forcibly entered and it was apparent that the boy had been invited or taken into the house by the intruders and shot in the head at point blank range.

184. A full-scale murder investigation began and a total of 150 officers comprising Divisional Detectives, Force Support Unit, Drug Squad, Headquarters Crime Squad and 30 Regional Crime Squad Officers from the Birmingham and Wolverhampton Branch Offices were engaged on the enquiry.

185. On 8th December, 1978, Patrick MOLLOY, aged 50 years, born 6/6/28, of no fixed abode, was arrested and charged with the murder of Carl BRIDGEWATER.

186. Enquiries were continued and on the 12th January, 1979, Vincent James HICKEY, aged 24 years, born 16/9/54, of no fixed abode, was also charged with the murder.

187. Enquiries were continued by a small team of officers and a further two men were charged in the New Year.

Recorded Crime

188. Appendix 'C' to this report gives an analysis of the crimes recorded and detected in 1978, and for comparison purposes, similar figures are given for 1977.

189. During 1978, the total number of crimes recorded in the Force area was 33,941 - an increase of 5.8% compared with the previous year. At the end of the third quarter in 1978 the national increase was 1%. Offences of violence against the person increased by 20.7%, sexual offences by 10.5%, burglaries by 2.3%, stealings by 3.8% and other offences by 10.4%.

190. Offences showing larger than average increases were assaults occasioning actual bodily harm (30.6%), burglary in a dwelling (16.5%), stealing from vehicles (6.3%), shoplifting (6.9%) and criminal damage (33.2%).

191. In addition to the 33,941 offences recorded the following were also reported and investigated.

Crimes reported but subsequently struck out as 'No Crime'.	2,525
Indecent Exposure	333
Possession of offensive weapon	250

Of the 2,525 offences struck out as 'No Crime' - 2,202 were found to be offences of damage where the amount of damage was £20 or less.

192. Of the 33,941 offences recorded - 18,556 were detected, a detection rate of 54.7% compared with 57.0% in 1977. The rate again compared favourably with the national average of 45.0%.

Juvenile Crime

193. During 1978 - 2,022 juveniles were prosecuted for committing indictable offences compared with 1,800 in 1977, an increase of 222 or 12.3%. In addition, a further 1,661 were cautioned in 1978, making a total of 3,683 juvenile offenders, which, compared with 1977, shows an increase of 179 or 5.5%.

194. The ages of the offenders proceeded against were as follows:

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
10 years	46	50
11 years	76	85
12 years	162	171
13 years	236	267
14 years	355	404
15 years	459	516
16 years	466	529
	<u>1,800</u>	<u>2,022</u>

Cautions for Crime

195. The number of persons cautioned for indictable offences during 1978 was as follows:

	<u>Offences</u>	<u>Persons</u>
Violence against the person	181	176
Sexual offences	148	103
Burglary	358	221
Stealings	2,466	1,373
Other offences	434	290
	<u>3,587</u>	<u>2,163</u>
Totals for 1977:	3,442	2,146

196. As indicated in the preceding paragraph - 1,661 of the total of 2,163 persons cautioned were juveniles compared with 1,704 in 1977, a decrease of 43. The most prevalent offence for which cautions were issued was again that of shoplifting with 725 persons being cautioned for 1,382 offences.

197. The number of persons cautioned for non-indictable offences was as follows:-

	<u>Offences</u>	<u>Persons</u>
Motoring offences	4,033	2,805
Offences other than motoring	398	337
	<u>4,431</u>	<u>3,142</u>
Totals for 1977:	5,572	3,798

Committals to Crown Courts During 1978

198. During 1978 a total of 1,452 persons were committed to the Crown Courts and a comparative table for the last three years is as follows:

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Stafford	582	566	632
Stoke	750	755	703
Derby	107	119	99
Others	32	18	13
Totals	<u>1,471</u>	<u>1,458</u>	<u>1,447</u>

<u>Other Activities</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Appeals	256	270	234
Total antecedents read by Court Liaison Officers	1,110	1,205	1,176

199. Governors of H.M. Prisons have been supplied with special reports for Parole Board purposes in connection with persons sentenced to imprisonment or detention for a term of three months or more. Five hundred and twenty eight such reports were supplied, an increase of eightytwo over the previous year.

200. At the end of the year two hundred and eighty persons who had been committed or who were making an appeal to Crown Courts were waiting for their cases to be disposed of.

201. In view of the new bail procedure, adopted in 1978, persons making applications for bail to the Crown Court at Stafford totalled ninety-nine.

Scenes of Crime

202. During 1978, Scenes of Crime Officers have visited the venues of 6,934 crimes and examined 1,248 vehicles as a result of enquiries from the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre, Swansea, in respect of stolen and seriously damaged vehicles.

203. Articles from 1,520 cases were referred to the West Midlands Forensic Science Laboratory, Birmingham, and a further 918 specimens of blood or urine relating to Road Traffic Offences were submitted for analysis. The East Midlands Forensic Science Laboratory, Nottingham, examined exhibits from 44 cases involving firearms.

204. Two thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine finger or palm impressions were found at the scene of crime and a further 300 marks were obtained by using chemicals. 215 of these were identified as those belonging to offenders and 26 cases were prepared for Court purposes but only in four instances was a fingerprint expert called to give evidence.

205. The Caucasian and Afro-Asian facial photo-fit kits have been utilised to produce 121 impressions in an effort to identify offenders.

Photographic

206. Four Photographic Studios operate within the Force, situated at Stoke North, Cannock, Lichfield and Headquarters.

207. Details of the work undertaken is summarised below:

Fingerprints and footmarks	358
Prisoners' Photographs	2,411
Road Accidents	282
Patrol Car films	88
Injuries	770
Sudden deaths, suicides and murders.	157
Miscellaneous	2,391

West Midlands Forensic Science Laboratory

208. The following is a table of cases in which the assistance of the Laboratory was sought during 1978.

Offence

Arson/Fire investigation	68
Burglary	124
Counterfeiting and Coinage	19
Drugs	203
Driving under the influence of drink/drugs	918
Forgery (examination of)	521
Wounding, attempted murder grievous bodily harm, assault	38
Theft, handling, fraud	24
Damage	52
Murder, Manslaughter, Abortion	4
Robbery	5
Safe blowing/breaking	1
Sexual offences (including rape)	33
Sudden deaths	11
Road Traffic Accidents (except D.U.I)	304
Unclassified	113
Firearms (EMFSL)	44
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	2,482
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Total dealt with in 1977	2,107

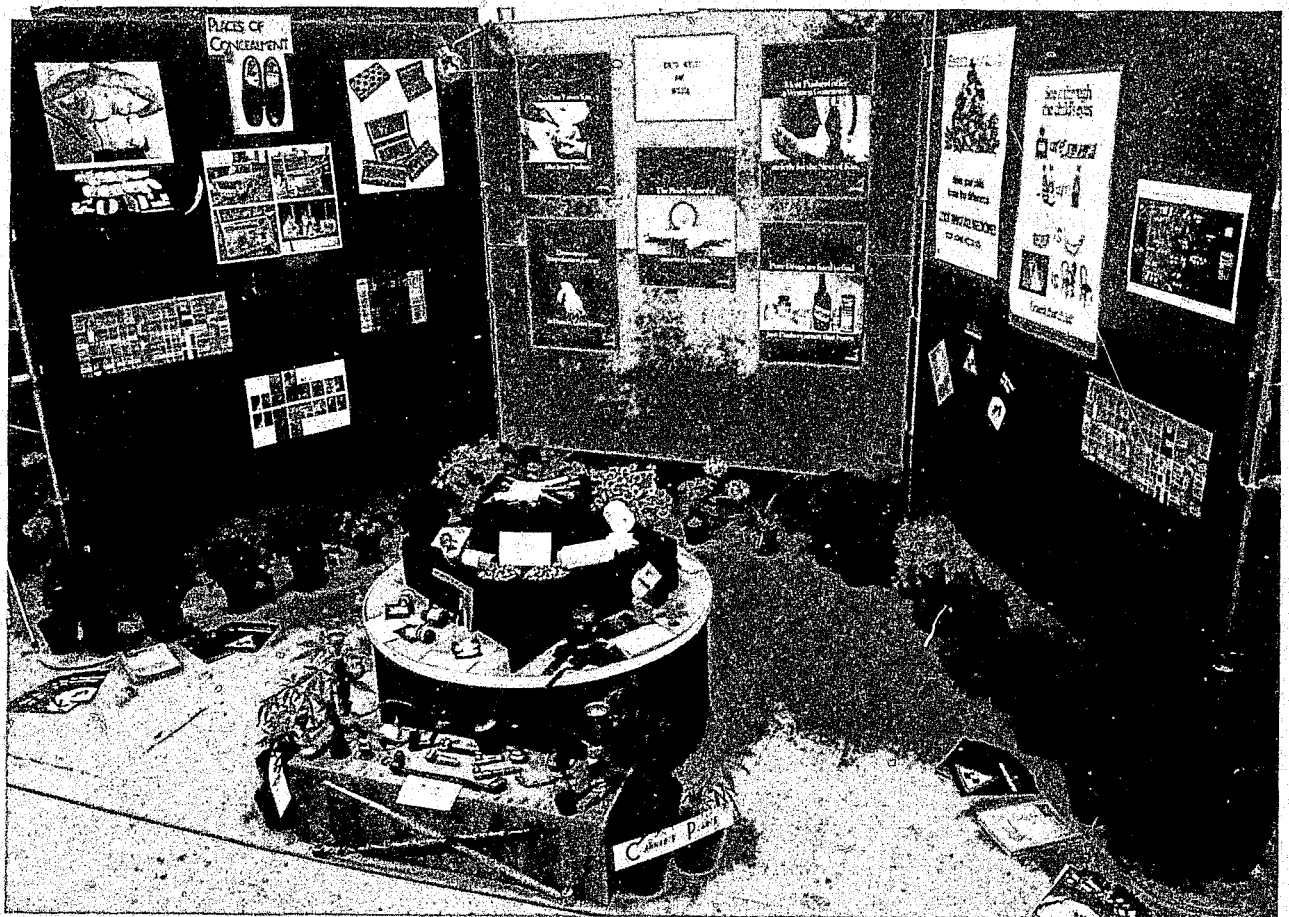
Drug Squad

209. During the year a total of 205 offenders were dealt with for 394 offences involving controlled drugs. 23 of the offenders had also committed offences of burglary in chemists shops in the Force area.

210. In addition to specific responsibilities in the investigation field, members of the Squad have continued to give talks, 71 in total, to various organisations on the problems associated with the misuse of drugs, all of which were well received.

211. One of the Detective Sergeants on the establishment is charged with the responsibility of inspecting chemists' registers throughout the Force area, a duty which is of considerable importance.

212. Four deaths occurred in the Force area in 1978 solely due to the intravenous administration of controlled drugs. These deaths highlight the problem that exists when drugs are injected indiscriminately. A number of persons have been convicted at Crown Court, including one for manslaughter, arising out of the illegal use of drugs and a further case of manslaughter involving two accused persons is still pending.



The Drug Squad display stand.

Crime Prevention

213. The prevention of crime has always been of paramount importance to the Police Service and over the last few years greater interest has been shown in this field by the general public and industrial and commercial concerns. This, I feel, is due in no small measure to the work of Crime Prevention Departments which have become an integral part of the modern Police Service. Listed below are some of the campaigns organised by the Department highlighting the more prevalent and serious types of crime with emphasis on measures to be taken to reduce the incidence of crime.

Campaigns

214. Following a very successful campaign in Stoke North and South Divisions involving the showing of the crime prevention film 'Never Go with Strangers' to over 15,000 children at 77 schools, many of the children took part in a "Design a Badge" competition on this theme. Prizes and certificates were presented by me to the winners.

215. This is an on-going campaign and other similar campaigns have been successfully organised in other Divisions throughout the Force.

216. The Deputy Chief Constable awarded prizes to senior school children who had entered a poster/essay competition under the heading 'Adventure 78' a campaign designed to curb vandalism.

217. The Assistant Chief Constable (Crime) opened a Crime Prevention Exhibition in the Wombourne Civic Centre entitled 'House and Vehicle Security' in which 16 local security concerns participated.

218. The exhibition was very well attended by the general public and about 1,200 local youngsters saw the film 'Never Go With Strangers'. Again a 'Design a Badge' competition was held and prizes and certificates presented to the winners.

219. In an on-going campaign to reduce juvenile delinquency, school children, as well as adults, have been shown the film 'Seven Green Bottles' which examines the hostility shown by so many young people towards society and the disciplines of law and order. Discussions which followed involving the Probation Service, Juvenile Liaison Committee members, School Teachers, School Welfare and Police Officers were found to be useful.

220. During the 1970s there has been a marked increase in the damage caused to Public Transport and other public amenities in the Stoke-on-Trent area, much of which is attributed to the younger element in society. In an effort to combat this trend, the Local Education Authority, in collaboration with the Potteries Motor Traction Company Ltd., the Stoke City Council

commissioned the North Stafford Polytechnic to prepare a teaching package and two films on the subject of 'Vandalism' and its effect on the community. The Crime Prevention Department as well as the local Police co-operated fully with the venture both in an advisory and practical capacity.

221. The teaching package which is now being utilised in schools is first class material and it is hoped that its effect will be beneficial and encourage the children to have a greater regard for property whether it be public or privately owned.

Projects

222. Throughout the Police area various projects of a localised nature have been undertaken by Crime Prevention Officers assisted in some instances by Crime Prevention Panels. These included:-

- (i) The production of a colouring book for young children containing pictures relative to crime prevention/police/public relations and road safety.
- (ii) The distribution of till stickers indicating the correct procedure when dealing with cheques and thereby preventing cheque frauds.
- (iii) The distribution of warning leaflets regarding bogus officials.
- (iv) The re-design of the shops early warning scheme.
- (v) A stolen pedal cycle project.
- (vi) A project involving the provision and fitting of security chains to the homes of the elderly.
- (vii) The production and circulation of posters aiming at reducing purse thefts.
- (viii) The construction of a wooden house type structure fitted with a variety of security devices for exhibition at local festivals and fairs.



The Chief Constable awarding prizes in connection with a Crime Prevention poster competition.

Burglar Alarms

223. As at the 31st December, 1978, there were 3,957 burglar alarms installed in premises throughout this Police area. An increase of 360 systems.

224. The types of alarms installed are as follows:-

Direct Lines	916
'999' Alarms	1,553
Bell Alarms	1,464
Central Stations	24

225. During 1978 the total number of false calls received from burglar alarms in this Police area was 10,479, an increase of 425 on 1977 figures. Of this total 5,707 were mechanical failure and 4,772 were caused by human error. 113 prisoners were arrested from genuine alarm calls.

Home Office Radio Alarms

226. 16 V.H.F. radio alarms were in use in this Force area prior to September, 1978, after which 10 were made obsolete and replaced by four modern units.

227. 20 U.H.F. radio alarms are in use.

228. Radio alarms have been installed on 221 occasions resulting in 22 arrests and 45 offences cleared up.

Security Surveys

228. A total of 637 security surveys were conducted during the year and in the majority of cases the advice has been well received and recommendations implemented.

Visits to Headquarters Crime Prevention Department

229. The Crime Prevention Department received 69 organised parties and 124 visitors from many parts of the world.

PART IV

TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT - STAFF AND VEHICLES

Personnel

230. The authorised establishment of the Division as at 31st December, 1978, was:-

Chief Superintendent	1
Superintendent	1
Chief Inspectors	5
Inspectors	7
Sergeants	45
Constables	222
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Vehicles

231. The authorised establishment of the Force Fleet at 31st December, 1978, was four hundred and seventy-five vehicles.

232. The allocation and disposition of vehicles is set out in the following tables:-

Allocation of Vehicles

233.

	Total	Cars	Vans	Dual Purpose	Motor Cycles		Others
					Large	Small	
Motorway Patrol	10	8		2			
Traffic Patrol	64	32		2	30		
Traffic Supervision	5	5					
Driving Instruction	31	16			10	4	1 artic.
Urban Beat Patrol	113	81				32	
Mech. Urban Beat	10	10					
Rural Beat Patrol	58		57	1			
Divisional Utility	32	1	27	4			
Uniform Supervision	19	19					
C.I.D. Vehicles	46	20	26				
Crime Patrol	8	8					
Conveyance of Prisoners	2		2				
Dog Section	20		20				
Transport Pool	29	6	15			8	
Incident Vans	3		3				
Photography	5		5				
Scenes of Crime	9		9				
Drug Squad	5	1	4				
Support Unit	6	2	4				
	475	209	172	9	40	44	1

Disposition of Force Fleet

234.

	Total	Cars	Vans	Dual Purpose	Motor Cycles		Others
					Large	Small	
Headquarters	89	26	38	2	10	12	1
Burton	32	12	18			2	
Cannock	57	22	24			11	
Stoke-on-Trent North	33	20	11			2	
Stoke-on-Trent South	27	17	10				
Leek	36	15	19	2			
Lichfield	45	18	12			15	
Newcastle	34	19	15				
Stafford	36	13	21			2	
Northern Traffic Group	28	13	2	2	11		
Central Traffic Group	36	24	1	2	9		
Southern Traffic Group	22	10	1	1	10		
	475	209	172	9	40	44	1

Vehicle Replacement

235. The following new vehicles were ordered during 1978, in accordance with the approved vehicle replacement policy:-

- 2 Jaguar XJ6 Saloons
- 1 Rover 3.5 litre Saloon
- 2 Range Rover Estate cars
- 5 Ford Granada 2.8 Saloons
- 1 Morris Marina 1800 cc Saloon
- 2 Ford Cortina 2.3 litre Saloons
- 2 Ford Cortina 2 litre Saloons
- 1 Rover 2.3 litre Saloon
- 8 Ford Cortina 1600 cc Saloons
- 23 Ford Escort Popular 1100 cc Saloons
- 33 Bedford 6 cwt. H.A. Vans
- 1 Bedford Prison Van
- 5 Commer Personnel Carriers
- 11 B.M.W. 800 cc motor cycles
- 1 Norton Yamaha 750 cc motor cycle
- 2 Ford Transit 15 seater buses
- 1 Ford Transit Van
- 1 Ford Cortina 2000 cc GL Saloon (Regional Crime Squad)
- 1 Ford Escort 1500 cc Ghia Saloon (Regional Crime Squad)
- 1 Triumph Dolomite 1850 cc Saloon (Regional Crime Squad)

Fleet Mileage - Petrol Economy Measures

236. Comparative figures of fleet mileage for the past three years are as follows:-

<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
8,257,715	8,006,933	8,391,237

237. The total for 1978 represents an increase of 384,304 compared with the fleet mileage for 1977.

238. In September, 1977, a Government tax rebate of 5p per gallon was granted, this enabled the restriction on mileage to be eased slightly, although in the interest of economy, the Force has consistently curtailed mileage to the lowest level compatible with operational efficiency.

Accidents Involving County Owned Motor Vehicles

239. During 1978 there was a total of 491 road accidents involving damage to County owned vehicles, an increase of 14 compared with 1977.

240. In 140 of these accidents, it was considered that the driver of the Police vehicle was, in some degree, at fault. This represents a decrease of 10 compared with the total of blameworthy accidents for the previous year.

241. The total fleet mileage for 1978 being 8,391,237, this represents one such accident for every 59,937 miles travelled, compared with one for every 53,380 miles in 1977.

Correspondence in Connection with Road Accidents

242. During 1978, 5,116 enquiries from Solicitors and Insurance Companies in connection with road accidents were dealt with by Headquarters Traffic Department.

School Crossing Patrols

243. On 31st December, 1978, 142 men and 396 women were employed as School Crossing Patrols within the Force Area. There are a total of 554 authorised crossing points in the County and at the end of the year there were 16 vacancies. This is an increase in 8 authorised crossing points on 1977 figures, resulting from additional appointments having been made throughout the year following requests arising as the result of increased traffic flows and/or changes in pupil attendance patterns.

Cycle Races Authorised and Sponsored Walks

244. During 1978 correspondence in connection with the arrangement of 351 cycle races was received at the Force Traffic Management and Accident Prevention Department.

245. Correspondence was also received in connection with 53 sponsored walks which were held within the Force Area.

Road Traffic Offences Reported

246. Details of Road Traffic Offences reported are set out in Appendix 'A'.

Accident Records

247. Details of Road Accidents recorded are set out in Appendix 'B'.

Road Traffic Act, 1972 - Breath Tests

248. During 1978, a total of 3,022 drivers and riders of motor vehicles were requested to provide a specimen of breath for a breath test under Section 6 of the Road Traffic Act, 1972. Of these 902 were positive and 1,924 were negative. One hundred and ninety six drivers and riders refused or failed to give such a specimen. Of the total of 1,138 persons given the opportunity of providing breath specimens at Police Stations under the provision of the Act, 797 proved positive.

249. The following table indicates the comparative figures for breath tests and their results since 1974:-

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Roadside Breath Tests	2523	2487	2763	3006	3022
Positive	1203	1084	809	913	902
Failed to provide	142	172	172	196	196
Second Test required at Police Station	1384	1288	1008	1138	1138
Positive	1034	931	674	751	797
Proceeded against	1129	1000	928	862	1010

250. The number of breath tests administered during 1978 rose by 16 (or .5%) compared with the previous year, and the number of positive tests fell by 11 (or 1.2%). The number of accidents involving death or injury in which the driver or rider involved was known to have consumed more than the legal amount of alcohol or drug was 126 of which 6 were fatal. The total of such accidents in 1977 was 113.

Proceedings for Drunken Driving in 1978

Total cases	1,010
Fined	859
For Trial	32
Gaol	6
Suspended sentence	3
Probation	3
Other conviction	18
Dismissed	89
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	1,010
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Fixed Penalty System

251. During the year a total of 13,936 offences have been dealt with under the Fixed Penalty System made up as follows:-

Lighting	1,635
Waiting	7,949
Moving Offences	233
Failing to display a current excise licence.	4,119
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	13,936
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252. These figures show a total increase of 298 tickets issued in comparison with 1977.

Motorway

253. Extensive roadworks were once again carried out on the M6 Motorway in Staffordshire from April to November, 1978, between Yarnfield and Hanchurch, with both carriageways of this six mile stretch being affected at various times.

254. In order that this work could be carried out in relative safety the appropriate carriageway was closed to traffic whilst the unaffected section was utilised to carry both north and southbound traffic with vehicles crossing the central reservation at various stages.

255. The use of this system placed a considerable strain on the resources of the Traffic Division and the Central Traffic Group in particular.

256. Whilst the roadworks were in progress, officers from the Central Traffic Group dealt with 249 accidents, of which 35 involved injury and 2 were fatal. During the same period, 936 breakdowns were recorded.

257. Traffic counts conducted by the County Surveyor's Department on the motorway at Whitgreave in April and September, 1978, indicate the following:-

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Average daily traffic flow north and southbound carriageways between 0600 hours and 2200 hrs.	50,129	57,054

258. These figures indicate an increase in traffic flow in 1978 of 13.8% over the previous year despite the presence of

the roadworks. Traffic-flow figures for the motorway south of Gailey show densities of between 85,000 and 93,000 during the same hours.

259. The number of injury road accidents and casualties occurring on the M6 in Staffordshire throughout 1977 and 1978 are set out below:-

Accidents

	<u>Fatal</u>	<u>Serious</u>	<u>Slight</u>	<u>Total</u>
1977	7	40	172	219
1978	12	30	134	176

Casualties

1977	8	50	295	353
1978	20	51	237	308

260. These figures represent reductions in accidents and casualties of 19.6 and 12.7 per cent respectively, and although it is worthy of note that serious and slight injury accidents accounted for this reduction, fatal accidents showed a considerable increase.



Traffic Patrol on the M6 Motorway

Accidents and Casualties - County Police Area

261. During 1978 a total of 5,075 road accidents involving injury were dealt with by the Police in this Force area, a figure which represents a negligible increase over the 5,056 injury accidents recorded for the previous year. Casualties over the same period rose by 2%

Accidents

	<u>Fatal</u>	<u>Serious</u>	<u>Slight</u>	<u>Total</u>
1977	116	1,124	3,816	5,056
1978	131	1,133	3,811	5,075

Casualties

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Serious</u>	<u>Slight</u>	<u>Total</u>
1977	128	1,384	5,346	6,858
1978	145	1,378	5,504	7,027

A breakdown of these figures is given in Appendix 'B' of this report.

The Enforcement of Speed Limits

262. Five radar speed meters are currently in use in this Force area, two are based at the Northern Traffic Group at Hanley, two at the Central Traffic Group at Stafford, and the fifth at the Southern Traffic Group at Lichfield.

263. The equipment is used exclusively in an accident prevention role, either in known accident black-spot areas or where there is a large number of speeding complaints. Statistics maintained in the Force Accident Prevention and Traffic Management Department indicate clearly that excessive speed is a contributory cause in many accidents and it was considered that speed was the major factor in 14 fatal and 248 injury accidents in 1978.

264. The total number of offences detected by the use of radar equipment during the year, divided into those reported for process and those receiving cautions, together with the corresponding figure for 1977 are given below:-

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Drivers reported for process	6,950	7,410
Drivers given verbal caution	5,667	4,637
Total number of offences detected	<u>12,617</u>	<u>12,047</u>

Vascar

265. Nineteen VASCAR speed detection devices were operated by Traffic Patrol Officers during 1978 which led to the detection of the following offences:

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Drivers reported for process	1,114	1,867

Accident Research

266. The Traffic Management and Accident Prevention Department continues to give every assistance to interested bodies, including the County Highways Department, with regard to accident information, statistics and traffic management schemes.

267. Assistance has also been given in more specific accident research schemes, and an investigative study into the incidence of road accidents and the associated social factors by the Department of Safety and Hygiene of the University of Birmingham, in the northern part of the Force Area, has now been completed and the report published.

268. A further study, which was introduced during 1977, and which is continuing over a three year period, concerns accidents involving two wheeled motor vehicles, the broad aim of which is to examine the injuries sustained by users of these machines, who are involved in fatal or potentially fatal accidents. Details are being supplied to the Accident Research Unit at Birmingham University for analysis.

269. The Department is also co-operating in an extended study in liaison with H.M. Coroner into the incidence of fatal accidents involving riders of two-wheeled motor vehicles where impairment of vision may have been a contributory factor owing to damage in the form of scratches to motor cycle visors.

Mobile Concentrations

270. During 1978, a total of 258 mobile concentrations of police traffic patrol vehicles were held in accident 'Black Spot' zones on primary routes throughout this Force area. This activity was arranged at peak accident times, with a view to deterring potential traffic offenders in vulnerable areas. As a result of police efforts 1,233 drivers received verbal cautions and suitable road safety advice and 577 offences were reported for process.

Vehicle Checks

271. Throughout the year vehicle checks were carried out by traffic patrol officers at suitable locations on major routes

throughout the county to locate vehicle defects likely to cause road accidents. The following table summarises the number of vehicles checked and the offences disclosed.

<u>Purpose of Check</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Checked</u>	<u>Offences Detected</u>	<u>Offences Reported</u>
Tyres	1,933	198	27
Records of hours worked	113	14	1
Lights	2,045	315	15
Brakes and steering	2,823	316	33
	<u>6,914</u>	<u>843</u>	<u>76</u>

Road Safety - Courtesy Patrols

272. During the period under review traffic patrol officers gave appropriate road safety and courtesy advice to motorists on 8,985 occasions.

273. During 1978, a total of 618 visits were made to schools throughout the County Police area by Police Officers in connection with road safety activities. These visits, involving over 57,000 children, were directed at all age levels and ranged from basic training in the Green Cross Code in Primary Schools, to motor cycle and pre-driver training in Senior Schools. In addition to this, a further 134 visits were made to other organisations, such as Youth Clubs, Womens' Institutes, play groups and Old Peoples' Associations, in connection with road safety. These latter talks involved a total audience of nearly 4,000 people.



Traffic Officers engaged on a roadside
vehicle check.

Safe Driving Symposia

274. During September and early October 1978, a new road safety venture was inaugurated in the form of 'Safe Driving Symposia' which were held on successive Saturday mornings at the Force Headquarters. These were widely advertised and visitors attended from all parts of the County area.

275. Each Symposium consisted of a Question Forum between members of the audience and a panel consisting of a senior Police Traffic Officer, the Officer-in-Charge of the Force Traffic Management and Accident Prevention Department, and a Police Advanced Driving Instructor. The Forum was followed by a visit to the Force Accident Prevention Department, where accident causations and statistics were explained, together with the steps taken in positive traffic policing to deal with them. This was followed by a 'Demonstration Drive' in a Police Car.

276. Each Symposium was well attended with a maximum of thirty people taking part.

277. Liaison was maintained with the County Road Safety Department before and during the series, and valuable assistance was received from the Department in publicising the Symposia.

278. Seven series of 'Safe Driving' talks were held during the year at various venues throughout the County. Each Course consisted of four illustrated evening lectures, on the theory of advanced driving technique by Police Driving School Instructors. The Courses culminated with a visit to the Police Headquarters by those involved, where they were taken on a demonstration drive in Police Driving School vehicles and had a conducted tour of the Force Traffic Management and Accident Prevention Department, and the Force Control Room.

279. A total of 40 visits involving 1,034 persons were made by civilians from all walks of life to the Force Traffic Management and Accident Prevention Department during 1978, where talks on Police involvement in accident prevention and traffic management were given.

Road Safety Campaign - 'Motorists - Watch Out for the Elderly!'

280. During the late Autumn of 1978, the Force Traffic Management Accident Prevention Department organised a County-wide Road Safety Campaign entitled 'Motorists - Watch Out for The Elderly!' The campaign, timed to coincide with the onset of longer nights and adverse weather conditions expected at this time of year, urged motorists to be aware of and make allowance for the slower reactions of elderly pedestrians. Drivers were also advised to use dipped headlights whenever necessary with the reminder that by doing so

others were enabled to see their approach more easily.

281. Full details of the Campaign were given to all newspapers and local radio stations within the Force area and the Officer-in-Charge of the Force Traffic Management and Accident Prevention Department was interviewed in a morning broadcast for motorists on Radio Stoke.

282. Nearly twelve thousand leaflets were distributed to the public throughout the County and considerable help in this connection was given by the County Road Safety Department with whom liaison had been maintained both before and during the campaign.

283. Reports received from around the County indicate that this campaign has been very well received by all classes of road users and has been a timely reminder to all of the need for extra consideration for elderly pedestrians, particularly when road and weather conditions deteriorate and hazards increase accordingly.

Road Safety - Young Motorcyclists

284. Several officers from the Northern Traffic Group Motorcycle Section became so concerned regarding the increase in death and injury road traffic accidents involving young and inexperienced motor cyclists that they were motivated to take positive action to reduce this trend.

285. In October, 1977, with my consent, an Association was formed with the Royal Automobile Club and Auto Cycle Union which enabled the officers in their own time to provide advice and expert tuition in an effort to provide a higher and safer standard of riding ability.

286. Although the training courses were obviously beneficial it became increasingly apparent that the most vulnerable riders i.e. 16-17 years, first-time buyers were not attending. At the instigation of the Police an alliance was formed between the Stoke-on-Trent Road Safety Department and local motor cycle dealers resulting in the formation of Potteries and District motor cycle training scheme, the object of which is to provide elementary training for first-time riders; since inception more than 300 riders have benefitted from the course.

287. Three officers are now authorised instructors and examiners of the Institute of Advanced Motorists for North Staffordshire and give tuition to the more experienced rider. Two of the officers have been responsible for the training and supervision of R.A.C/A.C.U Instructors. The officers have given several talks concerning motor cycle safety to a variety of organisations including schools, motor cycle and youth clubs and scout groups.

288. The vocational work carried out by these officers is greatly appreciated by all concerned and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service.



A Traffic Division motorcyclist giving instruction to a learner rider.

289. During the Spring and Autumn of 1978, Courses for Learner Drivers were again held at Tamworth, which were organised by the Local Authority and The Driving Schools Association. The Police assisted by providing instructors for these Courses and the members taking part were encouraged to visit the Police Headquarters in a manner similar to those already described.

290. Considerable efforts were again made by the Staffordshire Police in the field of motor cycle safety during 1978, particularly as regards training for civilian students at both novice and experienced levels. Advanced Police motor cycle riders and instructors regularly assisted the Local Authority Road Safety Department by acting as instructors and examiners in connection with the R.A.C/A.C.U; STEP Management Services and the P.A.D. Training Schemes. Students were permitted on selected Sunday mornings to visit the Police Motor Cycle Training Classroom at Baswich House under the supervision of police instructors in order to extend their knowledge of roadcraft and the mechanism of their machines by use of the instructional facilities available there.

291. Statistics now show that a quarter of all road accident casualties are motorcyclists and of these 40% were found to be at fault.

292. A National campaign entitled 'Conspicuity of Motorcyclists' was launched in 1978 urging riders to wear distinguishable clothing and to illuminate the headlights of their machines when in motion.

293. The Force co-operated with the County Road Safety Department in promoting the campaign and over 1,000 advisory leaflets were issued - additional publicity was given by local press and radio.

PART V

OPERATIONAL PLANNING, COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS

Operational Planning Section

294. This Section which is staffed by a Superintendent and a Chief Inspector, has during the past twelve months, undertaken 55 separate projects.

Major reviews have been undertaken into:

Stoke City Football Club

295. The specially designed observation and control post inside the grounds at Stoke City Football Club was officially opened at the commencement of the 1978/9 Football Season.

296. The combination of observation facilities, control post and prisoner handling centre has greatly enhanced the efficiency of the police operation. A constant revision of communications and policing methods is maintained in an effort to keep hooliganism at the lowest possible level.

Protective Clothing - Chemically Hazardous Situations

297. In recent years the number of incidents requiring the attendance of police officers in chemically hazardous situations has greatly increased, particularly on motorways and major roads, resulting in members of the Traffic Division being placed in dangerous situations with little or no protection. With the co-operation of the Health & Safety at Work Executive, a package has been designed which will afford these officers sufficient protection against the effects of most chemicals and gases during initial attendance at the scene.

Use of Firearms

298. Following a reappraisal of the system appertaining to the use of firearms by the police, a new policy has been adopted in the selection of suitable officers, the deployment of the firearms and a more intensive system of training. These measures, together with the provision of firearms packages at strategic points should improve the response times of turnout of officers and their efficiency in this field.

Rural Policing

299. During 1978, a detailed work load survey was made of all deployable resources in each of the 19 Rural Patrol Areas of

the Force. The survey included every aspect of policing in these areas and the results have played an important part in the report being prepared on the establishment and structure of the Force.

Incident Response Vehicles

300. On the 1st April, 1978, an experimental form of policing was introduced to selected urban areas of the Force with the primary object of increasing the number of officers on foot patrol and the former Panda patrols being reduced in number and taking up an incident response role.

Command & Control Computer Project

301. The joint Police/Home Office computer experiment has continued during 1978, and the third Ferranti Argos 700S computer has now been installed within the Communications Complex.

302. In order to maximise the use of the 3 computers and provide adequate fall-back facilities in the event of the failure of any of the processors, the essential work required to couple up the computers into their various configurations has steadily progressed throughout the year. The work involved has proved to be more difficult and prolonged than was at first envisaged and although the machines in their separate configurations work to a reasonable level of reliability, the results when coupled into fall-back configurations have been disappointing. Solutions to the problems are, however, being found by the manufacturer and once the outstanding problems have been resolved the project will be engaged in final acceptance testing prior to taking the computer system into operational use.

303. During the year computer terminal operator training has continued with the students having the advantage of operating the computer system in 'hands on' mode, which is of greater instructional benefit than the previous use of simulators.

304. Evaluation of the prototype control room console provided by Home Office Police Scientific Development Branch continues at Hanley Police Station. Amendments to the original design are in progress, which if successful should lead to a firm order for a number of consoles being placed for operational use during 1979.

305. Assistance continues to be given by the computer project team to visitors from a number of Police Forces, and a considerable number have expressed their wish to visit the project following the commencement of the operational use of the computers early in 1979.

Communications: Control Room

306. '999' calls marginally decreased during the year, the daily average being 78+ per day. Motorway breakdown calls have increased slightly to a daily average of 63+.

307. The Police National Computer has continued to develop and the 'Names - Wanted - Missing' application was added during the year.

308. The following is an analysis of the work dealt with in the Control Room during 1978 with comparative figures for 1977:-

Emergency Telephone Calls ('999')

1977 - 29,168 calls received - average 79+ per day
1978 - 28,797 calls received - average 78+ per day

Motorway Telephone Calls

1977 - 22,908 calls received - average 62+ per day
1978 - 23,301 calls received - average 63+ per day

Control Room Indices

Name Index

1977 - 4,146 checks resulting in 28 arrests
1978 - 24,558 checks resulting in 9 arrests

The number of checks increased considerably during the year due to the 'Names - Wanted - Missing' application being included on the Police National Computer.

Vehicle Index

1977 - 203,083 checks resulting in 181 arrests
 993 stolen vehicles recovered
 5,938 cases of general assistance
1978 - 245,468 checks resulting in 60 arrests
 1,120 stolen vehicles recovered
 6,555 cases of general assistance

Notifications received regarding the movement of Special Type Vehicles and Vehicles carrying Abnormal Loads.

309. 1977	- 16,851 notices	30,035 movements
1978	- 17,299 notices	32,816 movements



A Police Patrol preparing to escort an abnormal load.

Wireless

310. The Force continues to operate on two V.H.F. channels and links are maintained with surrounding Forces.

311. Due to a re-allocation of frequencies for Home Office use, it is necessary to change the main transmitter and mobile receiver frequencies on both channels. Work in this connection is expected to be carried out early in 1979.

312. Negotiations have been completed with the South Staffs Water Board to utilise their site at Winshill, Burton, in order to improve V.H.F. coverage. It is anticipated that this site will become operative early in 1979.

Vehicle Availability System

313. Vehicles have continued to be fitted with coded tone generators during the year. Currently 104 have been fitted and the remainder will be fitted this year. This will enable automatic operation once the Command and Control Computer goes live.

Divisional Communications Liaison Officers

314. A large amount of expensive computer/communications equipment is operating in most of the larger Stations in the Force and certain supervisory officers at these Stations have been selected to take a special responsibility to ensure it is correctly used and maintained. A guidance manual has been prepared, published and issued for their use. Each officer attended a Seminar at Headquarters when the objectives and duties were explained. These officers provide a direct link between the Force Communications Officer and Divisional Officers.

Telephones

315. Equipment which will enable a further thirty extensions to be linked to the P.A.B.X.4 (Automatic Telephone Exchange), has been provided during the year. A number of the extensions have already been taken into use.

Personal Radios

316. Following an evaluation of Force requirements 51 additional Burndept sets are required in order to meet operational needs. It is also necessary to replace existing two-piece Pye pocketfone radios with Burndept sets. Altogether 173 will be required. An order for 86 sets has been placed for supply in the financial year 1978/79, the remainder to be supplied during the following year.

Police National Computer

317. This system continues to develop and the 'Name - Wanted - Missing' application went live during 1978. Currently checks in this connection exceed 2,500 per month. Checks on vehicles exceed 20,000 per month. Disqualified drivers are expected to be added during 1979 and this will add to what is already a heavy workload.

Teleprinter and Telex

318. The automatic telegraph system is still operating satisfactorily.

Motorway Telephones/Matrix Signals

319. The Motorway Telephone System, the Matrix system and thermal printer all operated satisfactorily during 1978.

PART VI

ACCOMMODATION

320. On 31st December, 1978, a total of 358 married Police Officers were accommodated in properties owned or rented by the Police Authority.

321. The overall position respecting properties at the end of the year was:-

Post war buildings owned by the Police Authority	438
Others	8
Rented	2

322. The scheme for home ownership by Police Officers continues to operate satisfactorily. As at the end of the year 1,245 officers owned and resided in their own houses.

323. The procedure for 'Police Officers to Purchase' Police Authority houses surplus to requirements under the Police discount scheme is continuing satisfactorily. 39 applications have been received up to the 31st December, 1978.

Students Hostel - Headquarters

324. The building of the new students' hostel at Headquarters was completed in April 1978 providing residential accommodation for 72 students each of whom can now occupy a single study/bedroom in this well furnished four storey building. The additional amenities include a students' Common Room and television lounge.

325. The Hostel was formally opened on 19th May, 1978 by the Lord Harris of Greenwich, Under Secretary of State for Home Affairs.

Southern Traffic Group - New Accommodation

326. The Southern Traffic Group occupied its new purpose built accommodation at Lichfield in May, 1978.

327. The building is a three storey construction, the ground floor consists mainly of garage space for motor cycles and a covered area for garaging of motor vehicles. The first floor provides a large locker room, three offices, parade room; the second floor houses the administration and typing facilities, and office accommodation for Senior Officers.

Stafford Divisional Station

328. Work in respect of the new Divisional Station at Stafford is progressing satisfactorily.

PART VII

SPORTS AND RECREATION

329. A wide programme of sport and recreation was organised during 1978 and this was well supported. The high competitive standard at Regional and National level was maintained.

330. The activities are summarised as follows:-

Angling

331. Angling continued to be a very popular activity and one which all ranks of the Service supported.

332. The Force Angling Competition was held in July at a new venue on the River Trent at Newton Solney, near Burton on Trent, and this proved very successful. Stoke-on-Trent North Division won the team event and P.C. J. HURST was the individual winner.

333. Teams from the Force competed in a number of Open Competitions organised by other Forces.

Athletics

334. Results at the No. 3 Region Athletic Championships held at Warley Stadium were quite satisfactory and the following officers won events:-

P.C. BURNS	100 metres and 200 metres
P.C. THORNEYCROFT	5,000 metres
W.P.C. WILLIAMSON	Ladies' Long Jump
W.P.C. JONES	400 metres for Ladies

335. The Force Tug of War Team won the No. 3 Region Championships.

336. The Annual Athletics Day was held at Rowley Park Stadium, Stafford and was well supported by members of all Divisions. Stafford Division won the Harry White Shield by obtaining the highest number of points.

337. The following successes were recorded at the National P.A.A. Athletics Championships, held at St. Ives, Cambridge in August:-

Tug of War Team won the Catchweight Championships.
P.C. BURNS placed third in the 100 metres.
W.P.C. WILLIAMSON placed fourth in the Long Jump.

Cross Country

338. The Force Team was placed third in the Midlands Police Cross Country League and achieved seventh position out of twenty two teams in the Services League.

339. The No. 3 Region Championships were organised by the Force at the Michelin Course, Hanford and the Men's Team was placed second. W.P.C. PURTON achieved second place in the Ladies' Event.

340. The Cadets Championship was held over Cannock Chase in February and Cadet BLANDFORD won the boys' event and Girl Cadet JONES won the girls' event.

Crown Green Bowls

341. The Force Team competed in the Northern Police League. The No. 3 Region Championships was staged by the Force at the G.E.C. Greens at Stafford and P.C. S. FOX was the individual winner.

342. Newcastle Division won the Force League and Sgt. P. TAYLOR won the Individual Championship.

Football

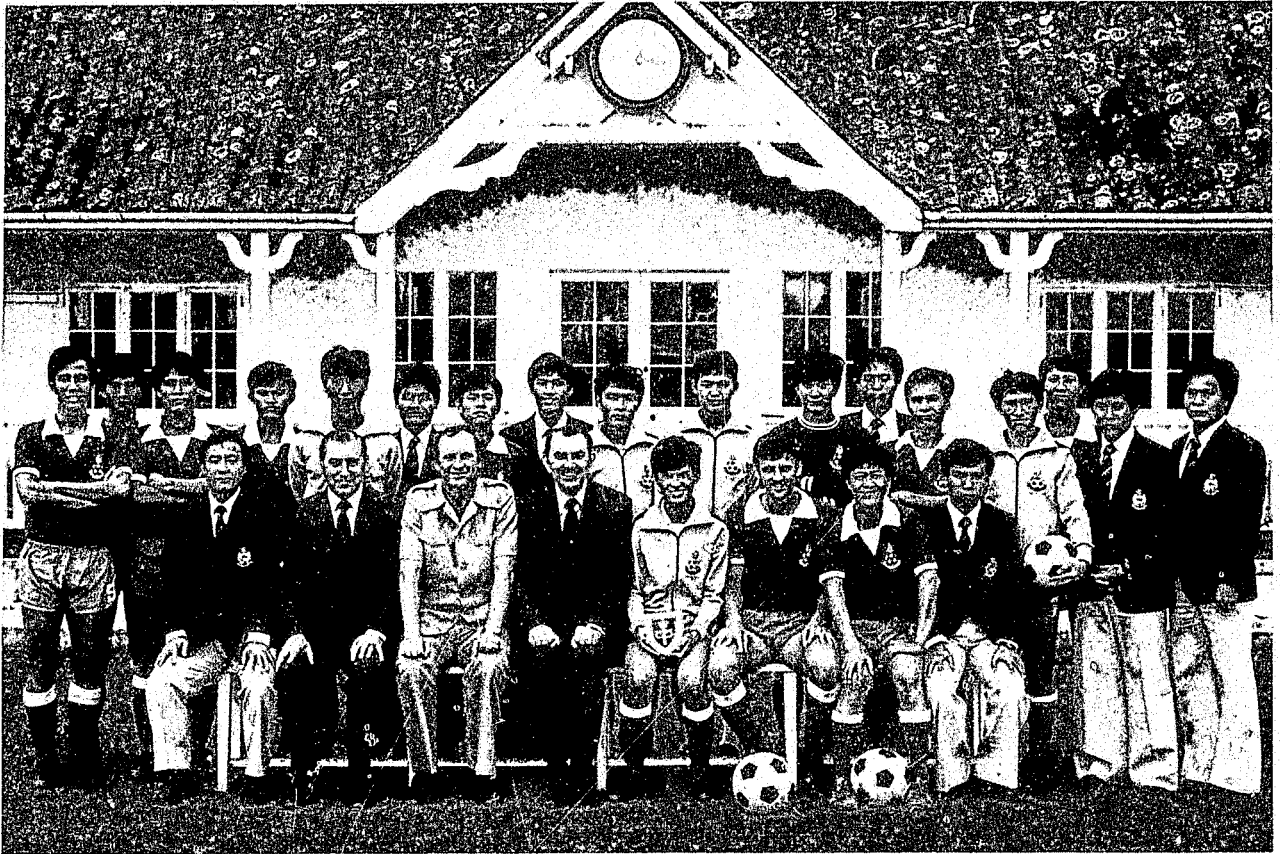
343. The Force Team played in the First Division of the West Midlands league during the 1978/79 Season. After a good away win against Derbyshire Police in the P.A.A. Cup, the team lost to Merseyside Police at Liverpool.

344. The adverse weather conditions limited activities at the close of the year, but interest is still maintained in two Civilian Cup Competitions.

Football - Cadets

345. It was encouraging to see the formation of the Cadets XI again after the resumption of recruitment and regular fixtures have been played during the season.

346. In December, the team lost 4 - 2 to West Yorkshire Cadets at Silkmore Lane in the P.A.A. Cup Competition.



The Chief Constable with the Hong Kong Police Football Club, who played the Force Team at Silkmore Lane, Stafford on the 15th August, 1978.

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Golf

A long fixture list was played during 1978 and we were fortunate to have Tamworth Golf Club as the home green.

The Force Team won the Kelly Cup at the No. 3 Region Competition

at Little Aston.

349. The Force Bogey Competition was held at Brocton in September and was won by Inspector J. REYNOLDS.

350. The Golf Team were hosts to Aberdeen Police in June.

Cricket

351. The Cricket Section enjoyed a good season under the Captaincy of Sergeant A. STEVENSON but in the Midland Region P.A.A., after defeating West Midlands Police the Force Team lost to West Mercia in the final.

352. A most successful tour to Devon and Cornwall was completed in August.

353. Stafford Division won the Chief Constable's Cup.

Hockey - Ladies

354. Many fixtures were cancelled in the 1978/79 Season but two P.A.A. Matches were completed. After a handsome win against Humberside Police at Milford in the P.A.A. Competition, the team lost to West Yorkshire Constabulary at Wakefield in November.

Rifle Shooting

355. There was a resurgence of interest in Small Bore Rifle Shooting during 1978, with seven Divisional teams competing in the League. Leek Division finished the season as winners.

356. The Force Championships were held at Rugeley in June with Leek Division winning the Team Knock-Out Competition and Sergeant R. REVILL the Individual Championship and the N.S.R.A. Plaque.

357. In addition to inter-divisional fixtures, friendly matches took place against local Clubs.

Clay Pigeon Shooting

358. The Section arranged several home shoots and took part in

invitation events. The Force Championships were held at Rowley Gun Club in October and a team representing the Force competed in the P.A.A. Championships at Nottingham.

Tennis

359. Representatives from the Force competed in the No. 3 Region Championships.

Life Saving

360. The Force Competition was again keenly contested at Riverside, Stafford, in July with Newcastle Division winning the Team Trophy and P.C. A. WILLCOCKS the Individual Trophy.

361. The team was placed second in the No. 3 Region Championships at Walsall.

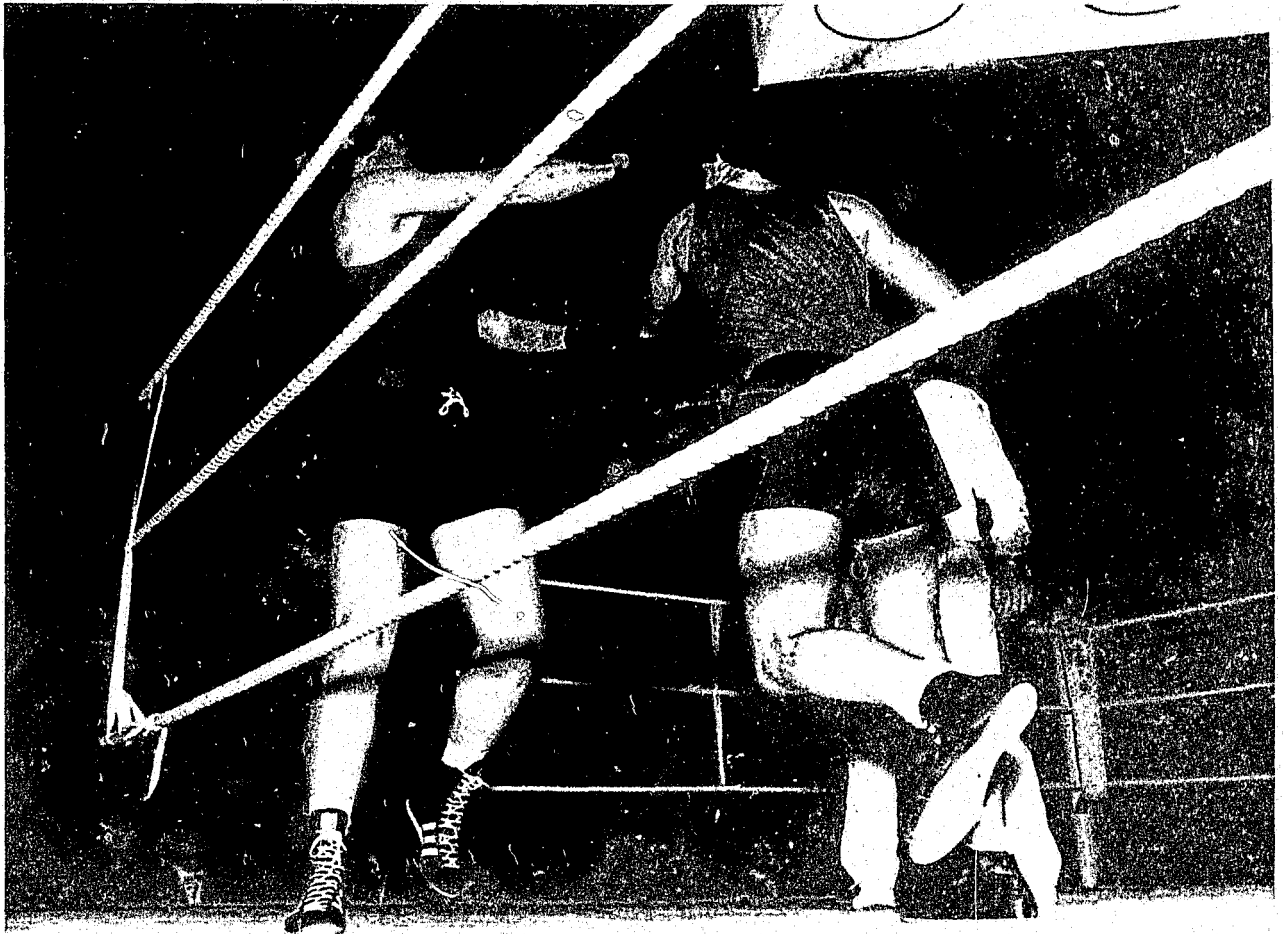
Boxing

362. The Force again organised a first-class Tournament between the Army and London at the Victoria Hall, Hanley, in November.

363. The Force Tournament was held at G.E.C. Limited, Stafford, also in November and the efforts by Divisional boxers were outstanding. Leek Division won the Anson Shield for the first time.

364. The highlight of the Force Boxing Tournament was a special Light Heavy Weight bout between Roger WRIGHT of Newcastle Division and Owen COOPER of Cannock Division. An exciting all action three rounds earned Roger the Best Performance Cup and Owen the Best Loser's cup. The crowd of 1,200 people gave both boxers a long standing ovation.

365. Cadet GIBLIN won the Cadet's cup.



The photograph shows Owen COOPER (left) avoiding a left cross from Roger WRIGHT.

Swimming

366. The Force Gala was well supported at the Riverside Baths, Stafford, in October. Stoke-on-Trent North Division won the Billy Edwards and the Ladies' Trophies.

Indoor Games

367. The Force Indoor Games were held at Headquarters in January and representatives from the Force took part in the No. 3 Region Championships, held at Kenilworth. Sergeant C. BARSTED won the Darts Singles Event and did extremely well in going on to win the National Darts Singles title.

Rugby Football

368. The 1977/78 season was most successful and culminated with the winning of the P.A.A. National Cup against the Avon and Somerset Police at Worcester in May.

369. The following Officers represented the British Police during the season:-

B. TILSTON: S. OSBOURNE: P. BURNS: A. BRINDLEY

K. ASTLEY was a member of the Midland Squad that played against the All Blacks New Zealand Touring Team at Leicester.

Badminton

370. The Force Tournament was well supported at Keele University in January, 1978 and representatives from the Force took part in the No. 3 Region Championships.

Squash

371. The Force Squash Championships were held at Keele University and Det/Sergeant SEABRIDGE was the winner.

Sea Angling

372. The Force Sea Angling Section attended a number of fixtures and took part in the P.A.A. Championships at Weymouth.

First Aid

373. (i) Staffordshire Police Special Centre

The preservation of life has always been one of the prime objectives of the Police Service and to this end a basic knowledge of First Aid has been considered essential to the efficiency of an individual officer. For very many years instruction in this subject has been of high priority both in recruit training and thereafter at regular intervals enabling officers to maintain a high standard of proficiency in this subject. By the very nature of his work a Police Officer is usually early on the scene of an accident and he is expected to act positively to preserve life. Obviously it is reassuring to know that he has the training and knowledge to enable this to be done.

374. Never has it been more necessary than at the present time for society to rely on the Police Service to give assistance to others. In view of this, and following upon a reappraisal of the First Aid training and programme of activities, it was thought opportune to establish our own St. John First Aid Special Centre based at Police Headquarters with facilities to meet all our own demands in the First Aid field. The Centre became operational from 1st May, 1978, and we are now in a position to train lay instructors, arrange training courses and examinations and have the authority to issue First Aid Certificates to those candidates who are successful. Furthermore, the Force will be able to make a significant contribution to assist certain members of the community in this particular field.

375. A large-scale training programme was undertaken in the latter half of the year and I am pleased to report that the response from serving officers was extremely encouraging and nearly all members of the Regular Force and most of the special constables have, after receiving 12 hours of tuition, requalified.

376. Two training courses for lay Instructors, each of two weeks duration, were held during 1978, bringing the total number qualified to 39.

377. The Centre has undertaken a two-day course at the County Buildings, Stafford, to teach the 'Essentials of First Aid' to Local Government Officers employed in positions which bring them into contact with members of the public, further similar courses are being planned for the future.

378. (ii) Competitions

In January, 1978, the Men's and Ladies' Teams won the No. 3 Region Competitions at Ryton on Dunsmore.

379. Competing in the Pim Competitions at London in February, both teams were placed second in their respective Competitions.

380. In April, the Force Inter Divisional Competition was held at Headquarters. Traffic Division won the Team Competition

and W.P.C. D. WICKENS won the Colonel HEARN Trophy.

381. A number of trophies were won by both Force Teams in Open Competitions during 1978.

382. In September, the Force Open Competition was held at Headquarters and Donisthorpe Colliery won the Premier Trophy.



Police Cadets training in
First Aid.

PART VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

Firearms Department

383.	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>Ist January 1977</u> <u>31st December, 1977</u>	<u>1st January, 1978</u> <u>31st December, 1978</u>
	Certificate Holders	3,500	3,486
	Firearms Dealers	36	34
	Approved Pistol/ Rifle Clubs	53	52

Refusals

Firearms Certificates	14	20
(Various reasons. Application withdrawn. Land unsuitable. No permanent address in this area. Not a member of a Club)		
Firearms Dealer	1	Nil

Revoked

Firearm Certificates	Nil	One - Sec.30(1)
Firearm Dealers	Nil	Nil

Prohibited Weapons

1. Certificate holder is in possession of Defence Council Permit
 - (a) Museum - display purposes.
2. Certificate Holder is in possession of Home Office Authority.
One Cap Chur Rifle Projector No. A15709
One Paxarm Rifle Projector No. E5115
 - (a) treatment of deer and wild boar.
3. Certificate Holder is in possession of Home Office Authority.
One Dist Inject Projector No. 4837

- (a) immobilization of zoo animals for treatment examination and transport.

Surrendered and Confiscated Firearms and Ammunition

	<u>1st January 1977</u> <u>31st December 1977</u>	<u>1st January, 1978</u> <u>31st December, 1978</u>
Rifles, Shotguns, Air Rifles	125	87
Small Arms	75	70
Humane Killers	2	10
Assorted Ammunition	5,784	5,410
Firearms Amnesty	Nil	Nil

Shot Guns

Certificates Issued	1,348	1,291
Refusals	10	11
Revocations	7	5
Visitors' Certificates	1	1

Total up to and including 31st December, 1978

Certificates	23,513
Refusals	86
Revocations	36
Visitors	7
Cancellations	9,406

Total number of Shotgun Certificates on issue at 31st December, 1978 - 16,978

384. Dangerous Drugs

Registered Chemists 151

Explosives

Explosives 39
Registered Premises 32
Home Office Magazines 9
Police Certificates/
Licences 141

Aliens

385. Number of registered aliens to December, 1978	494
Naturalisations	21
Enquiries respecting referees or residents	11
Home Office visa enquiries	13
Home Office entry certificate enquiries	14
Enquiries re illegal immigrants	15
Miscellaneous offences by aliens	4
Breaches of landing conditions	10
Deportations	6
Other miscellaneous enquiries concerning aliens not originating from Home Office	20
Number of aliens transferring to this Force	163
Number of aliens transferring from this Force	137
New registrations	189
Home Office enquiries re conditions of stay	24

Registered Aliens at 31st December, 1978

The following table shows the nationalities of aliens registered in this Force area:-

<u>American</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Argentine	2		2
Brazilian	1	1	2
Chilean	7	4	11
Colombian	1	1	2
Mexican	1		1
Nicaraguan	1		1
United States	10	16	26
Venezuelan	4	3	7
TOTAL	27	25	52
<u>African</u>			
Algerian	12		12
Egyptian (Arab Republic)	6	3	9
Ivory Coast	1		1
Moroccan	2		2
South African	10	3	13
Sudanese	7	1	8
Tunisian	1		1
TOTAL	39	7	46

<u>Asiatic</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bahrein	9	1	10
Burmese		1	1
Chinese	5	5	10
Indonesian	2	1	3
Iranian	101	20	121
Iraq	23	6	29
Israel	3	1	4
Japanese	10	2	12
Jordanian	14	2	16
Kuwaiti	1		1
Lebanese	2		2
Pakistani	16	4	20
Philippine		2	2
Saudi Arabian	3	3	6
Cyrian	1		1
Thai	4	1	5
Union of Arab Emirates	3		3
Yemeni (Arab Republic of)	1		1

TOTAL	198	49	247
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European

Austrian	1	1	2
Belgian	1		1
Danish	3	1	4
Dutch	3	4	7
Finnish		3	3
French	7	9	16
German	6	10	16
Greek	23	3	26
Icelandic	2		2
Italian	7	4	11
Norwegian	1	3	4
Polish	2	2	4
Portuguese	8	4	12
Russian		3	3
Spanish	1	3	4
Swedish	2	2	4
Swiss	1	1	2
Turkish	14	3	17
Yugoslav	2	1	3

TOTAL	84	57	141
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Others

Stateless	6		6
Uncertain	2		2

TOTAL	8		8
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Total number of registered aliens	356	138	494
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Sickness

386. During the year, officers absent on both certificated and uncertificated sick leave have been as follows:-

(a) With Doctor's Certificate	981
(b) Without Doctor's Certificate	2,044
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TOTAL	3,025
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Number of days sickness:-

(a) With Doctor's Certificate	22,777
(b) Without Doctor's Certificate	5,014
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TOTAL	27,791
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387. A comparison table setting out the average number of days lost per officer through sickness during 1978 and the three preceding years is set out below:-

<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
12.1	13.5	13.2	14.3

388. The facility granted to both regular officers and civilians to take up to three days leave without a Doctor's Certificate does not appear to have been abused and I am certain that absence through sickness would be greater if it were not for this privilege being granted.

Police Federation

389. Throughout 1978, in accordance with the Police Federation Regulations, 1969, the Constables', Sergeants', Inspectors' and Joint Branch Boards of the Police Federation met quarterly at Force Headquarters.

390. Additionally, the Joint Executive Committee of the Joint Branch Board held regular meetings to discuss matters requiring their attention, and amongst the matters drawn to the Chief Constable's attention by the Joint Branch Board were items relating to:-

- Warrant Cards - New standard of issue
- Police Quarters - Single Officers - New Standing Orders
- Police Cadet Hostel, Force Headquarters - Use of building for Cadet training.
- Discipline Procedures - Joint Branch Board Training Day

Staff Appraisal - Training for newly-appointed Sergeants

Expenses - Ease of reimbursement by cheques

Duties - Policewomen - Sex Discrimination Act, 1976

National Police Fund - Quota Grant 1978

Force Structure - Review of authorised establishment

Concessionary Travel - Committee of Enquiry

Health & Safety at Work - Force Safety Committee and Safety of Visual Display Unit operators.

391. Many of these and other matters were discussed by the Joint Consultative Committee, which in its first full year of operation, proved to be a useful vehicle for discussion and exchange of views for each of the representative bodies. This Committee has shown the requirement for regular consultation at this level which will continue, thus ensuring that certain policy decisions are properly discussed before implementation.

392. This year saw a revision of the Rent Allowance agreement which was approved by the Police Authority with effect from 1st April and ensures that this allowance is regularly reviewed to keep abreast of inflation affecting the cost of housing and accommodation.

393. Following discussions with the Police Authority and myself, agreement was reached upon the introduction of a Housing Purchase Scheme to assist officers to purchase the Police Authority houses in which they live when these properties are declared surplus to operational requirements. The scheme has proved to be beneficial to all concerned.

394. During the year, it was agreed that the Staffordshire County Council retirement gift scheme should be extended to include recognition of police service to the Staffordshire Police Authority and the community of Staffordshire.

395. Several officers from the Force attended as delegates to the 1978 Police Federation Annual Conference, at which Constable T.J. LAWS, Traffic Division, the Joint Branch Board Secretary, was re-elected as No. 3 Region Constable's Central Committee representative. Subsequently, he was re-appointed Treasurer of the Police Federation of England and Wales.

396. P.C. LAWS continues to hold his appointments as the Police Federation's national Trustee on the Management Committee of the Police Convalescent Seaside Home, Hove, and is a Trustee member on the Management Committee of the National Police Fund.

397. Officers also attended a further one-day 'Special Conference' to debate evidence for submission to the Committee

of Enquiry on the Police on the future Structure and Constitution of the Police Federation.

398. The Joint Branch Board continued to administer the Police Federation National Assurance Scheme and the Staffordshire Police Group Life & Accident Insurance Scheme. Some 98 per cent of members of the Force are members of the latter and during the year, as a result of injuries sustained by officers, 103 claims for temporary total disablement were handled at the Joint Branch Board Office. Additionally, 3 death benefit claims were dealt with, two as a result of deaths of serving officers and the other in respect of the death of the wife of a serving officer.

399. The Police Federation assisted members with Civil Claims and also claims to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board in respect of which 29 new claims were made by officers who were criminally injured during 1978 whilst performing police duty. The many unsettled claims from previous years continue to be monitored towards settlement.

400. The Police Federation Branch Boards are represented on all welfare and benevolent funds within the Force.

Police Mutual Assurance Society

401. On the 31st December, 1978, 3,506 policies were held by serving and retired officers. This is an increase of 57 over the previous year.

Police Convalescent Fund

402. The Fund is in a healthy state and membership has remained constant. During the year twenty-six officers, one accompanied by his wife, and one ex-officer attended the Convalescent Police Seaside Home at Hove. All speak highly of the staff, accommodation and amenities. Attendance at the Home has been most beneficial to those convalescing after illness or injury.

Force Benevolent Fund

403. Progress was maintained in 1978 and the Management Committee were able to consider and provide assistance in many cases of need. Close liaison was maintained with pensioners by the Force Welfare Officer who, in addition to officers in Divisions, made many valuable visits to pensioners, including widows.

404. The financial position of the Fund remains good and, as investment returns improved during the year, the Society is confidently expected to provide even better provisions for members and their dependants in future years.

The Staffordshire Police Widows, Orphans & Benevolent Fund

405. This Fund, originally the Stoke-on-Trent City Police Widows' Orphans and Benevolent Fund, is financially sound and in addition to regular weekly payments, the Management Committee, made a number of grants to former members and their dependants.

Force Welfare Fund

406. During the year a small sub-committee, set up to consider the establishment of a new charity, made its recommendations and, on 5th May, 1978, the Staffordshire Police Welfare Fund was inaugurated.

407. Representatives of the Association of Chief Police Officers, the Superintendents' Association and the Police Federation form the Management Committee of this new fund. The object is to assist those persons who are in need of financial or other help and who are, or were:-

- (a) Members of the Staffordshire Police, the Staffordshire County and Stoke-on-Trent Constabulary, the Staffordshire County Police or the Stoke-on-Trent City Police.
- (b) Civilian employees of the Staffordshire Police engaged in manual or clerical police work including traffic wardens and special constables and employees of the Staffordshire Police representative bodies.
- (c) Cadets of the Staffordshire Police.
- (d) Wives, widows, children and other dependants of all the above described individuals who are in need of assistance.

408. For some time it has been felt that the existing Widows and Orphans and Benevolent Fund Friendly Society was limited by rules which govern its application, as is the former Stoke-on-Trent Police Benevolent Fund which is being 'run-down' and, therefore, also financially under-nourished. Many of the more deserving cases, especially in relation to the elderly, were outside the scope of both charities and civilian employees were totally deprived of financial help. The new fund has already proved to be invaluable in providing assistance to many, including the widow of a special constable, seriously ill and bereaved civilian employees, widows and members who left the Force even before the inception of the existing benevolent funds and numerous members of the Staffordshire Police who were not entitled to benefit under the friendly society rules. The new fund has already absorbed one organisation (which dealt primarily with loans) and may amalgamate with others in the future, including the separate fund which deals with convalescence.

409. The establishment of the new welfare fund and the closely supervised arrangements of visits, at least once per quarter, to the elderly (including those pensioners of other Police Forces now resident in Staffordshire) have, together, increased the power to bring assistance, more quickly and efficiently, to those who are in need. It is now true to say that every conceivable effort is made to ensure that no person goes unnoticed.

Diseases of Animals

410. The following notifiable diseases were reported during the year.

Suspected Cases Reported

Anthrax - 79

Confirmed Cases

Anthrax - 5

411. Police Officers attended livestock markets, which are held weekly at various places within the Force area for the purpose of licensing the movement of animals, enforcement of Regulations relating to swine and poultry and the Transit of Animals Orders with regard to the cleansing and disinfection of vehicles.

412. Furthermore, considerable Police time was spent in supervising the dipping of sheep in the County as a result of the Sheep Scab Order 1977, making compulsory the dipping of sheep in the whole of Great Britain, between 1st September, 1978, and 26th October, 1978. In this County this necessitated the dipping of 866 flocks.

413. The records of stock owners holding record books under the Movement of Animals (Records) Order 1960, as amended were inspected during the year.

Worrying of Livestock by Dogs

414. During the year, 103 cases of worrying of livestock by dogs were reported to the Police. Twenty persons were prosecuted in respect of the worrying of livestock by dogs on agricultural land under the provisions of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act, 1953, and for similar offences official cautions were issued in six cases.

House to House Collections Act, 1939

415. Eighty six Certificates of Exemption under Section 1(4) of the Act were issued.

ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES REPORTED - 1978

OFFENCES	PROCEEDINGS	CAUTION	TOTAL
Causing death by dangerous driving	9	-	9
Driving under the influence of drink etc.	1,010	-	1,010
Dangerous driving	202	6	208
Exceeding speed limit (road limits)	10,227	135	10,362
Exceeding speed limit (vehicle limits)	1,067	10	1,077
Motorways - offences peculiar to	198	24	222
Careless driving	3,749	78	3,827
Prohibited driving	276	110	386
Neglect of traffic directions	1,548	206	1,754
Obstruction and parking offences	491	148	639
Lighting offences	2,183	882	3,065
Vehicles or parts in dangerous condition	3,902	372	4,274
Vehicles or parts in defective condition	901	219	1,120
Trailer offences	13	6	19
Motor cycles - offences peculiar to	265	46	311
Load offences	1,021	91	1,112
Noise offences	225	29	254
Driving Licence offences	5,144	576	5,720
Operators Licence offences	341	44	385
Vehicle insurance offences	3,644	195	3,839
Vehicle registration and licensing (Excise) offences	3,315	249	3,564
Work record and employment offences	829	122	951
Accident offences	1,026	121	1,147
Vehicle testing offences	2,474	346	2,820
Other offences	253	18	271
TOTALS FOR 1978	44,313	4,033	48,346
TOTALS FOR 1977	41,162	5,144	46,306

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CLASS OF ROAD USER INVOLVED YEAR 1978

	KILLED	SERIOUS	SLIGHT	TOTALS
Pedestrians under 15 years of age.	11	100	370	481
Pedestrians over 15 years of age.	27	150	383	560
Pedal cyclists under 15 years of age.	3	37	159	199
Pedal cyclists over 15 years of age.	4	32	204	240
Moped Riders	2	62	195	259
Motor Scooter Riders	-	6	22	28
Motor cyclists	27	276	707	1,010
Pillion Passengers on motor scooters	-	-	-	-
Pillion Passengers on motor cycle - mopeds	2	47	111	160
Passengers in side car	-	-	2	2
Drivers-Car or Taxi	30	331	1,520	1,881
Drivers-other vehicles	9	58	235	302
Passengers P.S.Vs	-	14	171	185
Passengers in other vehicles	30	265	1,425	1,720
TOTALS	145	1,378	5,504	7,027

CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS YEAR 1978

	FATAL	INVOLVING SERIOUS INJURY	INVOLVING SLIGHT INJURY	TOTALS
Drivers and Pedal Cyclists	88	797	2,741	3,626
Pedestrians	27	202	576	805
Passengers	2	11	50	63
Animals	2	16	72	90
Obstructions	1	8	27	36
Vehicle Defects	3	35	93	131
Roads	1	27	95	123
Weather	4	34	151	189
Other causes	3	3	6	12
TOTALS	131	1,133	3,811	5,075

DAYS WHEN ACCIDENTS OCCURRED YEAR, 1978

	FATAL	INVOLVING SERIOUS INJURY	INVOLVING SLIGHT INJURY	TOTALS
SUNDAY	24	151	507	682
MONDAY	14	129	483	626
TUESDAY	16	144	537	697
WEDNESDAY	10	170	501	681
THURSDAY	17	142	520	679
FRIDAY	29	201	635	865
SATURDAY	21	196	628	845
TOTALS	131	1,133	3,811	5,075

TIMES WHEN ACCIDENTS OCCURRED YEAR, 1978

PERIOD	FATAL	INVOLVING SERIOUS INJURY	INVOLVING SLIGHT INJURY	TOTALS
12 midnight - 6.00 a.m.	23	90	238	351
6.00 a.m. - 8.00 a.m.	3	56	195	254
8.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.	6	80	380	466
10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon	13	91	343	447
12.00 noon - 2.00 p.m.	12	124	415	551
2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	10	136	475	621
4.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.	23	193	668	884
6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.	8	105	378	491
8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.	9	104	297	410
10.00 p.m. - 12.00 mn.	24	154	422	600
Time not known	--	-	-	-
TOTALS	131	1,133	3,811	5,075

AGES OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED YEAR 1978

	KILLED	SERIOUS	SLIGHT	TOTALS
Under 1 year to 5 years	6	11	115	132
5 years to 14 years	12	152	689	853
15 " to 19 "	25	386	1,355	1,766
20 " to 29 "	35	319	1,331	1,685
30 " to 39 "	12	154	673	839
40 " to 49 "	11	89	472	572
50 " to 59 "	17	100	437	554
60 " to 64 "	5	52	153	210
65 " and over	22	114	275	411
Age unknown	-	1	4	5
TOTALS	145	1,378	5,504	7,027

CRIMES RECORDED AND DETECTED - 1977/78

OFFENCES	1977			1978		
	Recorded	Detected	% Det	Recorded	Detected	% Det.
<u>Offences Against the Person</u>						
Murder	4	4		4	4	
Attempted murder	3	3		1	1	
Threat or conspiracy to murder.	2	2		2	1	
Manslaughter	1	1		2	2	
Infanticide	-	-		1	1	
Causing death by dangerous driving.	9	10		11	11	
Wounding or other act endangering life.	52	50		35	30	
Endangering railway passengers	-	-		1	1	
Other wounding, etc.	1,729	1,596		2,258	1,944	
Assault	73	71		45	45	
Child stealing	1	1		2	2	
Procuring illegal abortion	-	-		1	1	
Concealment of birth	-	-		1	-	
Buggery	17	17		22	22	
Indecent assault on a male	30	27		48	41	
Indecency between males	22	24		25	26	
Rape	15	10		13	9	
Indecent assault on a female	206	171		215	160	
Unlawful sexual intercourse with girl under 13	3	4		6	6	
Unlawful sexual intercourse with girl under 16	93	80		89	102	
Incest	6	6		15	14	
Procuration	3	3		5	5	
Abduction	3	1		-	1	
Bigamy	1	2		3	3	
GROUP TOTAL	2,273	2,083	91.7	2,805	2,432	86.7
<u>Offences against Property with Violence</u>						
Burglary in a dwelling	2,371	876		2,762	1,035	
Aggravated burglary in a dwelling	6	3		7	5	
Burglary other than in a dwelling	4,823	2,150		4,594	1,829	
Aggravated burglary other than in a dwelling	1	1		1	-	
Going equipped for stealing etc.	205	207		257	258	
Robbery	100	55		82	42	
Blackmail	5	6		23	21	
GROUP TOTAL	7,511	3,298	43.9	7,726	3,190	41.3

OFFENCES	1977			1978		
	Recorded	Detected	% Det	Recorded	Detected	% Det
<u>Offences Against Property Without Violence</u>						
Stealing from the person of another.	125	37		129	36	
Stealing in a dwelling	646	488		661	462	
Stealing by an employee	684	645		735	713	
Stealing mail, etc.	3	1		22	16	
Stealing electricity (See footnote)	-	-		53	48	
Stealing pedal cycles	828	211		737	142	
Stealing from vehicles	4,366	1,452		4,642	1,444	
Stealing from shops/stalls	3,391	3,171		3,624	3,348	
Stealing from automatic machines/meters	416	266		460	246	
Stealing and unauthorised taking of motor vehicles	2,920	1,359		2,867	1,336	
Other stealings, etc	4,462	1,881		4,579	1,736	
False accounting	164	169		125	121	
Other frauds	1,221	1,086		1,290	1,111	
Handling stolen goods	941	932		873	880	
GROUP TOTAL	20,167	11,698	58.0	20,797	11,639	56.0
<u>Other Offences</u>						
Arson	98	50		143	79	
Damage endangering life	4	4		2	1	
Other criminal damage over £20	1,570	694		2,083	844	
Intent to commit damage	20	21		26	22	
Forgery of prescription	19	18		4	4	
Forgery and uttering	262	260		238	236	
Causing affray	4	3		14	11	
Perjury	10	11		8	8	
Perverting the course of justice (See footnote)	-	-		6	6	
Absconding from lawful custody (See footnote)	-	-		87	82	
Miscellaneous offences	143	138		2	2	
GROUP TOTAL	2,130	1,199	56.0	2,613	1,295	49.6
N.B. In previous years, these 3 offences have been shown as 'Miscellaneous Offences'						
S U M M A R Y						
Offences against the person	2,273	2,083	91.7	2,805	2,432	86.7
Offences against property with violence	7,511	3,298	43.9	7,726	3,190	41.3
Offences against property without violence	20,167	11,698	58.0	20,797	11,639	56.0
Other Offences	2,130	1,199	56.0	2,613	1,295	49.6
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL OFFENCES	32,081	18,278	57.0	33,941	18,556	54.7

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS IN MAGISTRATES' COURTS IN 19781. INDICTABLE OFFENCES

OFFENCES	TOTAL CHARGES	FOUND GUILTY	COMMITTED FOR TRIAL	NOT GUILTY	PERSONS INVOLVED
<u>A. Offences of violence against the person</u>					
Murder	2	-	2	-	2
Manslaughter	3	-	3	-	3
Causing death or injury by dangerous driving	9	-	7	2	5
Wounding and other acts endangering life.	42	1	32	9	31
Endangering railway passengers	7	7	-	-	7
Malicious wounding and other like offences	1,783	1,049	390	344	1,276
Assault	46	27	7	12	29
Child stealing	2	-	2	-	2
SUB-TOTAL	1,894	1,084	443	367	1,355
<u>B. Sexual offences</u>					
Buggery	10	-	10	-	5
Indecent assault on male	24	16	8	-	11
Indecency between males	22	20	2	-	18
Rape	11	-	11	-	8
Indecent assault on a female	124	57	57	10	56
Unlawful sexual intercourse with girl under 13 years	7	-	6	1	3
Unlawful sexual intercourse with girl under 16 years	34	3	30	1	14
Incest	15	-	15	-	6
Procuration	2	1	1	-	-
SUB-TOTAL	249	97	140	12	121

APPENDIX 'D' - continued

O F F E N C E S	TOTAL CHARGES	FOUND GUILTY	COMMITTED FOR TRIAL	NOT GUILTY	PERSONS INVOLVED
C. <u>Burglaries, etc.</u>					
Burglary in a dwelling	574	329	210	35	327
Aggravated burglary in a dwelling	10	-	8	2	2
Burglary in building other than a dwelling	1,834	1,251	477	106	1,128
Aggravated burglary in building other than a dwelling	2	1	1	-	1
Going equipped for stealing	349	209	105	35	62
Robbery and assault with intent to rob	79	11	53	15	48
Blackmail	11	1	8	2	5
SUB-TOTAL	2,859	1,802	862	195	1,573
D. <u>Stealing, Frauds, etc.</u>					
Stealing from the person of another	33	27	4	2	21
Stealing in a dwelling	217	175	27	15	120
Stealing by an employee	711	420	241	50	318
Stealing mail, etc	6	3	2	1	2
Stealing electricity	57	49	1	7	25
Stealing pedal cycles	121	97	10	14	58
Stealing from vehicles	833	612	137	84	395
Stealing from shops and stalls	1,865	1,561	174	130	1,180
Stealing from automatic machines and meters	186	163	15	8	122
Stealing, or unauthorised taking of, motor vehicle.	1,308	902	297	109	561
Other stealings	1,535	1,118	254	163	847
Falsifying accounts	229	98	127	4	12
Other frauds	857	521	259	77	299
Handling stolen goods	836	470	276	90	434
SUB-TOTAL	8,794	6,216	1,824	754	4,394

OFFENCES	TOTAL CHARGES	FOUND GUILTY	COMMITTED FOR TRIAL	NOT GUILTY	PERSONS INVOLVED
<u>E. Other offences</u>					
Arson	76	38	27	11	61
Criminal damage other than arson	1,716	1,275	173	268	1,008
Possession with intent, or threats, to commit damage	45	35	1	9	15
Forgery and uttering	316	194	115	7	95
Causing affray	46	-	46	-	12
Perjury	7	1	6	-	5
Other offences	14	1	13	-	7
SUB-TOTAL	2,220	1,544	381	295	1,203
Sub-total for Group A	1,894	1,084	443	367	1,355
Sub-total for Group B	249	97	140	12	121
Sub-total for Group C	2,859	1,802	862	195	1,573
Sub-total for Group D	8,794	6,216	1,824	754	4,394
Sub-total for Group E	2,220	1,544	381	295	1,203
GRAND TOTAL - ALL INDICTABLE OFFENCES	16,016	10,743	3,650	1,623	8,646

2. NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES (OTHER THAN MOTORING)

	TOTAL CHARGES	FOUND GUILTY	COMMITTED FOR TRIAL	NOT GUILTY	PERSONS INVOLVED
Adulteration of food, drugs etc.	47	45	-	2	43
Assault/obstruct police officer	296	202	42	52	122
Common assault	39	13	-	26	30
Cruelty to, or neglect of, animals	21	18	-	3	17
Cruelty to, or neglect of, children	5	5	-	-	2
Dogs - offences in relation to	84	74	-	10	47
Education Acts - offences against	46	46	-	-	33
Explosives Acts - offences against	1	1	-	-	1
Firearms Act, 1968 - offences against	395	356	21	18	237
Fishery Laws - offences against	68	52	-	16	34
Friendly Societies Acts - offences against	4	4	-	-	3
Night poaching	6	4	-	2	2
Day poaching	55	42	-	13	32
Unlawful possession of game	7	7	-	-	2
Game Laws - other offences	51	44	-	7	8
Obstruction other than by vehicle	70	62	-	8	61
Nuisance - other than by vehicle	27	24	-	3	10
Highways Acts - other offences	19	18	-	1	7
Pedal cycles - offences in relation to	148	138	1	9	110
Public Order Act, 1936 - offences against	824	589	58	177	445
Indecent exposure	108	81	3	24	46
Drunkenness - simple	402	384	-	18	337
Drunkenness - with aggravation	662	617	4	41	435
Intoxicating Liquor Laws - offences by licensed persons	70	55	-	15	15
Intoxicating Liquor Laws - other offences	262	231	2	29	81
Juvenile smoking	1	1	-	-	1
Labour Laws - offences against	95	86	-	9	43

NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCE (OTHER THAN MOTORING) continued

O F F E N C E S	TOTAL CHARGES	FOUND GUILTY	COMMITTED FOR TRIAL	NOT GUILTY	PERSONS INVOLVED
Social Security Acts - offences against	416	394	1	21	186
National Insurance Acts - offences against	127	126	-	1	97
Army Acts - deserters	12	12	-	-	12
Parks, Commons or open spaces - offences in relation to	6	5	-	1	3
Disorderly behaviour - Bye-Laws	49	37	-	12	27
Other offences - Bye-Laws	80	71	-	9	66
Possession of offensive weapon	151	91	31	29	33
Prostitutes - offences by	31	29	-	2	27
Public Health Acts - offences against	49	36	-	13	36
Railways - offences in relation to	155	129	-	26	87
Revenue Laws - no motor vehicle licence	1,727	1,556	1	170	900
Revenue Laws - no dog licence	106	102	-	4	76
Revenue Laws - other offences	89	63	18	8	72
Stage carriages/Public Service Vehicles - offences in relation to	25	22	-	3	12
Sunday Trading Acts - offences against	1	1	-	-	1
Vagrancy Acts - begging	1	1	-	-	1
Vagrancy Acts - sleeping out	1	1	-	-	1
Vagrancy Acts - found in enclosed premises	10	1	-	9	3
Vagrancy Acts - frequenting	18	6	3	9	5
Male soliciting	2	2	-	-	2
Weights and Measures Acts - offences against	26	23	-	3	10
Protection of Birds Acts - offences against	6	4	-	2	-

NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES (OTHER THAN MOTORING) continued

OFFENCES	TOTAL CHARGES	FOUND GUILTY	COMMITTED FOR TRIAL	NOT GUILTY	PERSONS INVOLVED
Wireless Telegraphy Acts - offences against	1,022	998	-	24	1,019
Indecency with Children Act - Offences against	12	7	5	-	4
Misuse of Drugs Act - offences against	154	75	73	6	75
Other offences	491	382	17	92	210
TOTALS	8,580	7,373	280	927	5,169

3. MOTORING OFFENCES

O F F E N C E S	TOTAL CHARGES	FOUND GUILTY	COMMITTED FOR TRIAL	NOT GUILTY	PERSONS INVOLVED
Unfit to drive through drink or drugs	1,010	889	32	89	714
Dangerous driving	202	150	20	32	113
Speeding - road limits	10,227	10,073	2	152	10,030
Speeding - vehicle limits	1,067	1,049	2	16	1,046
Motorways - offences peculiar to (excluding speeding)	198	175	-	23	99
Careless driving	3,749	3,468	8	273	3,195
Driving on Footpath, prohibited road, etc.	276	269	-	7	173
Neglect of traffic directions	1,548	1,265	3	280	932
Obstruction, waiting and parking place offences	491	449	-	42	356
Lighting offences	2,183	2,040	2	141	476
Vehicle or part in dangerous condition	3,902	3,632	2	268	1,943
Vehicle or part in defective condition	901	816	1	84	103
Trailer offences	13	13	-	-	3
Motor cycle offences	265	250	-	7	64
Load offences	1,021	364	1	656	266
Noise offences	225	211	1	13	58
Driving licence offences	5,144	4,331	136	677	1,405
Operator's licence offences	341	126	-	215	59
Vehicle insurance offences	3,644	2,896	100	648	1,564
Vehicle registration and licensing (Excise) offences	3,315	2,979	29	307	986

APPENDIX 'D' - continued

MOTORING OFFENCES - continued

	TOTAL CHARGES	FOUND GUILTY	COMMITTED FOR TRIAL	NOT GUILTY	PERSONS INVOLVED
Work record and employment offences	829	763	-	66	307
Accident offences	1,026	802	6	218	197
Vehicle testing/plating offences	2,474	1,975	5	494	530
Miscellaneous offences	253	214	2	37	49
TOTAL - ALL MOTORING OFFENCES	44,304	39,207	352	4,745	24,668
TOTAL - ALL INDICTABLE OFFENCES	16,016	10,743	3,650	1,623	8,646
TOTAL - ALL NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES	8,580	7,373	280	927	5,169
GRAND TOTAL - ALL OFFENCES	68,900	57,323	4,282	7,295	38,483
TOTALS FOR 1977	64,675	55,341	4,026	5,308	36,326

END