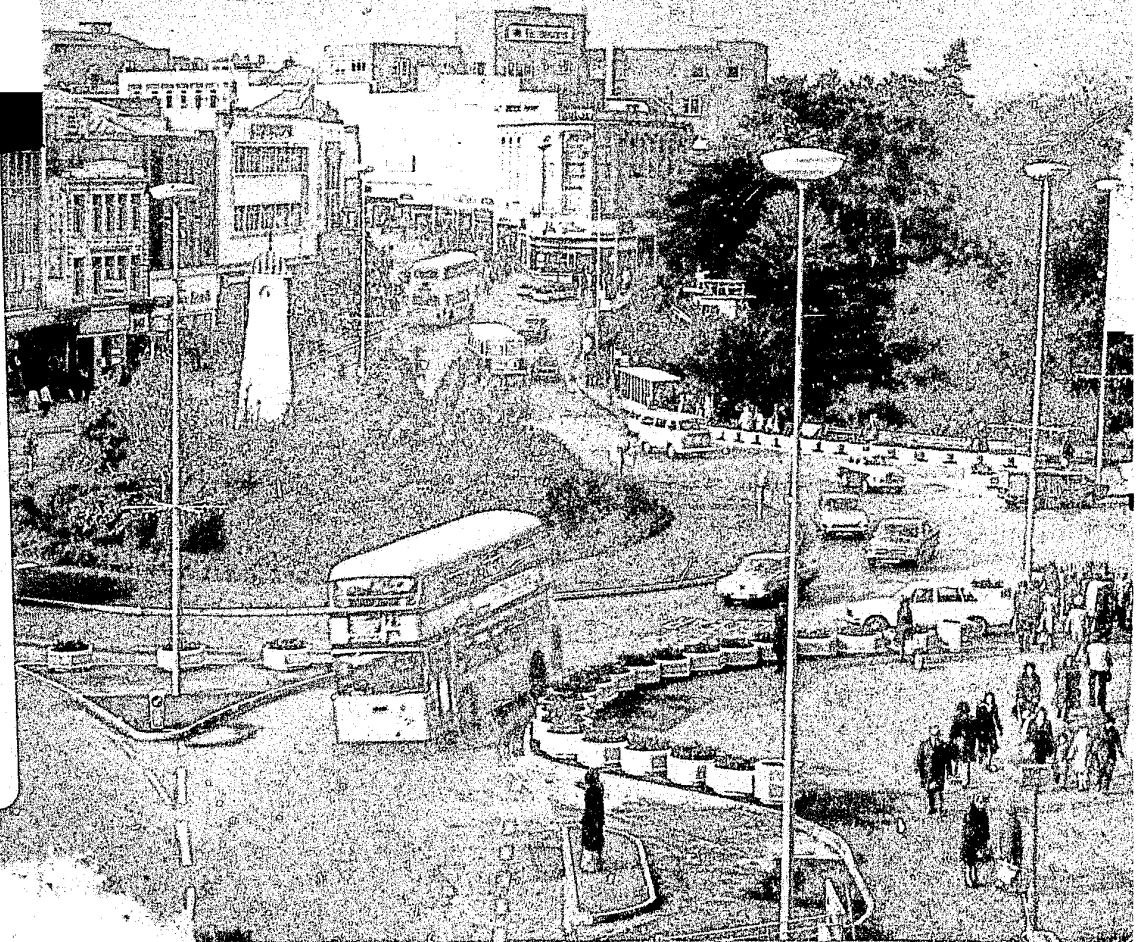


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Police Headquarters  
DORCHESTER



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# SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE FORCE

SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE  
DORSET POLICE ON  
31 DECEMBER 1974



**DEPUTY  
CHIEF CONSTABLE**



**CHIEF CONSTABLE**



**ASSISTANT  
CHIEF CONSTABLE**



**WESTERN DIVISION  
COMMANDER**



**STAFF OFFICER  
(OPERATIONS)**



**EASTERN DIVISION  
COMMANDER**

- Chief Constable — Arthur Hambleton OBE MC QPM
- Deputy Chief Constable — Dennis Habgood QPM
- Assistant Chief Constable — Robert Kenneth Brown LLB

## DIVISIONAL OFFICERS AND OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENTS

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  - Operations — Chief Superintendent L Burt
  - Uniform — Superintendent F Pratt
  - C.I.D. — D/Superintendent B Gibbs
  - Traffic — Superintendent D Dumican
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  - Traffic — Superintendent H Rodgers
  - Staff — Superintendent R Bascombe
  
- Sub Divisions**
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  - Wareham — Inspector V Welch
  - Bridport — Chief Inspector G Foster
  - Dorchester — Chief Inspector J Symes
  - Sherborne — Inspector A Stone



To: The Chairman and Members of the Police Committee

Mr Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen

Although social change goes on through successive generations the present era will be marked for the extent and rapidity of events during recent years. This is the climate then into which the Police Force for the new county of Dorset comes into being.

It has long been recognised that an efficient Police Service is the stabilising factor in maintaining the accepted social order. In simultaneously establishing an identity for the new Force whilst coping with the complexities of our times, those policing Dorset are thus provided with a double stimulus.

Hitherto, the partnership of the Police Authority and those serving in the Force – whether as policemen or civilians – backed by the support of the local inhabitants has proved to be a successful combination in maintaining law and order. This first Report of the Dorset Police will, I trust, indicate that successful foundations have been laid for the future, but it would be timely to record that the demands of 1974 have outstripped available man-power resources.

I am confident, however, that a continued policy of equipping the Force with modern aids coupled with a realistic appraisal of all resources will ensure that the problems of future years will be met adequately.

*A. Hambleton,*

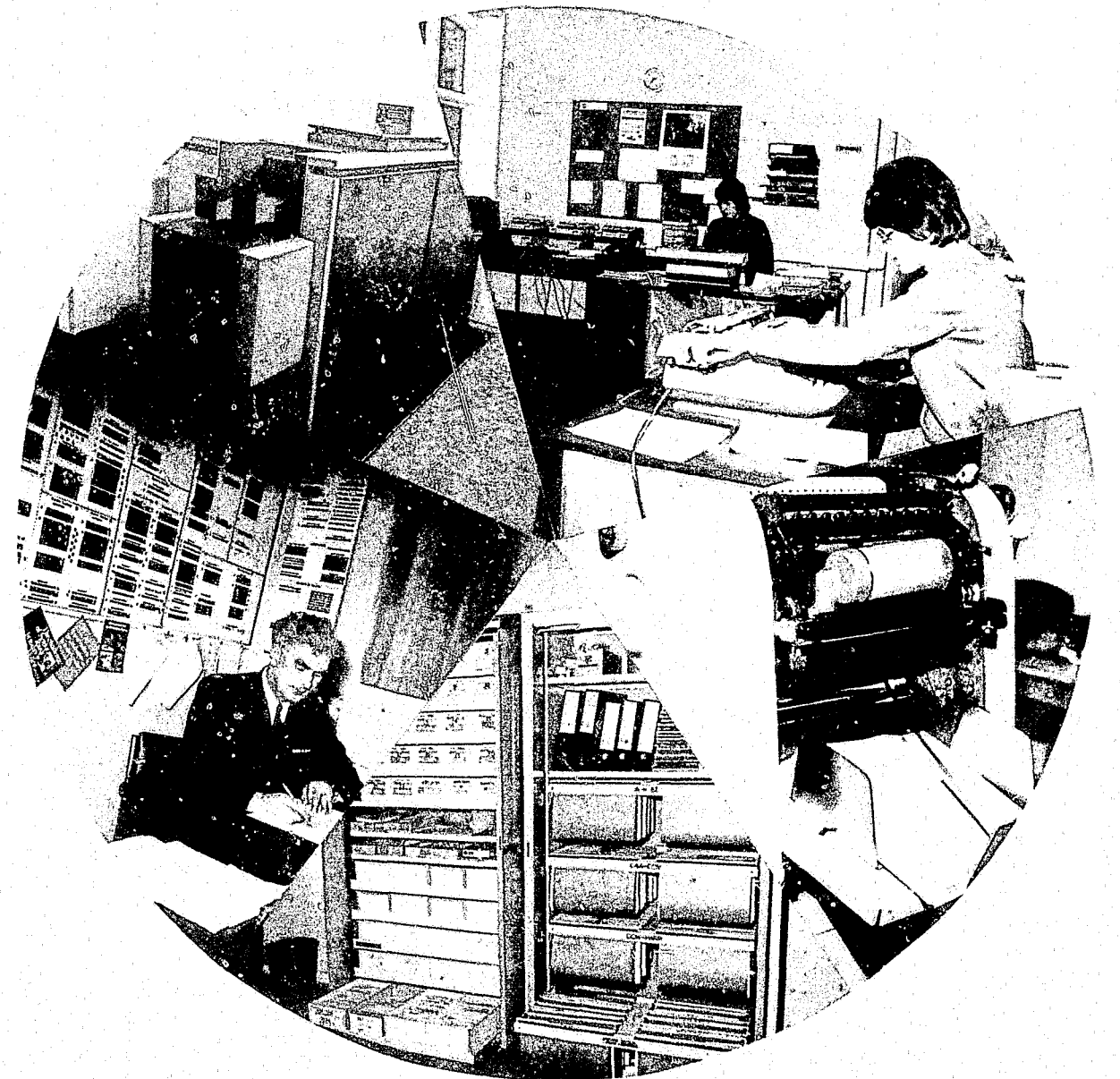
Chief Constable of Dorset

Police Headquarters  
Dorchester  
Dorset

April 1975

# ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANISATION

# 1



# ADMINISTRATION

## INTRODUCTION

The changes brought about by the Local Government reorganisation created a fresh chapter in the Police history of the area. The addition of Christchurch and adjoining Parishes from Hampshire, together with the resultant changes in local government, brought into being on 1 April 1974 the new Dorset Police.

Considerable effort was, therefore, spent during the early part of the year in ensuring that the integration of the new area was achieved efficiently and smoothly. It is pleasing to record that the new Force has settled down well and is progressing satisfactorily, which is a tribute to all involved in its planning and in large measure due to the help and assistance given by the Chief Constable of Hampshire and his officers.

## ESTABLISHMENT

On 31 December 1974 the authorised establishment of the Force was as follows:—

Chief Constable	1	
Deputy Chief Constable	1	
Assistant Chief Constable	1	
Chief Superintendents	4	
Superintendents	14	
Chief Inspectors	21	
Inspectors	49	
Sergeants	158	
Constables	776	
<b>Male Establishment</b>		<b>1025</b>
Woman Superintendent	1	
Woman Chief Inspector	1	
Women Inspectors	2	
Women Sergeants	8	
Women Constables	52	
<b>Female Establishment</b>		<b>64</b>
<b>Total Establishment</b>		<b>1089</b>

The actual strength of the Force at the end of the year was 1,039.

## Variations

The variations are the culmination of reviews commenced in 1972, incorporating the experimental reorganisation of the Force in that year, the Home Office Working Party's report on rank structure together with the changes in local government areas. The result was a decrease of two Chief Superintendents and one Inspector and an increase in the ranks of Chief Inspector.

The augmentation was as follows:—

### Male Establishment

Chief Inspectors	8	
Inspectors	1	
Sergeants	11	
Constables	30	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>50</b>

### Female Establishment

Woman Superintendent	1	
Woman Inspector	1	
Woman Sergeant	1	
Women Constables	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7</b>

The joining of the Christchurch area with Dorset increased the Force by:—

Chief Inspector	1	
Inspector	1	
Sergeants	6	
Constables	46	
Women Constables	2	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>56</b>

The following Officers were seconded to Central Service:—

Superintendent A Giles	)	
Chief Inspector G Elliott	)	Police Training
Inspector S Wilkins	)	Centre
Sergeant 1042 Day	)	Chantmarle
Sergeant 1134 Garland	)	



Inspector R Starks )  
 Sergeant 1041 Rogers )  
 Sergeant 1094 Crookes ) Regional Crime  
 Sergeant 1113 Lumbard ) Squad  
 Constable 359 Seabright ) (Bournemouth)  
 Constable 493 Conway )  
 Constable 845 McBride )  
 Woman Constable 16 Savage )

Inspector J Bacon )  
 Sergeant 1019 Manuel ) Regional Crime  
 Constable 459 Frew ) Squad  
 Constable 786 Davis ) (Yeovil)

Sergeant 1125 Beldham ) Regional Driv-  
 Sergeant 1147 Brown ) ing School  
 (Devizes)

In addition Chief Inspector A Sheldon is studying for a Bachelor of Laws Degree at Kings College, London under the Bramshill Scholarship Scheme.

#### CIVILIAN STAFF

On 31 December 1974, the authorised establishment of civilians was as follows:—

Whole time	273
Part time	30
Traffic Wardens	64
Seasonal Wardens	32

As from 1 April 1974, 17 additional posts were established as follows:—

Force Welfare Officer	1	
Administrative Assistant	1	
Crime Prevention Officer	1	
Fingerprint Officer	1	
Control Room Operators (including 1 for collators office)	3	
Clerical Assistants	8	
Audio Typist	1	
Driver/Handyman	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17</b>

The provision of a Civilian Welfare Officer released a police officer for operational duty.

To directly assist patrol officers in routine

administrative matters, including the preparation of files, six of the eight clerks referred to above were posted to various stations (3 Bournemouth, 2 Poole and 1 Weymouth).

Already the innovation has proved a considerable help to the patrol officers by reducing time spent on non-operational duties and the scheme will be reviewed after operating for one year.

#### RECRUITING

During the year a total of 113 men and 20 women joined the Force, 32 men and 5 women having made their applications in 1973 and the remaining 81 men and 15 women having been selected from the applications received from 579 males and 79 females.

Appointments to the Force in 1974 reached a new peak of 133, and was partly attributable to manpower availability caused by industrial problems affecting the country in the early part of the year. Included in the total was the transfer of 29 officers from other Forces. The net gain to the Force however was only 47, due to the high wastage figure of 86.

The appointment of three graduates in 1974 brought the total of graduates in the Force to five. The degrees held are:—

Subject	Honours	Number
Laws	2nd Class	1
Laws	3rd Class	1
Politics/Philosophy	2nd Class	1
Combined Studies - Arts	2nd Class	1
Combined Studies - Mathematics/Physics	3rd Class	1

On the 1 April the Police Service Standard Entrance Test was introduced. The Test developed under the auspices of the Home Office is now the standard entrance examination for recruits to all Police Forces in England and Wales. It consists of a battery of five objective tests of mental ability, which measure a combination of educational attainment and general intelligence.

It is important to note that among those accepted into the Force are recruits with a higher academic standard which augurs well for the future of the Service.

#### WASTAGE

##### Resignations, Retirements and Transfers

Retired on ordinary pension:—

(i) On completion of 30 years service	2
(ii) Between 25 and 30 years service	15
(iii) 22 years actual Police Service + 3 years credited service in Civil Service	1
	9

Retired with ill-health award

22

Resigned — Probationers

6

Resigned — Others:— between

2 — 5 years	12
5 — 10 years	3
10 — 15 years	1
15 — 20 years	1
20 — 25 years	1

3

Dismissed

2

Died

9

Transferred to other Forces

86

Recruitment during the year (male and female)

133

86

Wastage

Total gain 47

#### Health of the Force

The number of days lost through sickness:—

Sickness supported by medical certificates	5924
Uncertificated sick leave	1465
Resulting from injury on duty	429

Total 7818

The following table shows the average number of days lost by each member of the Force through illness or injury compared with previous years:—

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
Sickness	8.18	6.44	6.97	4.39	7.18
Injury	0.39	0.84	0.61	0.39	0.41

Ten officers were off duty for periods of more than two months.

The figure for 1973 was exceptionally low.

#### POLICE CADETS

A total of 24 males and 10 females were recruited during the year. These figures show a marked improvement in recruitment.

Strength on 31 December 1974:—

	Males	Females
Authorised Strength	40	10
Actual Strength	34	19

#### STAFF APPRAISAL

A Staff Appraisal Scheme which has been in existence for two years is continuing to make an impact with the Force.

As a result of the annual personal interview with his Sub-Divisional Commander which the Scheme provides, an officer can in the strictest confidence discuss such matters as ambitions, difficulties and welfare problems and is assured through a "Confidential Report" that matters of concern to him are reaching the highest level.

#### PROMOTIONS

During the year the following substantive promotions were announced:—

DATE	RANK AND NAME	SERVICE ON PROMOTION (YEARS)
1 April	<b>TO CHIEF INSPECTOR</b>	
	T/Chief Inspector C Bosley	19
	Inspector L Chick	22
	Inspector D Self	19
	Inspector G Peach	22
	Inspector A Peat	22
1 December	Inspector J Symes	24
	T/Chief Inspector K Mangell	22

DATE	RANK AND NAME	SERVICE ON PROMOTION (YEARS)		
1 April	<b>TO INSPECTOR</b>			
	T/Inspector W Edrich	26		
	T/Inspector A House	13		
	T/Inspector T Saunders	17		
	Sergeant 1010 Conway	19		
	Sergeant 1077 Hobson	20		
	Sergeant 1054 Martin	23		
	Sergeant 1036 Trickey	9		
	Sergeant 1126 Webley	22		
26 August	T/Inspector K Butler	19		
	T/Inspector G Lancaster	18		
1 October	T/Inspector W Clist	17		
1 December	T/Inspector R Meaden	16		
14 March	<b>TO SERGEANT</b>			
	W/Constable 11 Channell	4		
	1 April	T/Sergeant 1015 Chaloner	8	
		T/Sergeant 1025 Gracie	7	
		T/Sergeant 1081 Leiber	6	
		T/Sergeant 1087 Sheppard	12	
		T/Sergeant 1093 Figgins	12	
		T/Sergeant 1139 Steele	12	
		T/Sergeant 1146 Carver	19	
		T/Sergeant 1148 Fry	13	
		T/Sergeant 1149 Argyle	18	
		T/Sergeant 1150 Drake	13	
		Constable 528 Fuke	21	
		Constable 367 Glaister	19	
		Constable 334 Penny	13	
		Constable 382 Lewis	19	
		T/Sergeant 1008 Wallis	18	
		9 May	T/Sergeant 1054 Bishop	17
		1 June	T/Sergeant 1126 Beard	15
		15 July	T/Sergeant 1010 Hancock	13
T/Sergeant 1103 Walker			14	
22 July	T/Sergeant 1157 Turner	7		
29 July	T/Sergeant 1158 Dodd	11		
17 July	T/Sergeant 1050 Minay	15		
31 July	T/Sergeant 1131 Cockcroft	9		

TO SERGEANT		
1 August	Constable 390 Habgood	8
	T/Sergeant 1036 Taylor	16
	W/Constable 33 Oldfield	3
26 August	T/Sergeant 1027 Petty	10
	T/Sergeant 1154 Humphreys	15
	T/Sergeant 1155 Chubb	6
	T/Sergeant 1156 Wayman	12
	T/Sergeant 1159 Matthews	20
	T/Sergeant 1163 Harrison	18
31 August	T/Sergeant 1161 Griffin	11
16 September	T/Sergeant 1162 Eley	8
1 October	Constable 554 Lucas	19
1 December	T/Sergeant 1134 Garland	11

#### PROMOTION EXAMINATION RESULTS

To Sergeant		To Inspector			
No. Sitting	No. Passed	Constables		Sergeants	
		No. Sitting	No. Passed	No. Sitting	No. Passed
78	18	40	2	15	2

Including the officers who were successful in the above examination, 159 Constables and 2 Women Constables are now qualified for promotion to Sergeant and 34 of the Constables are additionally qualified for promotion to Inspector. There are also 76 Sergeants and 4 Women Sergeants qualified for promotion to Inspector.

#### DISCIPLINE

Eleven officers who appeared before the Chief Constable charged with nineteen discipline offences were dealt with as follows:—

Dismissed from the Force	3
Fined	8

The dismissals were the result of the officers being found guilty of criminal offences.

#### COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE

For the fourth consecutive year there was a reduction in the number of complaints against police, the total of 95 complaints being a reduction of 10 on the previous year. All complaints were investigated in accordance with the provisions of the Police Act 1964. Eleven of the complaints were reported to the Director of Public Prosecution.

The results of all complaints are as follows:—

	(a)	(b)	(c)
	1972	1973	1974
Disciplinary Proceedings	-	-	2
Substantiated — Warning	5	4	-
Advice	10	9	3
NFA	2	2	2
Not Substantiated	84	75	70
Withdrawn by complainant	10	15	16
Cases Pending	-	-	2
	111	105	95

#### COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS

During the year two hundred and thirty-three letters expressing appreciation for civility and assistance given by officers of the Force were received. Opportunity is taken to reproduce extracts from a few of the letters.

I was stopped by an officer for exceeding the speed limit. My case has now been heard and judgement passed, so I feel free to write to you without being suspected of trying to influence events.

I would like, if I may, to commend this officer to you for the extreme courtesy which he displayed towards me and for the efficiency he showed during our encounter. You may feel that you expect your men to act in this manner, but for my part I must say that it was a pleasure to come across such a high standard these days.

last week I had several items stolen from my out-house, I informed your station, & within 24 hours your men had returned my property & caught the suspects, I should like to thank you and your men concerned for their co-operation & assistance & efficiency

My wife died suddenly in Markham Road last Sunday evening 10th November, and I would particularly like to express my deep gratitude to the two Constables who so kindly and efficiently dealt with this tragic occurrence. Their understanding with me at this dreadful time is something I shall always remember.

#### AWARDS

Royal Humane Society Resuscitation Certificate was presented to Constable 903 Cooper, who successfully applied artificial respiration to a man who had been recovered from the sea unconscious.

The following commendations were recorded:—

By Courts	—	6 officers
By Chief Constable	—	72 officers
Good work noted	—	34 officers

The Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal was presented to 32 officers.

## CENTRAL FIXED PENALTY TICKET OFFICE

The Central Fixed Penalty Ticket Office to deal with the central collection of penalties throughout the Force area was established on 1 October 1974 in accommodation provided at Ashley Road Police Station, Poole.

The office is staffed entirely by civilians. It is adjacent to the Justices Clerk's Ticket Payment Office which was also centralised at the same time. The main advantages of the system are that police officers and traffic wardens need only carry one standard set of fixed penalty tickets for the Force area and also that all correspondence is dealt with at a central point.

## POLICE FEDERATION

Officials of the Joint Branch Board:—

Chairman — Inspector P J Hill  
Secretary — Sergeant P Rook  
Treasurer — W/Sergeant J de Pledge

Joint consultation between the Board and the Chief Constable included the following subjects:—

Crewing of Police Vehicles  
Availability of Manpower — Night Cover  
Methods of Briefing  
Security — Police Buildings  
Car Parking Facilities  
Supplementary Detective Duty Allowances  
Decorating Materials — Supply of  
Control Rooms  
Housing  
Resettlement Courses for Retiring Members  
Rest Day Working  
Travelling Expenses  
No Waiting Cones

Agreement was reached to implement the Metropolitan Police Scheme relating to rent allowances.

## RESOLUTIONS TO CHIEF CONSTABLE

Resolutions on the following subjects were

submitted to the Chief Constable during the year :—

Travelling Expenses  
Special Constabulary  
Wallpaper Allowances  
Motor Vehicle Allowances  
Mess Room Facilities

## CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

A total of 10 claims to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board were made by the Joint Branch Board on behalf of members of the Force who were criminally assaulted during the course of duty. This figure represents an increase of 7 over the previous year and corresponds with the general trend of increased violence towards Police Officers throughout the country.

## POLICE BUILDINGS

### General

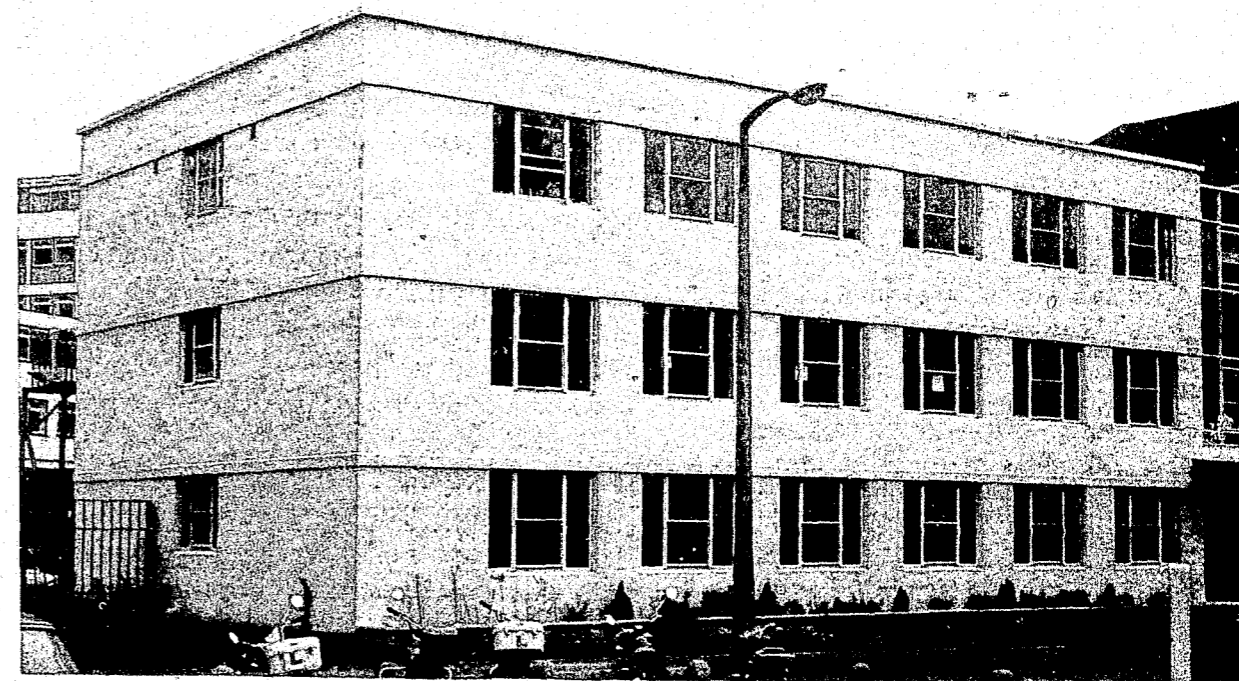
The police capital building programme for 1974/75 approved by the Police Authority made provision for starts to be made in the following schemes:—

	Estimated Cost £
(i) Wimborne Section Station	26,000
(ii) Boscombe Section Station	95,000
(iii) Control Rooms — air conditioning	15,000
(iv) Headquarters and Training Wing	750,000
(v) Bournemouth Central cell extensions	50,000

However, in view of the Government's restrictions on capital building generally, the Home Office were unable to approve any of these projects but following representations by the Authority for urgent consideration to be given to the inclusion of scheme (iii) in the programme for 1974/75, the Home Office subsequently approved the scheme to provide air conditioning in the Bournemouth Control Room and work has now been completed.

## Poole Central — Extensions and Adaptations

The new extension was completed and brought into use during the year. The redecoration and adaptation of the existing building should be completed early in 1975. The total cost of the scheme is estimated at £148,539 and the extension provides increased office accommodation together with improved canteen and social club facilities. Also included in the scheme is the additional cell block and modernisation of the existing cell accommodation.



New extension — Poole Central Police Station

At the request of the Joint Branch Board the Police Committee agreed to ask District Councils to recognise a police officer's residential qualification in other housing authorities areas within the Force area, when considering requests for council house tenancies upon retirement from the Force. The response from District Councils has generally been cautious.

The position regarding housing within the Force area is summarised below:—

## Eggardon Radio Station

Work on this scheme estimated at £6,000 to extend the existing buildings has been completed.

## Weymouth Police Station

A small scheme to provide additional temporary office accommodation at this Station at an estimated cost of £6,000 was also commenced.

## HOUSING

During the year 69 members of the Force were given permission to become owner/occupiers and of this number 62 have acquired their own houses.

Police Committee	Eastern	Western	Total
Owned	200	244	444
Rented	12	2	14
	212	246	458
Provided by Officers			
Owned	368	146	514
Rented	6	5	11
	374	151	525



For the first time a van fitting service has been introduced for the supply of stock size uniform suits for male Constables and Sergeants as well as male Traffic Wardens. The method of issue has been devised by the existing uniform contractors, Messrs J Compton Sons and Webb Limited and involves a large van visiting all main stations over a period of two weeks. All appropriate personnel are measured and where possible fitted with a suit from a variety of stock size jackets and trousers. Those who cannot be fitted, having already been measured, are supplied with a made-to-measure suit at a later stage.

During the two weeks some 700 personnel attended and it is encouraging to note that 95% were fitted with stock size suits. This type of fitting, as opposed to the previous system, results in considerable saving in administrative costs whilst at the same time provides a well-cut suit without the delay often associated with made-to-measure uniforms.



Interior of Van showing stock size suits

The Department is staffed by one Chief Superintendent, one Inspector and six Civilians which includes the Force Systems Analyst. The span of activity for the year has included research into the following:—

- (a) Vehicle equipment
- (b) Appraisal of Collator's Role
- (c) Provision of Carousel Display Unit for Control Room Consoles
- (d) Major Incident Manual
- (e) Foreign Language Phrase Book

It is noteworthy to record that in dealing with the Collator's Role, it was found that the true function of the Collator had been slowly eroded over the years by the addition of extraneous tasks. The fostering of personal contact between the patrol officers and the collator had also lost impetus. To combat these two basic problems the duties have been revised and personal contact has been improved.

Tape recorders for improving inputs have been used on an experimental basis for three months. Three cassette type recorders were used in Panda cars at Poole to enable officers to make immediate records. The cassettes were then passed to the Collator's Office for transcribing by the Collator's staff. The full effects of this experiment are still being evaluated but sufficient evidence has emerged to show that the quality of information has improved.

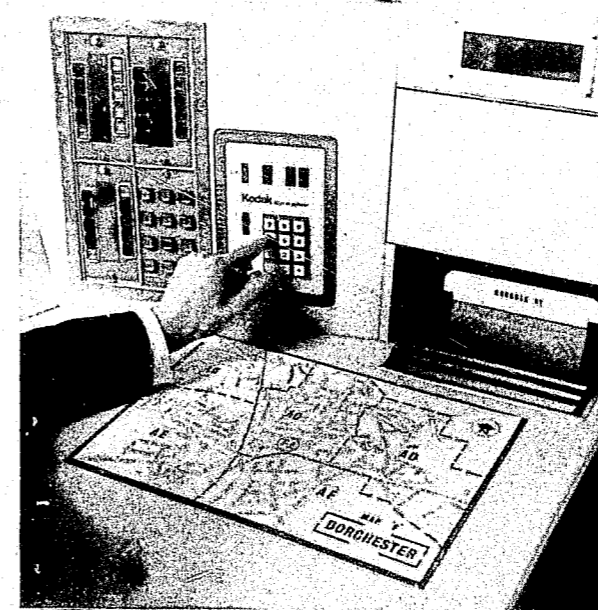


Recording information on to a cassette recorder



Information being transcribed by Collator's Staff

In designing the new consoles for the Western Control Room consideration was given to the presentation of various data to Control Room Operators. The method adopted was to fit a Kodak "Carousel" projector – with a magazine holding 80 slides, the 2" x 2" coloured slides being projected onto a glazed glass screen fitted on the table top area of the console. The method of selection is by push button which provides random access to data.



The Kodak "Carousel" Projector

FORCE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

At the beginning of the year following an approach for technical assistance the Home

Office offered the services of a scientist from the Police Scientific Development Branch and a senior police officer from the Police Research Services Unit to carry out a study of the force with terms of reference covering:—

- 1. A study of the Management Information System (MIS).
- 2. Means whereby the utility of the MIS could be enhanced.
- 3. The provision of additional equipment, and
- 4. To propose methods whereby enhancements could be quantified and related to any additional expenditure incurred.

The team aided by a liaison officer from the force carried out their investigation over a period of six months from April to October.

A subsequent report, whilst praising the force on their pioneering achievements over the 10 years taken to evolve and develop the current system, was critical of its limitations and made many recommendations including a system based on a Police dedicated mini computer. The real-time acquisition of information on such matters as crime, accidents, operational incidents, arrests, process, duty states when collated by the mini computer, via a network of visual display units placed strategically throughout the force area, would provide information which would then be available for retrieval according to the requirements of the various levels of operational supervision. The information collected would also be passed from the mini computer direct to the local authority computer for detailed analysis and production of management reports.

On the 18 November, after a formal presentation of the report at the Home Office an offer was forthcoming to provide assistance, both financial and physical in the form of a team of scientists from the Human Factors section of the Police Scientific Development Branch to help implement the recommendations contained in the report. The offer was subject to the Police Committee providing the computer and other equipment (hardware) necessary to develop the system.



The aim of the proposed project was summed up in the letter of proposal from the Home Office as:-

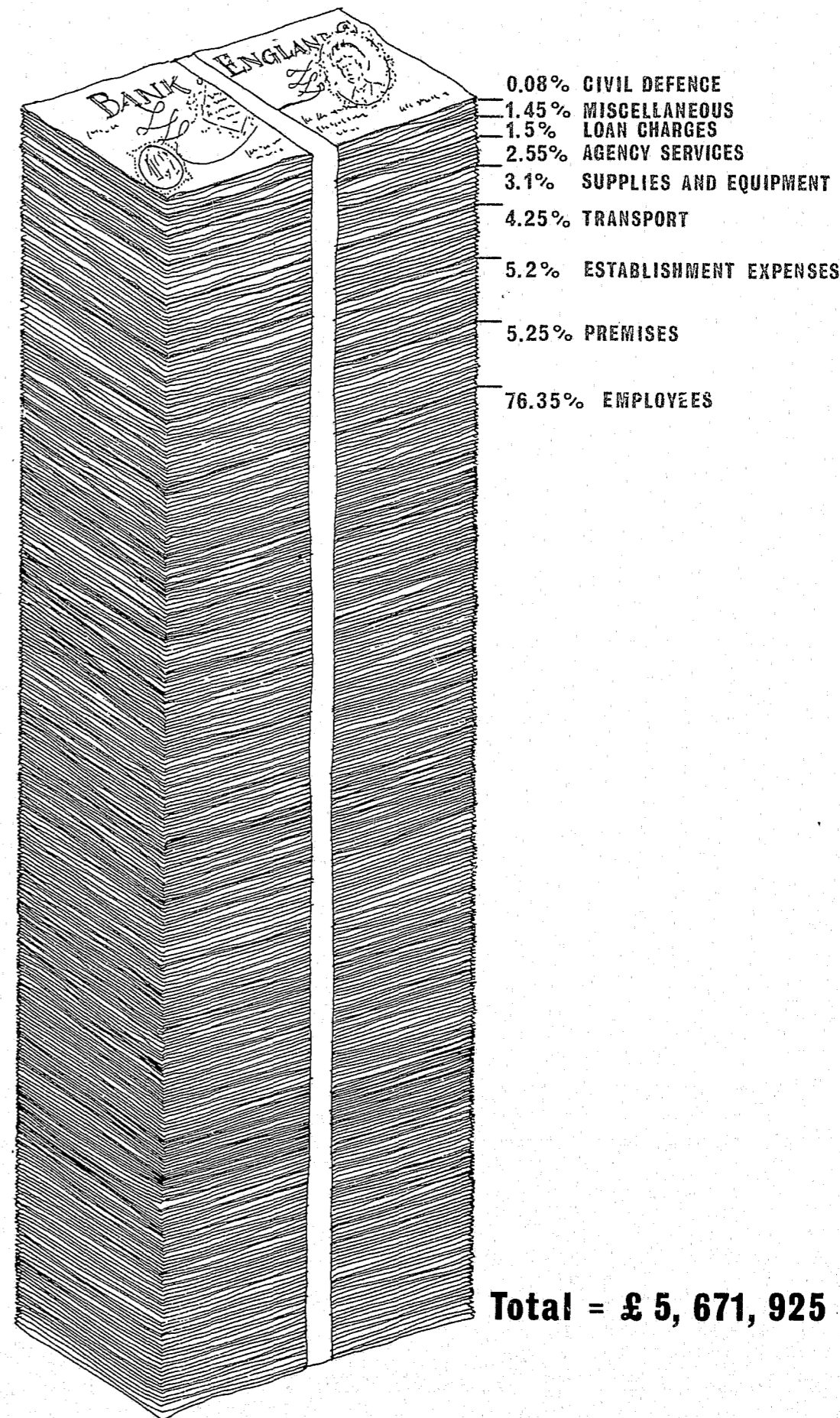
- (a) To specify in the light of the operational requirements a computer based management information system for the Dorset Police.
- (b) To assist in commissioning the installation of the computer and associated equipment as specified.
- (c) To develop computer programs which could be used for other police forces.
- (d) To evaluate the operation of the system.

The letter concluded by saying:-

"We should very much like to help to maintain the impetus of the work which has been successfully developed in your force over the last 10 years and if support by PSDB on the lines I have described is what is required, this could be made available as soon as the approval of the Police Authority to the project and capital expenditure has been obtained."

The project was subsequently approved by the Police Committee.

## BREAKDOWN OF GROSS ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE 1974/75

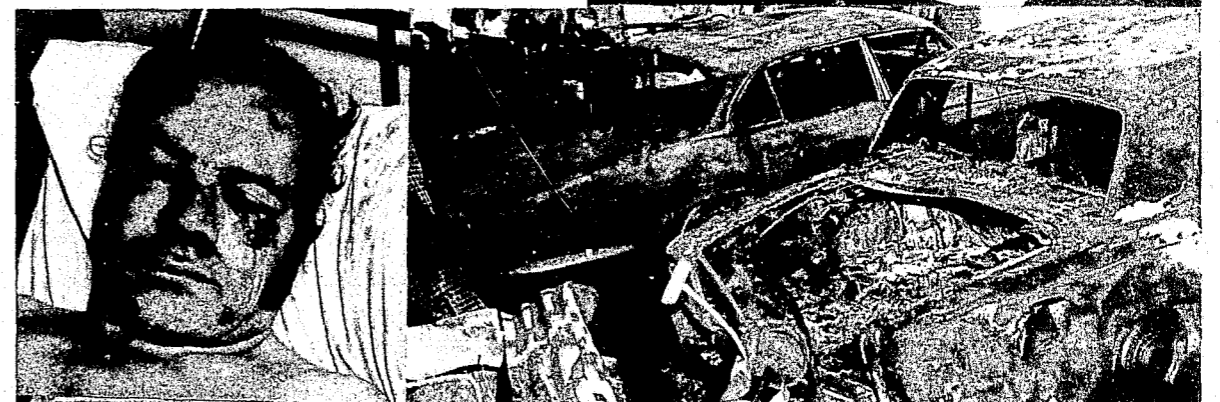


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# CRIME

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**THEFT** **DAMAGE** **RAPE**  
Drugs  
**MURDER** **ASSAULT**  
**BURGLARY**



# CRIME

## INTRODUCTION

The high crime figures with a positive upward trend in reported indictable crime give cause for concern. In all 20,931 cases were reported, of this number 1,032 allegations of crime proved to be unfounded, giving a true crime figure of 19,899 cases. This represents an increase of 7.5% over 1973.

Violence is ever present in our society and during the year four persons were charged separately with murder. Three of the charges were reduced to manslaughter at the trial stage and one case is still pending.

In general violence in the Force area decreased by 16.7% over the previous year. The detection rate of 75.3% for this class of offence is however a reassuring factor.

Crime of burglary increased by 582, resulting in a total of 3,582. The detection rate for this offence fell by 4.6% to an overall percentage of 35.3%.

The motor vehicle presents ever increasing problems in the field of crime. Thefts from unattended motor vehicles again form a large portion of the total crime figure and this year a rise of 16.2% has been recorded. This rise has taken place against a continual background of national and local crime prevention advertisements and activities to help the motorist protect his property. The detection rate for this type of crime was 25.8%.

The overall detection rate for all crime stands at 48.2% a fall of 4% when compared with the previous year.

In the rural area attacks were made on nine large country houses and property to the value of £29,401 stolen. Of this approximately 25% was recovered. To date a number of offenders have been arrested in connection with the offences and enquiries are being conducted on a national level to effect detection of the remainder.

An increase in thefts from open churches was a despicable feature of the year's crime. This particularly mean type of offence resulted in the loss of property such as Bishops' chairs, chests and altar ornaments. A total of 37 churches was involved. One person was arrested for five such crimes.

## CASES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

### Murder — Bournemouth



*Command Vehicle used in the Murder Enquiry*

In March a lorry driver reported that he had found the body of an elderly woman in a garage of a derelict hotel. On attendance the body was found to have a severe laceration to the head and nose which caused death.

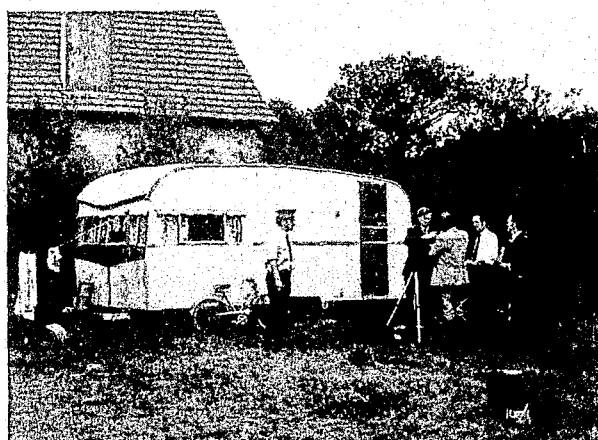
The deceased was a member of the wine-drinking fraternity in the town and was also known to be a common prostitute who frequently slept out at nights in derelict buildings. Enquiries were initially concentrated around the wine-drinking fraternity and other prostitutes. Two days later a person known to have associated with the deceased on the night prior to her death was interviewed and admitted being responsible. It must be emphasised that he was merely one of numerous associates of the deceased.

The speed with which information from these associates was obtained by the investigating

officers prevented the enquiry being protracted.

The offender who subsequently appeared at the Winchester Crown Court was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to life imprisonment.

**Murder — Edmondsham**



*Scene of Murder at Edmondsham*

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During July, as a result of a call from a neighbour, police visited a caravan at Edmondsham. On arrival they found the body of a 12 year old boy who had apparently been dead for a day or two. Also in the caravan was a 10 year old girl who, it was established, had been given a considerable number of aspirins, struck over the head with a hammer and had a plastic bag put over her head. She was rushed to hospital.

The children's mother was present. It was found that she herself had taken a considerable number of aspirins and was therefore removed to hospital. En route she gave a detailed account of how she had killed her young son.

A post mortem examination showed that the boy died of strangulation.

The mother was eventually charged with murder, but this was reduced to manslaughter at the trial and a Hospital Order made.

**Murder — Bournemouth**

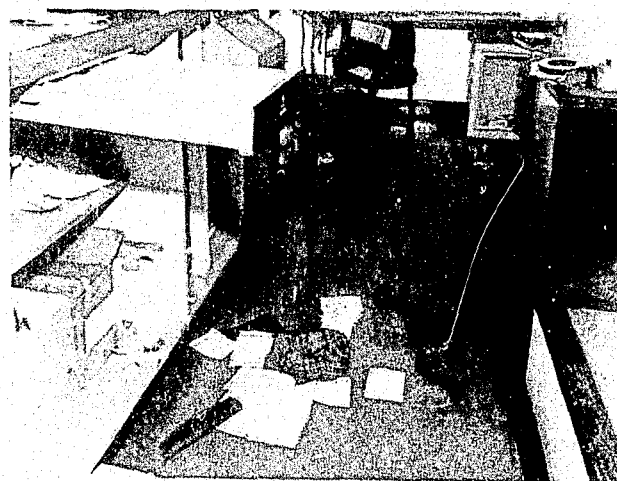
In January, 1974 a man and his common-

law wife returned to their home in Bournemouth after an evening's drinking. An argument about supper ensued during which the wife struck the husband a single fatal blow in the chest with a small knife.

The woman was arrested and charged with murder. It is interesting to note that after remands she was admitted to bail pending trial.

This charge was later reduced to manslaughter at the Crown Court and the offender sentenced to 2 years imprisonment suspended for 2 years.

**Armed Robbery — Bournemouth**



*Interior of Betting Shop*

In August, three men from the London area travelled to the New Forest by car, drawing a caravan. They spent the night in the caravan and next morning visited Christchurch, where they stole a saloon car from a car park.

During the afternoon, the three drove to Bournemouth using both the car owned by them and the one stolen from Christchurch. They left their own vehicle in a local park and went off in the stolen vehicle to a local betting shop where they arrived as the shop was closing. One man remained outside and the other two, one of whom was carrying a sawn-off shotgun, went in. The staff were threatened and £486 taken from the till — the safe was empty. They left in the stolen car returned to the park, and transferred into their own vehicle.

The transfer was seen by two members of

the public who noted the number of the getaway vehicle and being suspicious notified the police. Subsequent enquiries resulted in the three offenders being traced and arrested. The sum of £320 was recovered.

Following appearance at Court each was found guilty and sentenced to 3 years, 3½ years and 7 years respectively.

The help given to the police by the two members of the public has been recognised.

**Administering Poison — Poole**

A man living with his ex-wife administered to her, over a period of five months, a toxic substance in milk she drank.

The substance was taken from his place of employment, a local hospital. At the Crown

Court the offender was sentenced to five months imprisonment.

**Sudden Death at Lyme Regis**

On the evening of 10 September, the body of an unknown middle-aged lady was found in a beach hut on The Cobb at Lyme Regis. Whilst foul play was not suspected intensive efforts were made to establish the identity of the deceased. House to house enquiries were made in the district, and because of the nature of dentistry work which had been carried out on the deceased, teeth charts were sent to all dentists in the United Kingdom, Ireland and Channel Islands. The charts were also checked against the U.S.A. dentistry computer by the FBI, all with negative results. To date identity has not been established but an inquest has been concluded with a verdict of suicide.

**ANALYSIS OF CRIME**

C = True Crime  
D = Detection

VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	1973		1974	
	C	D	C	D
Murder	1	1	4	4
Attempts to Murder	9	12	5	4
Threats or Conspiracy to Murder	-	1	-	-
Manslaughter	3	4	-	1
Infanticide	-	-	-	-
Death by Dangerous Driving	8	7	2	2
Woundings and Assaults	525	407	442	330
Procuring Abortion	-	-	-	-
Concealment of Birth	-	-	-	-
Child Stealing	-	1	1	1
	546	433	454	342
Robbery	50	33	48	13

SEXUAL OFFENCES	1973		1974	
	C	D	C	D
Buggery	10	9	5	7
Attempts to Commit Buggery Etc.	61	49	58	53
Indecency Between Males	4	4	9	7
Rape	11	11	13	4
Indecent Assault on Females	152	95	165	107
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse – Girls Under 13 Years	5	4	9	8
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse – Girls Between 13-16 Years	81	72	60	59
Incest	2	2	2	3
Procuration	1	1	-	-
Abduction	1	-	1	2
Bigamy	2	2	1	-
	330	249	323	250

BURGLARY	1973		1974	
	C	D	C	D
Burglary in a Dwelling	1123	375	1361	409
Burglary Other Than in a Dwelling	1841	790	2162	810
Going Equipped for Stealing Etc.	31	34	50	44
Aggravated Burglary Other Than in a Dwelling	1	-	2	1
Aggravated Burglary in a Dwelling	4	1	7	3
	3000	1200	3582	1267

FRAUDS	1973		1974	
	C	D	C	D
Frauds By Company Directors Etc. } False Accounting and Other Frauds } *	1591	1317	1412	1415

(\*Not possible to give a breakdown for frauds because figures for the Christchurch area do not break Frauds into individual Classifications)

THEFT	1973		1974	
	C	D	C	D
Stealing from the Person of Another } Stealing Mail Bags Etc. } Other Stealings and Unauthorised Takings } Stealing From a Dwelling } Stealing By an Employee } Stealing Pedal Cycles } Stealing From Vehicles } Stealing From Shops and Stalls } Stealing From Machines and Meters } Stealing and Unauthorised Taking of Motor Vehicles } Handling Stolen Goods	3799	1239	4254	1266
	504	166	662	199
	245	217	252	207
	500	68	677	83
	2141	647	2488	642
	2165	1782	2189	1781
	430	170	390	170
	1255	541	1401	552
	11039	4830	12313	4900
	563	544	476	468

Figures for Christchurch pre April 1974 do not give any further breakdown.

OTHER OFFENCES	1973		1974	
	C	D	C	D
Blackmail	7	10	8	3
Arson	102	42	105	49
Other Malicious Damages	385	170	436	173
Forgery and Uttering and Uttering Counterfeit Coins	808	752	636	607
Causing Affray	4	5	3	2
Perjury	7	5	2	3
Libel	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	63	74	83	79
Other Offences in Christchurch Area 1/1/74-31/3/74	-	-	18	14
	1376	1058	1291	930

SUMMARY OF CRIME

CLASSIFICATION	1973		1974	
	C	D	C	D
Violence Against Persons	546	433	454	342
Robbery	50	33	48	13
Sexual Offences	330	249	323	250
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Other Offences	1376	1058	1291	930
	18495	9664	19899	9585



INDICTABLE CRIME

DISPOSAL AT LOWER COURTS	1973	1974
Imprisonment	100	137
Suspended Sentence of Imprisonment	96	95
Detention Centre	56	59
Attendance Centre	71	61
Fine	1180	1330
Crown Court (Mental) Restriction Order	1	-
Probation	230	240
Conditional Discharge	190	200
Recognisances	9	5
Absolute Discharge	29	22
Crown Court for Sentence	74	70
Hospital Order	3	4
Crown Court for Borstal	8	12
Supervision Order	84	134
Returned to Borstal	2	2
Adjourned Sine Die	5	15
Died Before Adjudication	1	3
Withdrawn or Dismissed	238	255
Committed for Trial	543	570
One Day's Imprisonment	-	1
Care Order	28	49
Deferred Sentence	18	41
Police Cells	-	3
Parents to Pay Fine	-	1
Not Separately Dealt With	-	1
	2966	3310

METHOD OF DISPOSAL (NON INDICTABLE NON TRAFFIC)

(A) By Magistrates/Juveniles Courts	1973	1974
Imprisonment	20	25
Suspended Sentence of Imprisonment	22	23
Detention Centre	5	4
Not Separately Dealt With	1	-
Attendance Centre	3	3
Fine	2403	2144
Returned to Borstal	1	-
Probation	29	27
Conditional Discharge	72	50
Recognisances	39	16
Absolute Discharge	45	39
Crown Court for Sentence	2	3
Hospital Order	1	1
Handed Over to Service Escort	1	-
Adjourned Sine Die	92	55
Withdrawn or Dismissed	253	199
Committed for Trial	33	24
Supervision Order	1	4
Care Order	7	3
Deferred Sentence	4	4
H.M. Forces Leave Breakers	3	4
Died Before Adjudication	-	1
Parents to Pay Fine	-	1
Police Cells	-	1
	3037	2631
(B) Other Than By Process		
Cautioned	360	375
	360	375

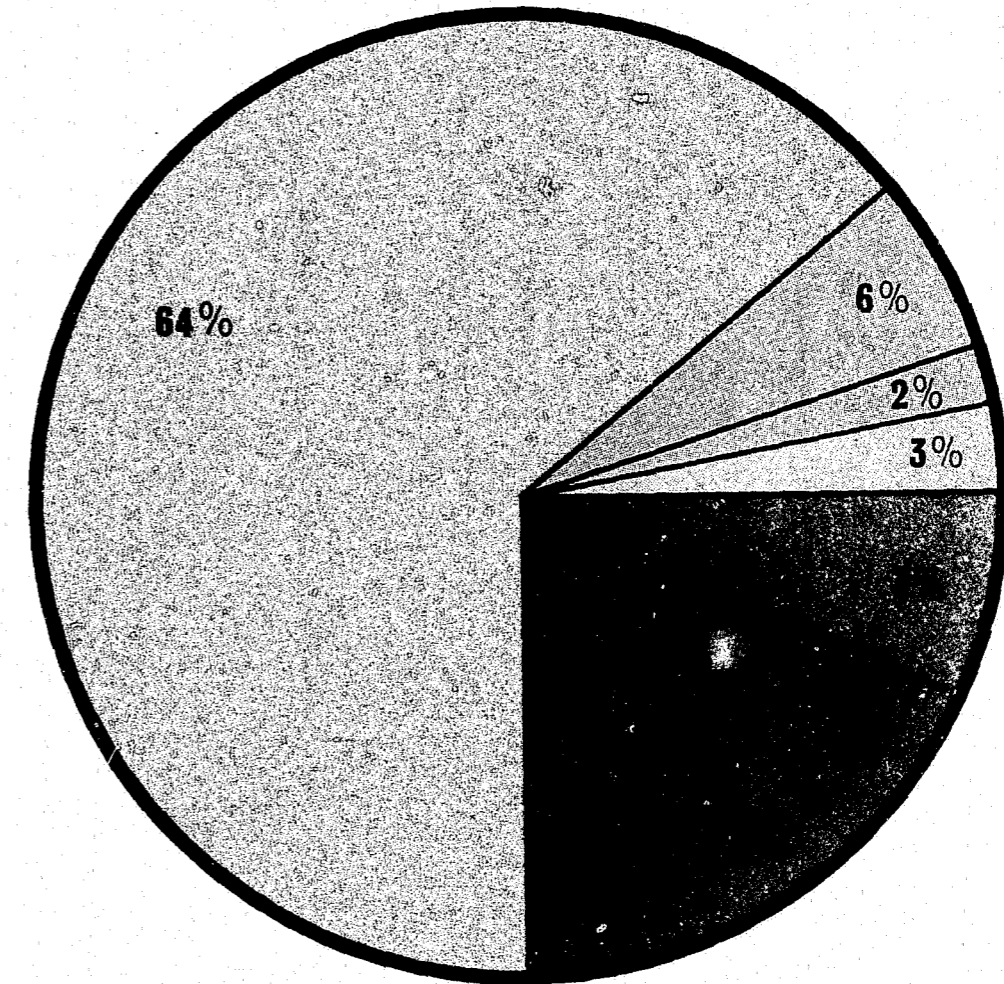
SUMMARY OF DISPOSAL OF INDICTABLE CRIME	1973	1974
Persons Arrested	2072	2345
Persons Summoned	894	965
Persons Cautioned	1406	1150
Dealt With By Service Authorities	22	8

INDICTABLE CRIME BY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNDER 17 YEARS

JUVENILES	MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
Under 14 Years	587	520	108	187	695	707
14-16 Years	690	706	112	165	802	871
TOTAL	1277	1226	220	352	1497	1578

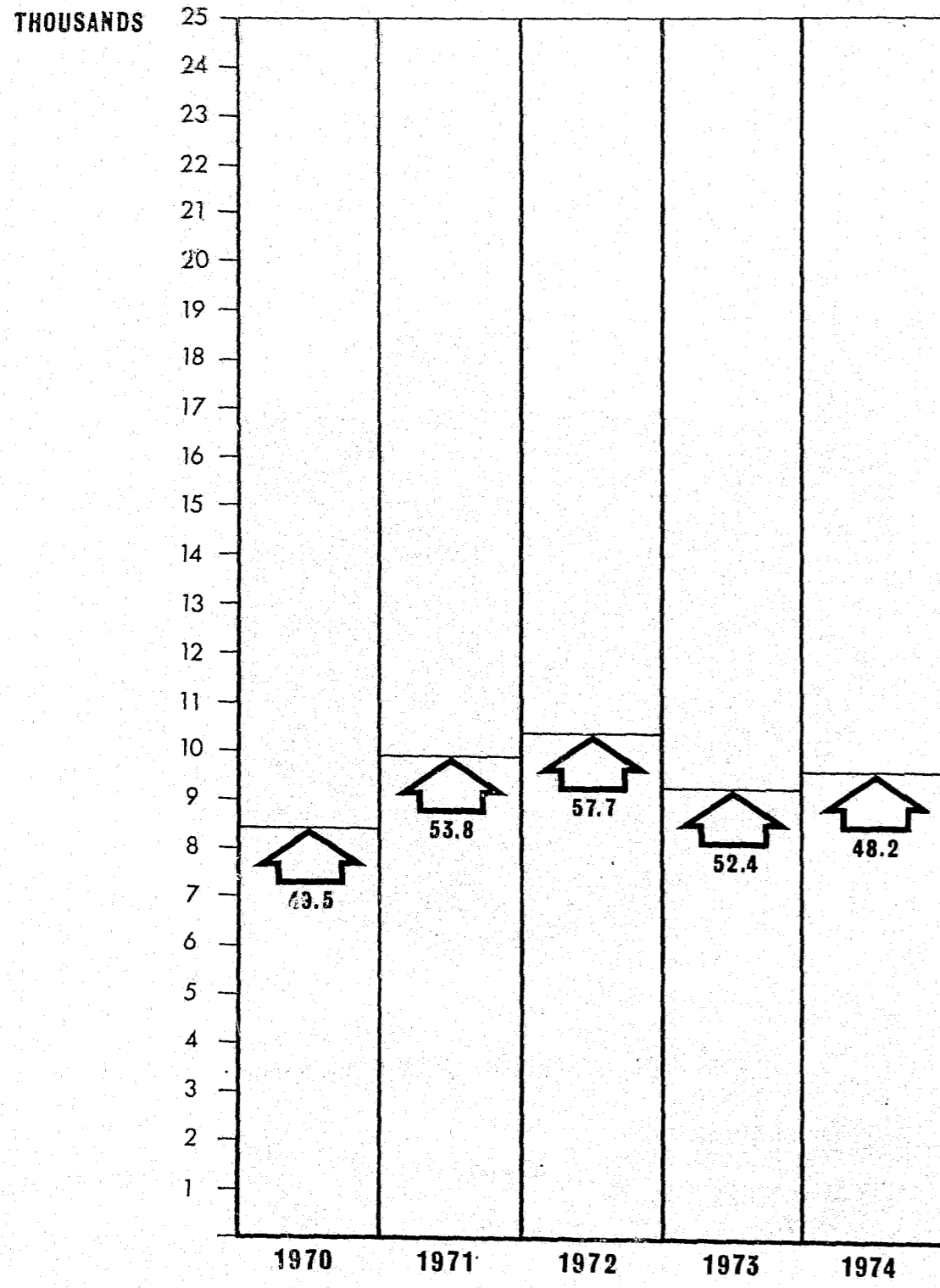
MANNER IN WHICH JUVENILES WERE DEALT WITH	1973	1974
Cautioned By Police Officer	1040	1003
Detention Centre	13	25
Attendance Centre	71	59
Fine	141	181
Deferred Sentence	2	5
Probation	4	-
Conditional Discharge	64	52
Recognisances	-	1
Absolute Discharge	2	4
Crown Court for Borstal	3	8
Crown Court for Sentence	2	3
Hospital Order	-	-
Supervision Order	84	134
Care Order	28	49
Adjourned Sine Die	-	4
Borstal	-	-
Withdrawn or Dismissed	34	37
Committed for Trial	9	13
	1497	1578


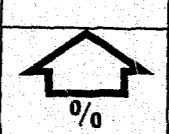
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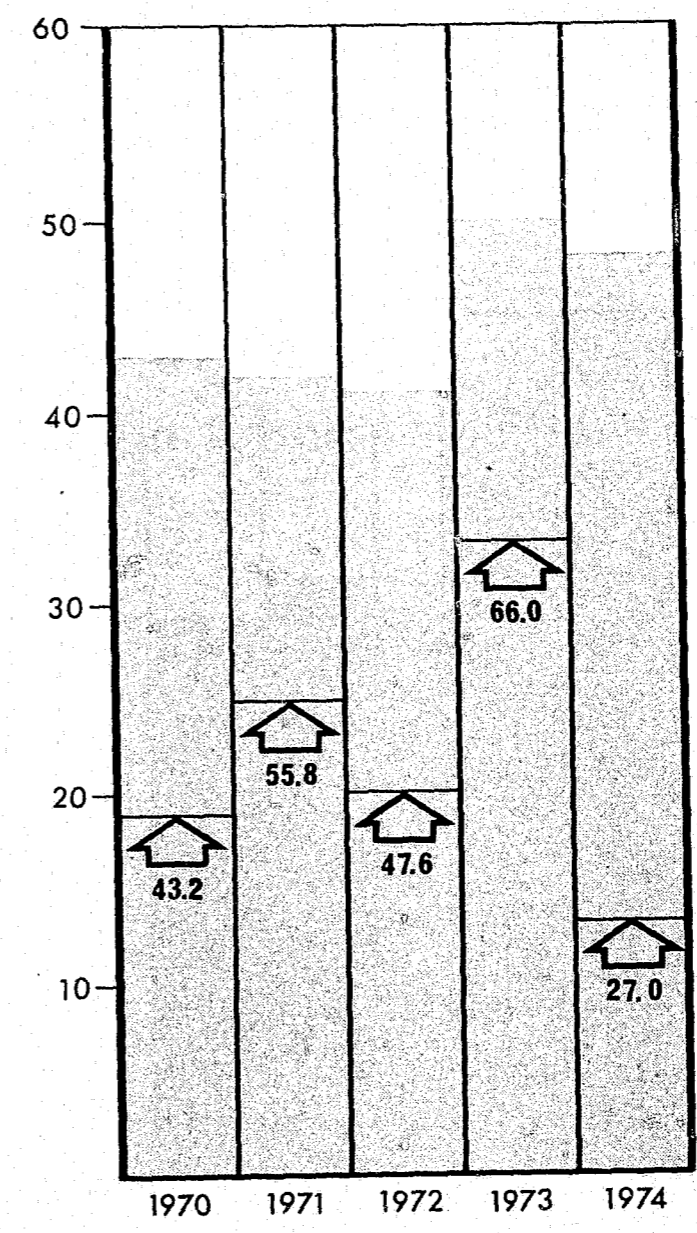


- THEFTS & UNAUTHORISED TAKINGS (including Handling Offences)
- BURGLARIES
- FRAUDS
- VIOLENCE OFFENCES (including Robbery)
- SEXUAL OFFENCES
- OTHER OFFENCES

# TOTAL TRUE CRIMES DETECTIONS






 TRUE CRIMES  
 DETECTIONS  
 1974 FIGURES INCLUDE CHRISTCHURCH AREA

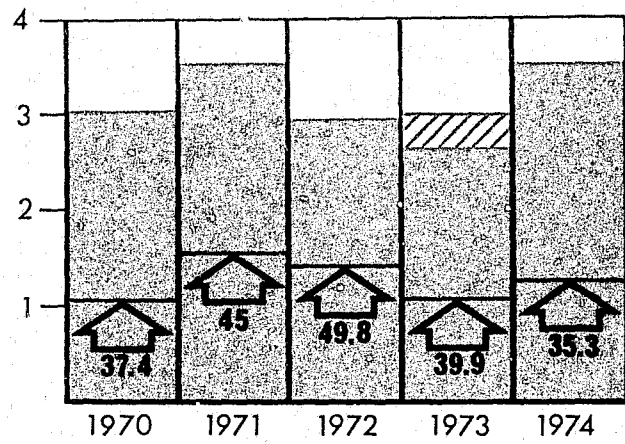


## ROBBERY

ROBBERIES IN 1974 - 48\*

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 True Crimes if Christchurch Area added in 1973

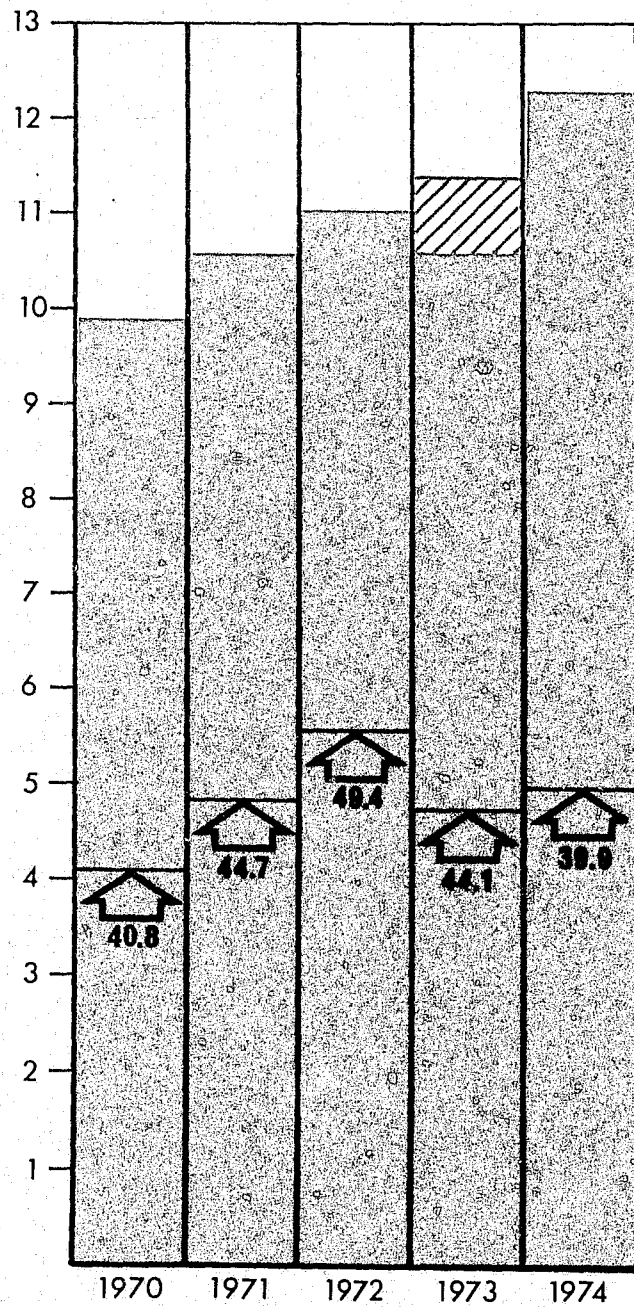
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## BURGLARIES

BURGLARIES IN 1974 - 3582\*

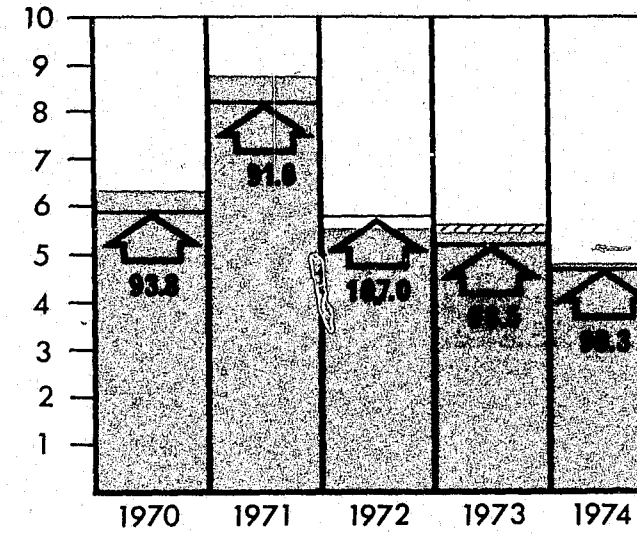
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## THEFTS

THEFTS IN 1974 - 12,313\*

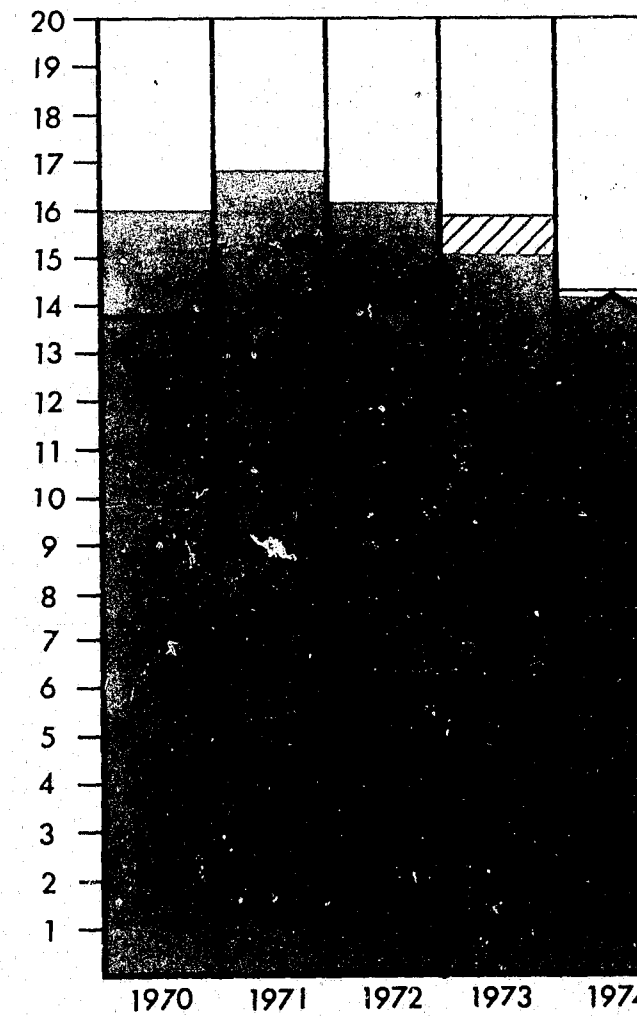
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## HANDLING

HANDLING OFFENCES IN 1974 - 476\*


HUNDREDS



## FRAUDS

FRAUDS IN 1974 - 1,412\*

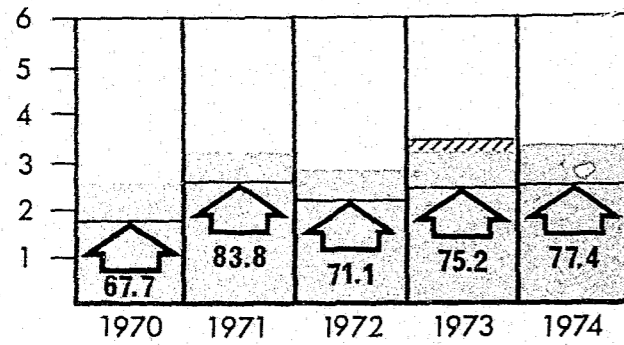
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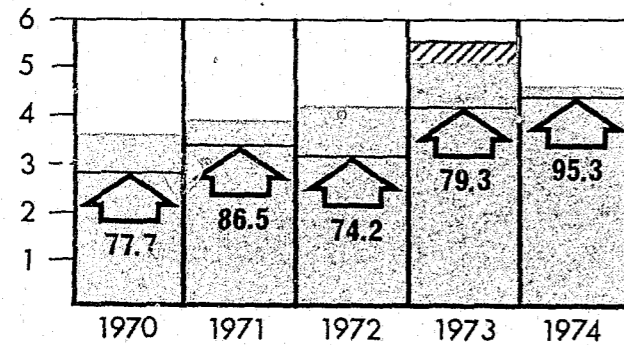
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## SEXUAL

SEXUAL OFFENCES IN 1974 - 323\*

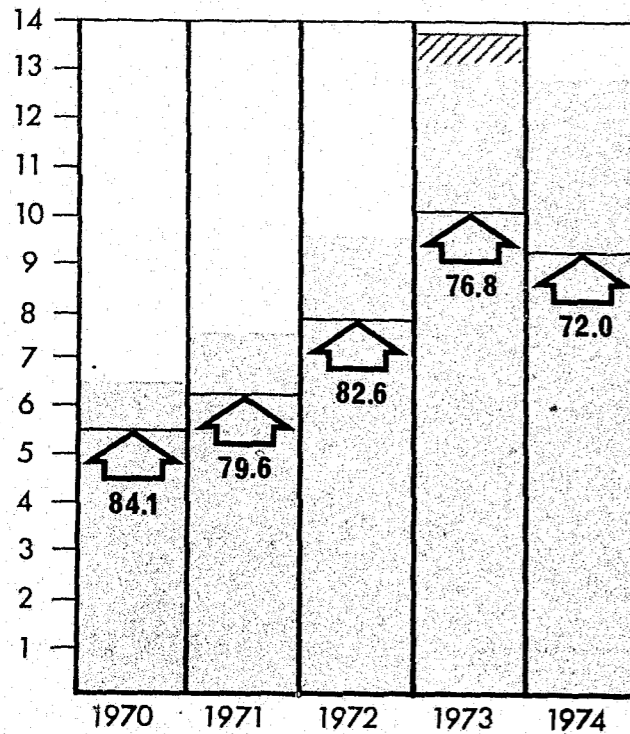
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## VIOLENCE

VIOLENCE OFFENCES IN 1974 - 454\*

HUNDREDS



## OTHER (e.g. ARSON, BLACKMAIL, etc)

OTHER OFFENCES IN 1974 - 1291\*

## DRUGS

There has been an increase in the use of Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD) in micro-dot form. The largest quantity seized at one time was 361 micro-dots from premises occupied by "squatters" at Bournemouth.

In addition there has been an increase in the misuse of Amphetamines, particularly amongst school children, teenagers and foreign students.

The local cultivation of the cannabis plant has increased and several hundred such plants in varying sizes have been seized. Coupled with this activity, which confirms the trend, is the number of persons found in possession of cannabis seed.

Retail Pharmacies are the subject of criminal attack, drugs being the main target. Well over half of such burglaries have been detected

and the judiciary have shown concern as evidenced by the sentences imposed on offenders.

During the year 207 persons were detected for offences in connection with the abuse of dangerous drugs, compared with 268 in 1973. The breakdown of the figures show that 169 of the offenders were male, 55 being under the age of 21; 70 between 21 and 24 years; 34 between 25 and 30 years; and 10 were over 30 years.

Of the 38 females detected as offenders, 18 were under the age of 21; 14 were between 21 and 24 years; 4 were between 25 and 30 years; and 2 were over 30 years.

The chart overleaf shows how the 357 offences committed by these persons were dealt with.



1974	Intra-venous Use	Oral	Smoking (Cannabis)	Permitting Premises to be used	Illegally Supplying Drugs	Attempts to or Obtaining Drugs Illegally	Breaking into Premises to obtain Drugs	Cultivating Cannabis Plants	Obstructing Police
Imprisonment	6	37	18	1	16	-	11	-	-
Suspended Sentence	2	8	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
Borstal Training	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detention Centre	-	3	3	-	3	3	-	-	-
Attendance Centre	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Probation	1	10	9	-	-	1	-	1	-
Conditional Discharge	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Absolute Discharge	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Sentence	-	9	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
Order Made S28 Mental Health Act 59	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fined	1	28	57	3	4	3	-	2	-
Cautioned	-	7	3	-	2	-	-	-	-
No Action on Legal Advice	-	2	3	-	-	1	-	-	-
Dismissed	4	15	8	2	-	-	3	-	-
Dealt with by Prison Authorities	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjourned or to be dealt with	2	9	21	-	-	-	1	5	1
TOTALS	16	138	137	6	26	10	15	8	1

## SCENES OF CRIME

The total number of identifications of persons by finger impressions reached a record of 318, being an increase of 61 over 1973. The breakdown of the total shows that 78 were solely by fingerprint identifications, 148 identifications by named suspects and the remaining 92 being obtained after arrests were made.

A further interesting point is that of the total number of identifications 216 were made by fingerprint staff at Force Headquarters.

The total number of incidents attended by scenes of crime officers was 8,269. The staff consists of two Sergeants and eight Constables as scenes of crime officers, two photographers (civilian) and three fingerprint officers (civilian).

## SCIENTIFIC AIDS TO POLICE INVESTIGATION

During 1974 the services of the Home Office Forensic Science Laboratory at Bristol, were used in 1,041 instances, compared with 975 examinations the previous year, an increase of 66.

The examinations were carried out on various articles and specimens in relation to crimes, traffic offences, accidents etc.

## CRIME INTELLIGENCE UNITS

During 1974 the Criminal Intelligence Units have continued to fulfil an important role in the gathering of information for the benefit of operational Detective Officers in Divisions.

Several additions have been made to the range of specialised equipment held by the Headquarters Unit. This equipment has been put to successful use on many occasions.

## CRIME PREVENTION

The constant activity of all members of the Force in general and the Crime Prevention.

Officers in particular continues and is fully recognised as a positive means of tackling the crime problem.

The staff consists of seven Civilian Crime Prevention Officers (ex police officers) including one appointed on 1 April 1974 to cover the Christchurch area.

A Force Exhibition caravan was brought into use during the year and has a multiple role in that it is readily adaptable to exhibit aspects of crime prevention/road safety and recruitment etc. The interior is so designed that the panels can be inserted on fixed frames and removed at will. The caravan, purchased at a cost well under £2,000 was fitted out by members of the Force.

It is estimated that some 15,000 persons have visited the caravan at the various events where it has been exhibited. The popularity of this type of exhibition is self evident by the great interest shown by the public.

Talks to local organisations continue and 102 such talks have been given. Many of these include a film showing the various aspects of crime tasks.

Approximately one third of the talks have been to business organisations during staff training sessions and have concentrated on general security and in particular shoplifting.

The increase in the installation of alarm systems continues and at present, excluding audible alarms, there is a total of 1,163 direct line/"999" systems operating in the Force area. The number of false activations has also increased from 4,166 in 1973 to 4,433 in 1974. The police manpower involved in responding to such calls is considerable and causes concern. Only 49 genuine calls were received which clearly indicates the size of the problem of false calls. Various positive steps are taken by the police to reduce the number of false calls, but the measures available are limited. This problem bedevils the Police Service and the time is fast approaching when consideration might have to be given to imposing a financial penalty on owners and/or alarm companies of premises where false calls reach an intolerable and unacceptable level.



Crime Prevention Exhibition at the Arndale Centre, Poole.

#### East Dorset Crime Prevention Panel

The membership of the Panel has been strengthened by the inclusion of representatives of organisations at Christchurch, Parkstone and Ferndown. Now in its seventh year the name of the Panel has been changed to cater for the area now covered.

An Award Evening was held at the Linden Hall Hotel, Bournemouth on the 24 January 1974, when plaques were presented by the Mayors of Bournemouth and Poole to 47 recipients. One had travelled from Potters Bar to receive his award and another recipient was a lady aged 78 years.

The activities of the Panel included the following:—

A scheme for the issue of adhesive identification labels for bicycles with an initial

supply of 25,000 being printed and issued.

A crime prevention poster competition for schools and colleges is planned.

During 1974 consideration was given to a number of aspects of crime prevention, including:—

- (i) Street lighting
- (ii) The 'Good Neighbour' Scheme
- (iii) Security of car fuel tanks
- (iv) Security devices for colour television sets
- (v) The promotion of crime prevention at schools
- (vi) Advertising crime prevention by means of vending machine cups
- (vii) Use of Hospital Broadcasts for crime prevention purposes
- (viii) A Christmas project aimed at shop-lifting and thefts from handbags.



Mr Reginald Chippington, Wimborne Road, Moordown, receiving an award from the Mayor of Bournemouth Cllr Maj Bertram Dillon. Mr Chippington telephoned the police after hearing noises in the early hours which led to two intruders at a bakery being arrested. A judge awarded him £25 out of public funds when the case was dealt with "for his public spirited act".

#### ESCAPES FROM CUSTODY

The following escapes from custody were notified during the year:—

##### HM Prison, Dorchester

1 (failed to return from home leave).

##### HM Prison, The Verne

6 (involving 8 prisoners.) All have been arrested.

##### HM Borstal, Portland

7 (involving 10 inmates). Of the Portland Verne and Borstal escapees, seven were arrested at Portland, six others were arrested within the Force area and the remainder elsewhere.

##### HM Borstal, Guys Marsh, Shaftesbury

39 (involving 78 inmates). Twenty were arrested within the Force area, fifty-seven outside the area and one was still at large.

#### ATTENDANCE CENTRE

The Bournemouth Attendance Centre, which serves the six Juvenile Courts within the area,

continues to function satisfactorily, the staff involved being five police officers and one civilian instructor.

During the past year 76 boys were ordered by the Courts to attend the Centre for periods varying from 12 to 24 hours. Each attendance consists of a two hour session on alternate Saturday afternoons.

Discipline at the Centre remains very firm. Very few breaches of the rules occur other than minor matters and such transgressions are punished by the boy having to perform a less congenial task.

It is most noticeable that many parents who visit the Centre are anxious for their sons to be subjected to a firmness suggesting that they have themselves been unable to enforce the necessary control in the home.

The boys are still divided into Junior Groups (10-14 years) and Senior Groups (15-17 years) and attend for separate sessions.

The main activities carried out at the Centre are physical exercise (forty minutes for Juniors and fifty minutes for Seniors) followed, after a shower and change, by handicraft work or an educational pursuit.

# TRAFFIC AND COMMUNICATIONS

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# TRAFFIC

## VEHICLES

One result of the extension of the Force boundaries on 1 April 1974 was an increase of the vehicle fleet from 177 to 193 vehicles. The fleet mileage for the year was 4,354,525, an increase of 50,402 miles over 1973. In view of the energy crisis, however, every effort was made to conserve fuel and bearing in mind the increase of 16 vehicles together with the extra road mileage to be covered, it is of note that the overall mileage figure was held at a reasonable level.

Economies were also effected in providing the 65 replacement vehicles for the fleet. The regular price increases in motor vehicles fell into a recognisable pattern and the replacements were, therefore, purchased early in the year and stored. The consequent saving in purchase price was considerable. An evaluation of types to obtain both the most suitable and economical van for the Dog Section was carried out, which resulted in the purchase of Morris Marina 7 cwt 1300 cc vans. Further, the question of motor cycles was also examined. The costing and trials of British and foreign machines proved the Norton Commando Interpol 850 cc to be fully suitable for Police needs, which in itself was a saving of approximately £500 per vehicle over comparable foreign machines on the market.

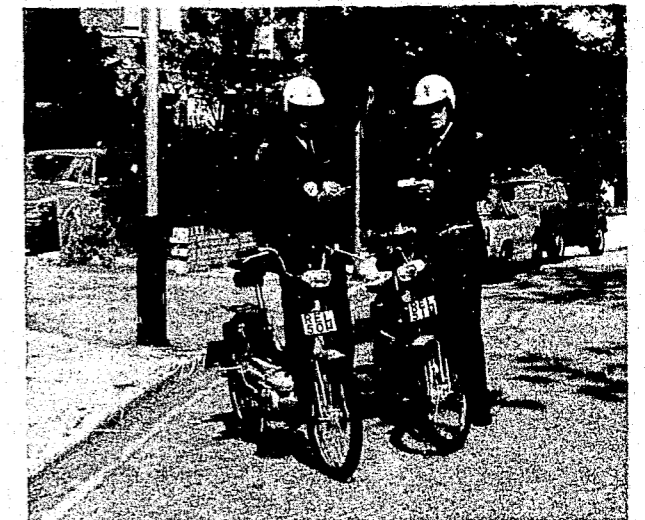


*The Norton Commando Interpol*

### Additional Vehicles

Two Puch Maxi 49 cc mopeds were purchased for use by supervising officers of the

Traffic Warden Section. These have greatly improved supervisory coverage and at a low cost.



*The Head Traffic Wardens with the Puch Maxi Mopeds*

## EQUIPMENT

A Crypton "rolling road" with a brake tester was fitted in the Force workshops. This saves manpower and time by removing the necessity for road brake testing vehicles.

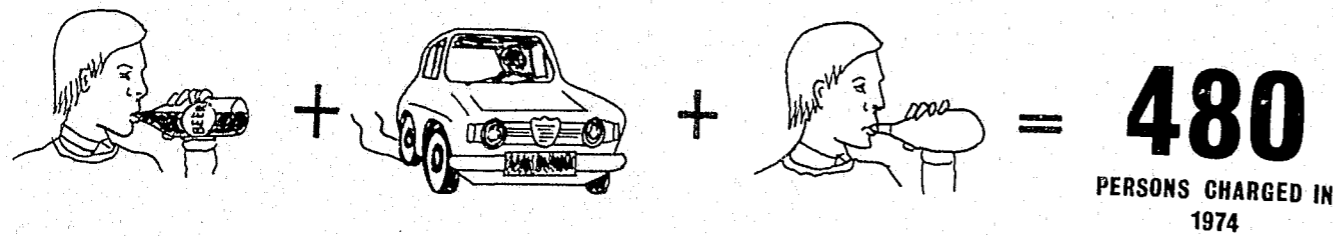
## OFFENCES

The total number of persons reported for traffic offences rose to 21,800 for 1974 which is an increase of 1,348 over 1973. Of the total, 18,913 cases were dealt with at Court and the remaining 2,887 cases were disposed of by means of a written caution. In addition a considerable number of persons received verbal cautions from patrolling officers.

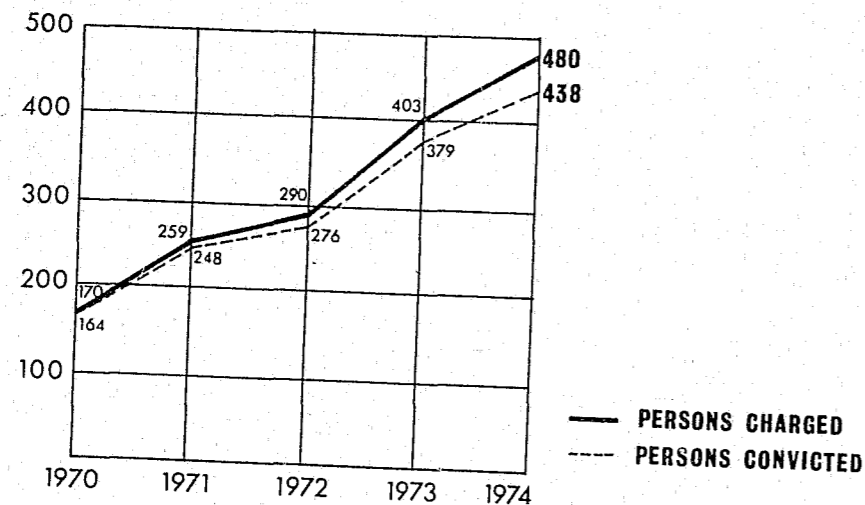
There were two prosecutions for offences of causing death by dangerous driving as opposed to seven the previous year.

The category of "drinking and driving" offences continues on an upward trend, as indicated in the following chart. The need to protect our society from the consequences is assuming paramount importance.





Driving, attempting to drive or being in charge of a motor vehicle whilst having blood/alcohol or urine/alcohol concentration in excess of prescribed limits



All sections of society must play their respective parts. The legislature by ensuring the complications in the law surrounding this offence are removed; the police by taking positive steps to enforce the law; the news media by use of its resources to educate and persuade the public of the folly of drinking and driving and last but not most important, members of the public who should accept responsibility by avoiding the temptation to drink and drive.

the Magistrates, Members of the Law Society and Press have been given demonstrations in the use of the equipment. This additional aid will play a significant part in the detection of speeding offences and thus increase road safety.

#### VEHICLE EXCISE ENFORCEMENT

The enforcement of this aspect of the law receives due attention and a total of 5,806 (excluding Christchurch) persons were reported. By the payment of mitigated penalty plus Court Orders regarding back duty the sum of £18,000 was collected.

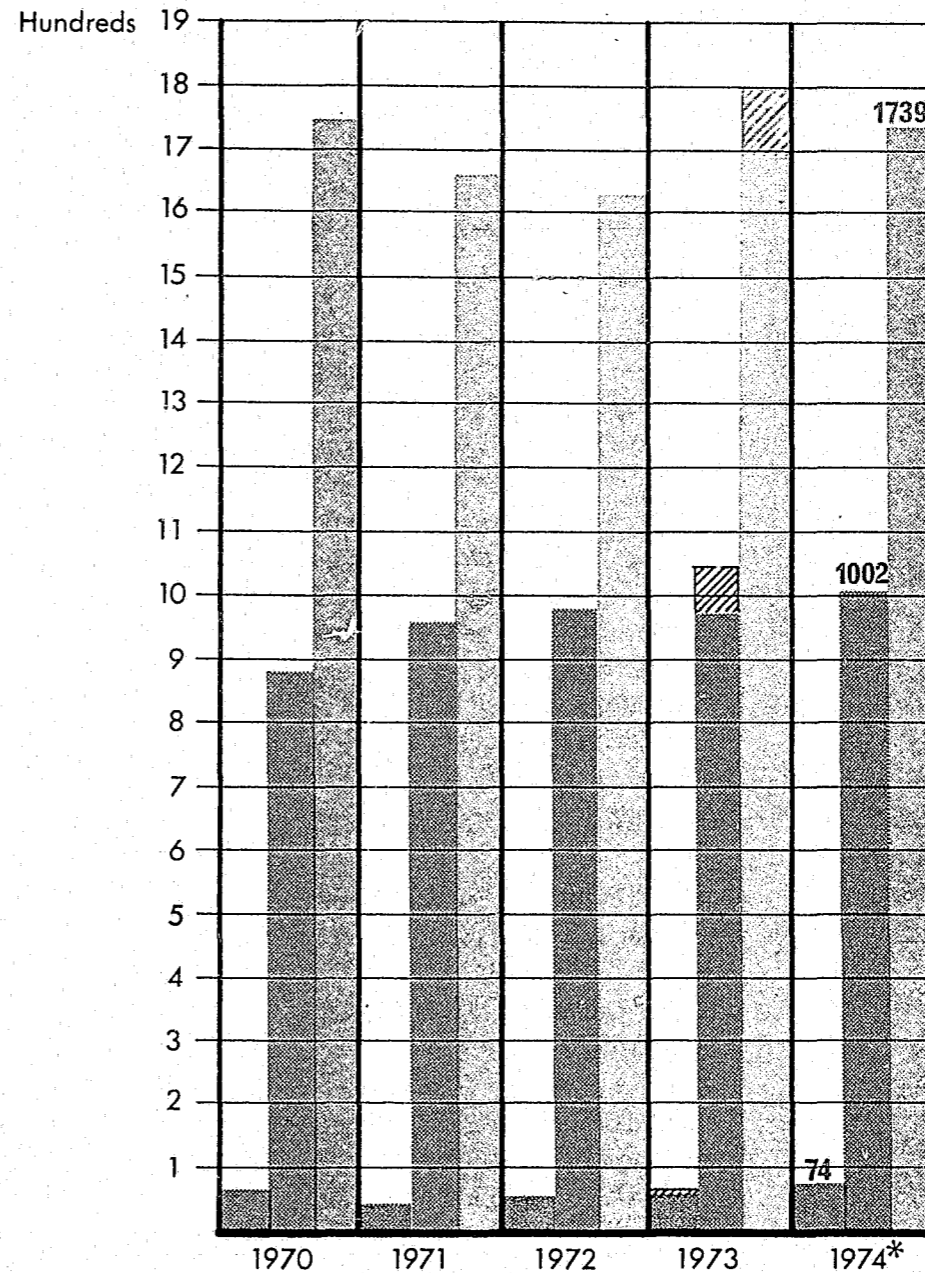
#### ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMITS

At the commencement of the year a lowering of speed limits was introduced to meet the economic needs of the Country. This was subsequently relaxed in May. The reaction of the motoring public, was very good. Police activity to enforce the law on speeding continues and during the year the "Radar" meter was used on 782 occasions which resulted in 2,492 persons being reported.

#### TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

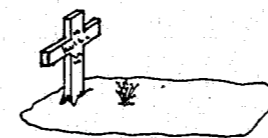
The following chart illustrates the number of injury accidents during the five year period ending 31 December 1974. To make the figures comparable the accident details for 1973 relating to Christchurch have been added to the chart. There is a slight reduction in 1974 when comparing the figures with the previous year. The reduction in speed limits, particularly in the early part of the year has been an influencing factor.

VASCAR (Visual Average Speed Computer and Recorder) was fitted to a number of patrol cars. Training of personnel was commenced in the last quarter of the year. At the same time

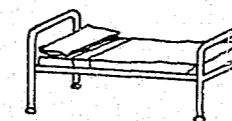


### ROAD TRAFFIC INJURY ACCIDENTS 1970 - 1974

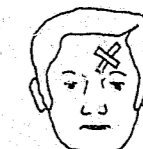
#### Number of Persons involved in above 1974\* accidents :-



**79**  
**KILLED**

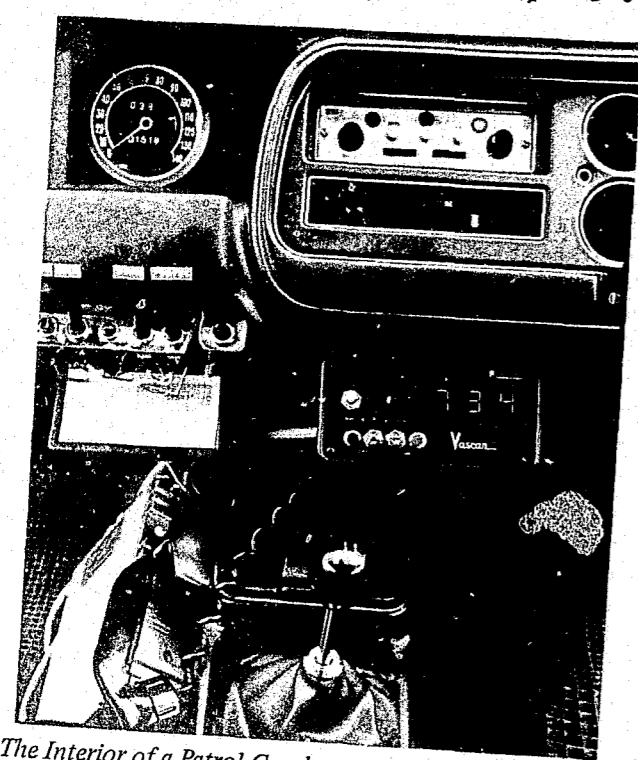


**1,257**  
**SERIOUSLY INJURED**



**2,467**  
**SLIGHTLY INJURED**





The Interior of a Patrol Car showing the Vascar Equipment

### KEYSTONE EYESIGHT TESTER

The eyesight testing of all personnel commenced and by the end of the year 852 officers were tested and of this number 79 officers were referred for further examination. The value of such equipment coupled with regular use cannot be over emphasised.

### ROAD SAFETY

The ever present need to educate the public in road safety continues. Talks given by the



An Attentive Audience

Force Road Safety Officer are an important aspect of this activity. It is an accepted truism that it is the young who respond to this type of education more readily than other age groups. With this in mind it is not disturbing to note that requests for talks to adult organisations have declined during the year, only 188 such talks being given. Conversely the demand for road safety work among the young has increased as the following table shows:-

	1973 Approx Number of Persons	1974 Approx Number of Persons
Schools	Primary	25,000
	Secondary	1,322
Other organisations Tufty Clubs etc.	2,750	3,200

### BETTER DRIVING COURSES

A better Driving Course was held during the year and attracted 200 persons each session.

### RAC/ACU MOTOR CYCLING TRAINING SCHEME

Officers have assisted in giving talks and showing films in support of the above scheme which was organised at Poole and Sherborne during the year.

### ROAD SAFETY CONTEST

The annual Secondary Schools Road Safety Contest was held in November with 30 entries from the 52 schools in the newly constituted county. Eliminating contests were held in eight areas and the final was completed at Dorchester. The contest in the various stages attracted some 2,000 pupils as spectators.

### EXHIBITIONS

Again reference is made to the Force Exhibition caravan. The ability to show films

is an obvious attraction to the public. The caravan was used for Road Safety purposes in places as far apart as Christchurch in the east and Bridport in the west. Approximately 25,000 persons visited the exhibition.

The Force Keystone eyesight test machine was also used with the exhibition to good effect. 650 persons used the machine and 80 were advised to see their Optician for further examination.

### SAFE CYCLING SCHEME

The policy of making an all out effort to train cyclists under the National Proficiency Scheme continued in 1974. The efforts of the Special Constabulary, Cadets and Regular Officers is much appreciated and their reward must be in the satisfaction of knowing that they with others have helped to train 3,176 children.

The involvement of Cadets in this activity is encouraging and at two schools Cadets have trained classes on their own. The Heads of both schools praised the Cadets for the help given.

### SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS

Consequent upon the changes in Local Government the police responsibility for school crossing patrols ceased and became subject to the control of the County Road Safety Officer. Despite the change police still assist in providing personnel to replace patrols who are absent for one reason or another. The frequency of calls for assistance is very high and is a matter which must be kept under constant review.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The re-equipping of the Dorchester Control Room is still in progress and the delay in completing the task is due to external difficulties.

Certain areas of the Force have experienced difficulty in the UHF network, surveys have been done and installations are due to commence early in 1975 to increase coverage at Lyme Regis,

Sherborne, Shaftesbury, Wareham and Swanage. In addition negotiations were carried out for the provision of two extra UHF base stations at Bournemouth and Poole.

A new equipment building was erected at the main VHF base station at Eggardon and will be operational in 1975.

A second aerial tower has been erected at Bulbarrow base station to relieve the overloading of the existing tower. Work on the building and mast for the third VHF station at Nine Barrow Down is now complete.

On 1 September 1974, during an electric storm, lightning struck the Bournemouth Police Station causing considerable damage to all the electronic equipment in the building. The resultant breakdown in the Eastern Division Control Room was covered by using the Western Control VHF network. Wireless communication was speedily returned to normal through the efforts of the Home Office Regional Wireless team at Shapwick, who deserve credit for the expertise shown in a difficult situation.

All services are now fully operational again with the exception of the Vehicle Locator System. Work is being completed on what is virtually a rebuild and the opportunity is being taken to introduce certain modifications and improvements which would have otherwise proved difficult when the system was in operational use.

### BBC LOCAL RADIO - RADIO SOLENT



Information being passed to Radio Solent

An innovation was the installation of a direct link via the ordinary telephone between the Eastern Control Room and the local radio station allowing facilities for officers to speak on the radio regarding traffic congestion and diversion. The link is also used by selected officers on a regular weekly basis on the programme "Police Call".

### POLICE NATIONAL COMPUTER

Terminals in both Divisions were connected in 1974 with a number of data printers. The impact of this sophisticated method of communication has been considerable and members of the Force have full confidence in its application. By use of the computer system 72 identification of stolen vehicles have been recorded since its commencement.

# TRAINING

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# TRAINING

## PROBATIONARY TRAINING

The revised training of Probationers which places greater emphasis on the practical side of policing than hitherto is now a fully integrated part of the Force Training Scheme.

Tutorial Sergeants (one to 40 Probationers) have been appointed in each Division and are proving very effective in helping and guiding young Constables. The Sergeants interview the individual probationer once every four weeks for one/two hours and discuss:—

- (a) Studies on set subjects
- (b) Difficulties being experienced in either theory or practice.
- (c) Progress and general attitude to the job.
- (d) Current paperwork, and
- (e) Any welfare problems.

In addition to his contact with the probationer, the Tutorial Sergeant liaises closely with the Section Sergeants, Staff Sergeants and where necessary the Sub-Divisional Inspectors or Superintendents so that everyone is aware of a problem at an early stage and can act accordingly.

The probationer carries a Record Book in which is set out the subjects for him to study, the courses attended or arranged, the attachments to Departments and the type of work in which he has been involved, eg each type of job, offence, court appearance. A Supervising Officer can thereby readily assess experience to date and direct the future progress.

At 8/11 months' service, the probationer attends a fortnight's course and a further one week course at 15/18 months' service. The programme also provides for a return to the Police Training Centre for two weeks' Continuation Course at 18 months' service.

During probation and before the Continuation Course the officer undergoes the following attachments:—

Staff Sergeants/Court Officer	1 week
Enquiry Office/Charge Room	2 weeks
Control Room	2 weeks
Traffic	3 weeks
C.I.D.	3 weeks

The more practical training benefits the vast majority of new entrants but places a greater commitment upon the Force Training Branch.

## COURSES

Training for Force members is varied and in all over 50 different types of courses have accounted for 12,313 man days or a total annual loss from operational strength of approximately 52 officers.

Selected officers attended the following courses:—

### Advanced Training

ICC Police College	—	1 W/Superintendent
Inspectors — Police College	—	3 Inspectors
Inspectors — Exeter	—	2 C/Inspectors
	—	17 Inspectors
		1 W/Inspector

### Other Courses Conducted Outside Force

Driving — Standard	—	45 Constables
	—	4 W/Constables
Driving — Advanced	—	14 Constables
Driving — Advanced Refresher	—	10 Constables
Motor Cycle — Standard	—	5 Constables
Motor Cycle — Advanced	—	4 Constables

Traffic Patrol Officers Course	—	25 Constables
Traffic and Road Safety Course	—	1 Inspector
Traffic Management Course	—	1 C/Superintendent
	—	2 Inspectors
Investigation of Stolen Motor Vehicles	—	2 Constables
Student Instructors	—	1 Sergeant
	—	2 Constables
	—	1 W/Sergeant
Regional Policewomens Course	—	3 W/Constables
C.I.D. Junior	—	15 Constables
	—	1 W/Constable
C.I.D. Advanced	—	8 Sergeants
Crime Prevention	—	2 Inspectors
	—	1 Sergeant
	—	1 Civilian
Fingerprints/Photography	—	2 Constables
Dog Training	—	4 Constables
Scenes of Crime	—	2 Constables
Port Training	—	1 Inspector
	—	1 Sergeant
	—	3 Constables
Special Branch	—	3 Sergeants
	—	3 Constables
Drugs	—	1 Inspector
	—	1 Sergeant
	—	6 Constables
Financial Investigation	—	1 Sergeant
Seminar for C/Superintendents and Superintendents	—	2 Superintendents
One Day – Appreciation Training for Middle Management	—	1 C/Superintendent
PNC Terminal Operator Training Course	—	16 Constables
	—	3 Civilians
PNC Terminal Operator (Supervisor)	—	1 Inspector
	—	3 Sergeants
	—	1 Constable
Training in Aircraft Crash Drill	—	2 Inspectors
One Day Course in Television Interview Techniques	—	1 C/Superintendent
	—	3 Superintendents
	—	3 C/Inspectors
CC TV Production Course	—	2 Sergeants
Gaming	—	4 Inspectors
Regional Sergeants Initial Course	—	19 Sergeants
Regional Sergeants Refresher	—	14 Sergeants
Course in Management Science	—	2 C/Superintendents
Symposium on Disaster Planning	—	2 Superintendents
Conference on 'Police and Society'	—	1 Superintendent
	—	1 Inspector
LAMSAC	—	2 C/Superintendents
Accident Prevention Officers Course	—	2 Constables
Seminar on Transport of Radio Active substances	—	1 C/Superintendent
Course for Managers	—	1 C/Superintendent
Planning for Lorries	—	1 Superintendent

### Local Training Courses

Driving Instruction	—	60 Constables
	—	12 W/Constables
First Aid Examination	—	1 Sergeant
	—	1 Constable
First Aid Re-examination	—	1 Inspector
	—	28 Sergeants
	—	132 Constables
	—	2 W/Sergeants
	—	4 W/Constables
Pre-Promotion – Started	—	12 Sergeants
	—	96 Constables
	—	2 W/Sergeants
	—	10 W/Constables
Pre-Promotion – Completed	—	5 Sergeants
	—	39 Constables
	—	1 W/Sergeant
	—	6 W/Constables
Local Procedure Courses	—	48 Constables
	—	8 W/Constables
Induction Course	—	59 Constables
	—	15 W/Constables
“In Force” Probationary Training Courses	—	53 Constables
	—	11 W/Constables
Two Day – Demonstration of Vascar Speedmeter	—	2 Sergeants
Traffic Wardens Course	—	19 Wardens
One Day – Public Order	—	6 Inspectors
	—	18 Sergeants
	—	194 Constables
Rifle Course	—	1 Inspector
	—	3 Sergeants
	—	4 Constables
Firearms Training Basic 3 Week Residential Force	—	2 Sergeants
Firearm Instructors	—	4 Constables
Force Basic Firearms (Tactics)	—	1 C/Inspector
	—	3 Inspectors
	—	21 Sergeants
	—	44 Constables
Qualified Constables (Weymouth College)	—	21 Constables
	—	1 W/Constable
PC's Refresher Course (1 week)(Dorchester and Poole)	—	43 Constables

In addition to Courses for Police Officers the Training Department has also arranged seven courses for Schools and Youth Organisations in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. These are in the Service Section of the Award and are designed to give young people an appreciation of the place of the Police in the community and the problems and methods involved in the Service.





*The Major Disaster Casualty Bureau*

#### MAJOR DISASTER TRAINING

An appraisal of the Force major disaster plan was made and resulted in the Policewomen's Department being made responsible for organising and running a Casualty Bureau in the event of a major disaster. Accommodation has been provided for the Bureau at Bournemouth. Training by use of a simulated exercise took place whereby all personnel of the Policewomen's Department were fully trained in this new role.

#### CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

The use of the Closed Circuit Television has increased, it having been used in criminal investigations and training.

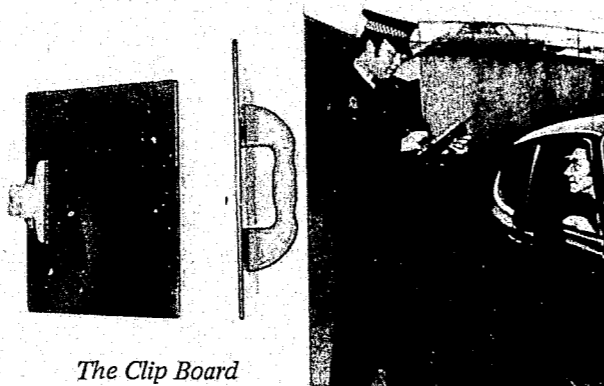
Films have been made to cover road accidents, firearms training and use of PNC.

In addition it is used during probationary training to allow officers facilities for self-analysis. It enables the young officer to gain confidence when speaking in public.

#### FIREARMS TRAINING

Firearms Training for the Force continued during 1974 coupled with a basic tactics course. The instruction is given by the Force Firearms Instructor.

The need to provide protection to patrolling officers was considered which resulted in the provision of a number of bullet proof "clip boards". It is intended to purchase sufficient numbers of such boards to equip all patrol vehicles. The "clip boards", providing they are used correctly, afford immediate protection from all small arms fire. The recent tragedies in the Police Service have emphasised the need for such training and use of specialised equipment.



*The Clip Board*

#### CADETS

The Cadet strength is 19 females and 34 males; there is no lack of suitable recruits. The training staff consists of one Sergeant, one male Constable and one Woman Constable. The curriculum is designed to ensure that a Cadet secures the widest possible experience of life before assuming the responsibilities of the office of Constable. The system of training is divided into three separate phases:—

##### Phase I

Cadets aged 16-17 years engaged totally on full time academic studies at Poole Police Station with lecturers from Poole Training College, studying for 'O' levels.

##### Phase II

Cadets aged 17-18 years engaged in office and departmental duties in Eastern and Western Division and incorporating Adventure Training on Dartmoor Ten Tors Expeditions, Brecon Beacons Outward Bound Courses, etc.

##### Phase III

Cadets aged 18-19 years. Final preparation before applying to join the regular force. Vocational duties on Community Service, Leadership Attachments and most of the truly operational duties with serving Constables.

#### Group Training

All phases come together on an afternoon for physical training with the Royal Marines and a complete day is given over to general training.

#### Education

Sixteen Cadets (13 male and 3 female) are undertaking within Phase I a 3½ day week of full time studies for 'O' levels in English Law, Sociology, British Constitution and one academic subject of their choice.

In the various 'O' level examinations in June 1974 a 50% pass result was achieved.

Since September 1974 four female Cadets

have been undertaking studies for 'A' level GCE certificates at Poole and Weymouth Technical Colleges on a day release basis.

#### Outdoor Activities

Outward Bound Courses at Brecon and Dartmoor were attended by 48 Cadets; both courses proved a great success.



*Shooting the Rapids at Abercrave, South Wales*

A similar course of one week's duration was held at Dartmoor for the benefit of Phase I Cadets. Training weekends were spent on Dartmoor National Park in preparation for the annual Ten Tors Expedition. Four teams, two comprising girl Cadets, covered the various routes successfully by being first home in their respective sections.

#### Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

Six Cadets gained the Gold Award and attended Buckingham Palace for the presentations.

#### Life Saving

Life Saving training was carried out throughout the year and the following Awards gained:—

Bronze Cross	2
Bronze Medallion	10
Award of Merit	1
Advanced Resuscitation Certs	33
Advanced Resuscitation re Exams	2

Both male and female Cadets competed in the area eliminators for the Cadet National Life Saving Competition finishing 6th overall in their respective competitions.



### First Aid

All Cadets are trained in First Aid. Those appointed prior to September 1974 are holders of Adult First Aid Certificates.

### Cycle Proficiency

All older Cadets have qualified as instructors in Cycle Proficiency. Some are qualified as examiners and help the Divisional Road Safety Officers in training and examining local school children.

### Child Care

A course on Child Care was organised by the Health Education Department, Bournemouth and twelve female Cadets successfully completed the course.

### Community Service

Community Service Projects, such as assisting elderly and incapacitated people in gardening, redecoration, shopping and other similar projects, have been undertaken by the Cadets on a voluntary basis.

Favourable publicity and numerous letters of appreciation resulted from Cadets participating in the Bournemouth Senior Citizens Shopping Expedition just prior to Christmas.

Cadets assist each week at a Club for the handicapped at Dorchester and have attended the summer residential camps for the disabled and deprived children.

The Phase III Cadets undertake Community Service attachments organised by the Dorset Social Services Department and many continue with work on a voluntary basis after their official attachments are concluded.

### Cadet of the Year

The Alderman William COLLINS Trophy for the Cadet of the Year was awarded to Cadet 17 Nigel THOMPSON.

### LIFE SAVING

The Women's Life Saving Team gave an outstanding performance in the National Police

Life Saving Competition at York on 1 and 2 June. They were beaten into second place by Lancashire Constabulary, only losing by the narrow margin of 2½ points.



The Women's Life Saving Team -  
WPC L Collier (Top), WPC's D Mills and E Roper (Centre)  
WPC's K Mack, S Needham and W/Sgt A Gracie (Front)

Following the narrow defeat of the Women Women's team, it was fitting later in the year that one of the team, WPC E Roper, became the National Individual Life Saving Champion of the Royal Life Saving Society in the competition held at Coventry on 16 November; 13 contestants from England, Scotland and Wales had reached the final via regional contests. Following this success she accepted an invitation to take part as a member of the British Team in an International against Spain on 24 November.



WPC E Roper in action

The Men's Team after winning the regional eliminating competition for the seventh consecutive year were placed fifth in the "Police Baton" National Competition. However, the team were

more successful in winning the Benyon Life Saving Competition staged at Reading on 10 July, when they beat teams representing eleven other South of England and Midlands Forces.

### ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

On 1 April the two ambulance divisions run by the Force amalgamated to become the Dorset Police St John Combined Division with a total of 43 members.

First Aid teams from the division were successful in the following competitions:-

31. 3.74	(Men)	St John County Competition	1st
4. 5.74	(Men)	St John Regional Competition at Bicester	1st
6. 7.74	(Men)	St John National Finals at Croydon	2nd
8. 9.74	(Men)	Bristol Police Open Competition	1st
5.10.74	(Men)	Casualties Union International Competition at Twickenham	1st
14.12.74	(Men)	Pim Trophy Regional Eliminator at Exeter	1st
9. 6.74	(Ladies)	Casualties Union Regional at Gillingham	1st
2.1.1.74	(Ladies)	Hampshire Police Open Competition at Southampton	1st

# SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

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# SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

## STRENGTH

It was pleasing to note, as a result of national and local advertising, an increase in applications during the year of which 41 were accepted, compared with 17 in the previous year. Unfortunately there was a loss of 69 members, which resulted in an overall net loss of 28.

## PROMOTIONS

The following promotions were announced:—

Date	Rank and Name
10 November	To Special Superintendent S/Chief Inspector M Powell
19 November 19 November	To Special Chief Inspector S/Inspector H Best S/Inspector C Tubb
7 January 3 October 23 October 7 November 19 November	To Special Inspector S/Sergeant 53 A Oldham S/Sergeant 119 S Smith S/Sergeant 302 G Redpath S/Sergeant 63 D Spencer S/Sergeant 78 R Short
22 April 22 April 22 April 2 August 2 August 2 August 21 August 3 October 27 November	To Special Sergeant S/Constable 98 M Blaylock S/Constable 111 H Lill S/Constable 119 S Smith S/Constable 63 D Spencer S/Constable 120 F Scriven S/Constable 608 J Thompson S/Constable 317 V House S/W/Constable 115 S Minster S/Constable 6 G Vickery

## DUTIES

During the year members of the Special

Constabulary carried out a total of 12,110 hours of duty, covering aspects such as routine patrols, duties connected with football matches, elections, carnivals and rallies. Valuable practical training is thus provided and the consequent support to the Regular Force has been of great assistance, particularly during the summer months.



*Keeping the Carnival Procession moving*



*On duty outside Dean Court Football Ground, Bournemouth.*

## TRAINING

The divisional training of the Special Constabulary has, in addition to lectures and demonstrations, included practical exercises with other services. Regular Force and Special Constabulary Senior Officers liaise in the late summer in the preparation of winter training sessions and

emphasis is given to the basic everyday aspects of police duty.

On 7 April the annual competitions were held at the Poole Technical College with teams from each division competing in tests on Crime, Traffic, General Duties and First Aid. The Chairman of the Police Committee, Col Sir Joseph Weld OBE TD presented prizes.



*Judging one of the Teams in the First Aid Competition*

**Police Duty Competition –  
“Dorset County Chronicle” Cup**

Eastern Division – 145½ points  
Western Division – 138½ points



*Colonel Sir Joseph Weld OBE TD presenting The Dorset County Chronicle Cup*

**First Aid Competition –  
“Frank Mills” Cup**

Eastern “A” Team – 246½ points  
Eastern “B” Team – 203 points

The “Hambleton” Cup for the highest individual result in the First Aid Competition was shared by Special Sergeant 263 T Reid and Woman Special Constable 128 E Whale.

*The Annual Church Parade at Wareham*



**AWARDS**

During the year members of the Special Constabulary qualified for Long Service Awards as follows:—

Long Service Medal (9 years)	9
1st Bar	8
3rd Bar	1

**COMMENDATIONS**

Five Special Constables were commended by the Chief Constable for their competency in dealing with four incidents during the year:—

Special Inspector C Drewitt for alertness and observation which led to the arrest of two men for burglary;

Special Constable Austin for good work in

connection with the apprehension of a woman for theft;

Special Woman Constable I Allen for the manner in which she dealt with an incident at a ‘bus station resulting in three men being arrested for assault and

Special Woman Constable I Allen and Special Constable G Vickery for prompt and efficient action resulting in the conviction of a man for possessing an offensive weapon.

**ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE**

On Sunday, 15 September the Annual Church Parade was held at Wareham. In recognition of 25 years service and prior to his retirement the Annual Parade was inspected by Special Superintendent J Foote of the Western Division.

# GENERAL POLICE ACTIVITIES

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## CO-OPERATION

## POLICE EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT BOURNEMOUTH

The Dorset Police have agreed  
to join with the Bournemouth  
Borough Council in pres  
a Police Exhibition in pres  
Cotes Art Gallery at  
between 7 and 30 June

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## ALARM-TYPE FLEET FOR QATAR

Captain Issa Al-Hail, QATAR Police in the Arabian Gulf was  
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# GENERAL POLICE ACTIVITIES

## LICENSED PREMISES AND REGISTERED CLUBS

The undermentioned licences were operative as shown:—

	1973	1974
Publicans' licences	718	759
Publicans' licences in suspense	2	6
Beerhouses 'On' licences	2	2
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'Off' licences	354	398
Clubs — Justices' licences	35	36
Residential and Restaurant licences	574	620
Theatre licences	4	4
Railways Refreshment Room licence	1	1
Pier licence	1	1
Registered Clubs	266	275

Proceedings	1973	1974
Selling without licence	1	1
Selling, purchase and consumption under age 18	12	5
Consuming in non-permitted hours	9	6
Structural alteration without permission	2	-
Selling to non-members (club premises)	7	-
Selling to non-residents	-	2
Keeping disorderly house on Sunday	-	2

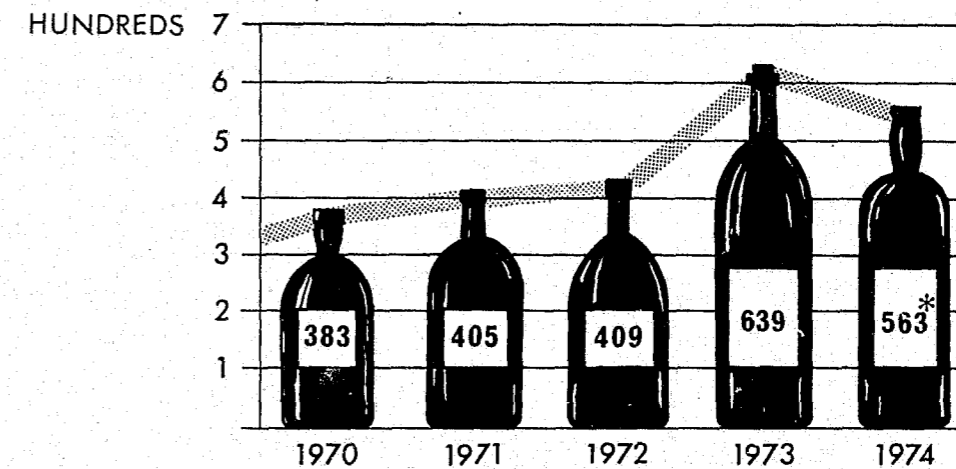
Drunkenness	1973	1974
The following convictions were recorded:—		
Drunk and incapable	417	384
Drunk and disorderly	222	179
	<u>639</u>	<u>563</u>

## FIREARMS

### Surrender of Weapons

A total of 199 weapons as well as a large quantity of ammunition were surrendered to the Police for subsequent destruction.

## DRUNKENNESS CONVICTIONS



\* INCLUDES CHRISTCHURCH AREA

## Statistics

	Firearms	Shotguns
Application for grants of new certificates	275	1594
Granted	247	1583
Refused	28	11
Application for renewal of certificates	951	3584
Refused	10	2
Certificates revoked	5	17
Certificates cancelled	453	426
Transferred to other Forces	201	197
Appeals against revocation or refusal	-	1
Allowed	-	-
Dismissed	-	1
Offences under the Firearms Act 1968		
Prosecuted	14	4
Cautioned	53	40
Certificates in force at 31 December 1974	<u>2939</u>	<u>12,637</u>

## Firearms Dealers

There were seven new registrations and one cancellation during the year and the total of Registered Firearms Dealers is now 42.

## EXPLOSIVES

### Storage of Explosives

Explosive stores are approved initially by the County Council's Trading Standards Department following consultation with the Police on security aspects. Before coming into use however a certificate of fitness as to the character of the applicant and his competence in handling explosives is required from the Police, together with an authority to purchase or acquire explosives within the maximum amount specified by

the County Council. Regular inspections concerning security arrangements are made by the Crime Prevention Officers in liaison with the Explosives Officer of the County Council. The stores contain explosives which are used for industrial and agricultural purposes and during the year two additional licences were granted making a total of seven.

### Licences to Purchase High Explosives

All applications for these licences are carefully considered and issued only to persons experienced in use and who require explosives for agricultural and industrial purposes. A licence is required on each specific occasion explosives are to be used and on expiry of the licence a detailed check is made by the Police to ensure that the amount of explosive authorised in the licence has either been used or returned to the explosives store. A total of 24 such licences were issued during the year, being 14 fewer than the previous year. The reduction was due to the inclement weather during the summer period.

### Licences to Purchase Gun Powder

The majority of applications for the purchase of gun powder are received from persons who possess muzzle loading weapons held on firearm and shotgun certificates, as well as those enthusiasts who refill their own cartridges. A small annual amount of gun powder is authorised for these purposes and the total of 38 licences issued represents an increase of 20.

## ALIENS

There was an increase of 304 in the number of aliens registered bringing the total to 1,707 on 31 December 1974. It is significant to note that the additional number of aliens from Arab countries represented over 30% of the total increase. In addition to the number of aliens registered, there were 173 nationals from EEC countries, being 36 more than the previous year.

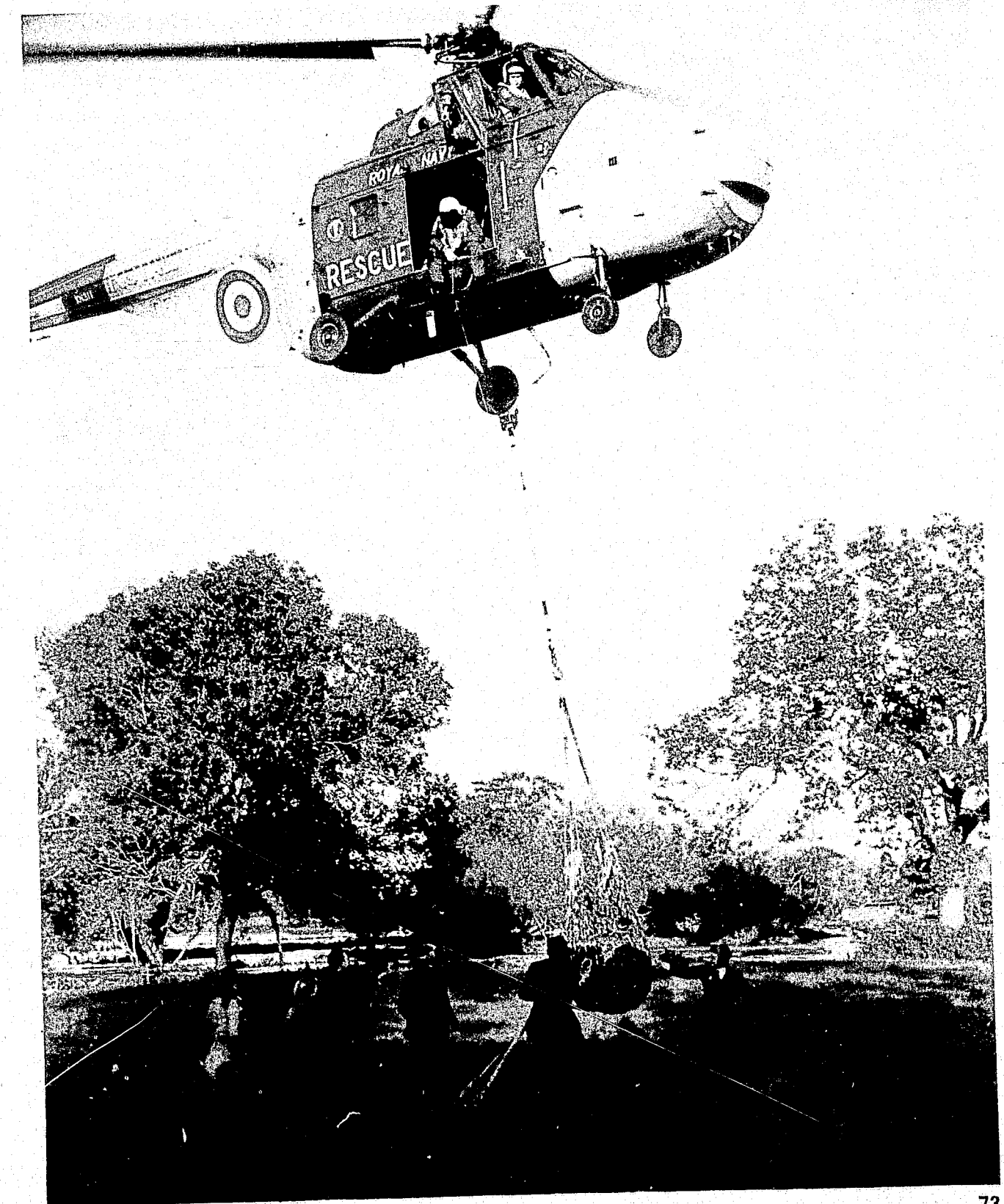
A total of 22 applications for naturalisation were dealt with during the year.

## CO-OPERATION

The Force has enjoyed much help from various organisations and individuals throughout the year. The range of assistance is indicated by the following examples:

The provision of helicopters by Royal Navy and Royal Air Force in rescue work, searching for missing persons. Even cattle stranded in a flooded area.

*Stranded Cattle being moved to 'Terra Firma'*



The Royal Marines at Hamworthy who have provided frogmen to search for missing persons and stolen property.



Royal Marine Frogmen searching for stolen property

The Army personnel and in particular the Royal Army Medical Corps, who voluntarily assist in cliff rescues in the Lulworth area.

The County Hall Staff who readily turned out in August to help at the scene of a train derailment at Dorchester.

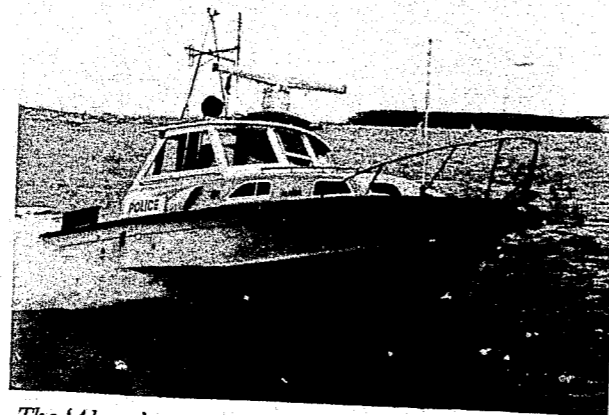
In September similar help was forthcoming when the West Bay area of Bridport suffered hurricane winds and high seas which caused a camp site to be evacuated.

The Force recognises the co-operation it receives and is greatly reassured by the help given.

#### MARINE SECTION

The launch 'Alarm' together with the Marine Section were operative for 750 engine hours in connection with the prevention and investigation of all crime committed afloat and along the coastline. The reduction in the number of crimes by 14 to a total of 135 is indicative of the increase in patrol activity and the use of the night image

intensifier equipment has proved invaluable in surveillance activities. Close liaison continues to be maintained with HM Customs, HM Coastguard and the RNLi as well as the Force Drugs Squad and Special Branch. Two major exercises were carried out with the Armed Forces and HM Coastguard and included the lifting off and landing of persons on 'Alarm' by helicopter. The exercises proved to be of considerable benefit and several procedures which were carried out under exercise conditions have now been adopted as standard practice.



The 'Alarm' on patrol in Poole Harbour

#### POLICE DOG SECTION

The Divisional Dog Sections are fully manned and comprise a total of 2 Sergeants and 10 Constables. 12 working dogs are maintained but extreme difficulty is experienced in obtaining suitable replacements.

The Sections were involved in 1636 operations including 320 criminal investigations, 89 escapes from custody and 73 searches for missing persons. As a result, 109 persons were apprehended, 25 missing persons found and 44 articles recovered.

Three entries were made in the Regional Police Dog Trials held at Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

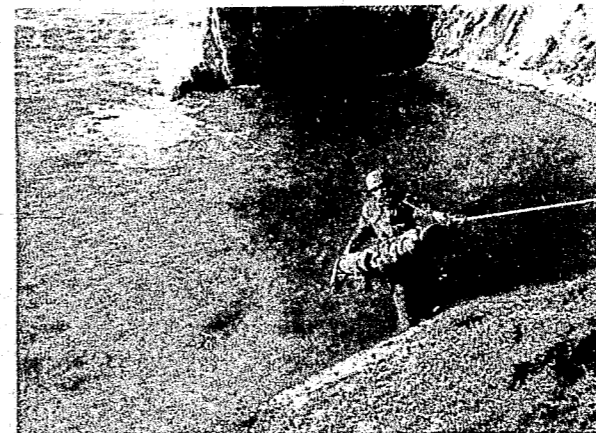
The Internal Force Trials were again held being won by police dog Shep handled by Sergeant Dunsdon.

Three dogs were replaced during the year. One dog, a 17 month old bitch died suddenly of a virus infection.

The Section continues to give talks and demonstrations but due to operational commitments only on a limited scale.

#### CLIFF RESCUE

The trend of the previous year has continued and although the total rescues numbered 14, which was an increase of 2, there were only 3 persons seriously injured in cliff incidents. The majority of rescues were again confined to the Purbeck/Lulworth area. Regular training sessions were held during the year and two additional Constables were trained in cliff rescue.



Cliff Rescue Exercise at Durdle Door

#### DORSET POLICE TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The Scholarship for 1974 was awarded to Detective Sergeant G R M Lee (Headquarters) to study 'Closed Circuit Television' and its application to the Police Service.

The study included a visit to the United States of America and Canada visiting Police Forces in Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco Bay area, Washington, New York and Vancouver.

During his tour the officer also had an opportunity of visiting the McGeorge School of Law University of the Pacific at Sacramento, and the new Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy at Quantico, Virginia.

#### SCHOOL LIAISON SCHEME

The above scheme was reorganised by grouping a number of schools together and providing a small team of two or three officers for visits with the object of increasing the understanding of the role of Police in Society. The need is to show the Police as friends and not someone met for the first time when offending against the Law. This scheme operates among the older children and the reaction has proved excellent. Junior Schools are also visited and the following is an extract from a letter received from a younger pupil.

Dear Mr. Symes  
 thank you very much  
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 enjoy it very much.  
 Mr wood told us abou  
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 the handcuffs.

#### ROTARY FOUNDATION GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE - HOUSTON TEXAS

Sergeant W Lowes was one of a five-man team from a variety of professions who were selected under the Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange to visit Houston, Texas for a period of six weeks. The programme included visits to industry, government, educational establishments, farms and hospitals as well as vocational studies and meetings, which for Sergeant Lowes included the Police, systems of courts and penal establishments.

#### EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

##### ROYAL VISITS

On the 18 and 19 July 1974, Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret and family visited

HMS Osprey, Portland.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visited Sherborne School for Girls on Tuesday, 5 November 1974 on the occasion of the School's 75th Anniversary celebrations.

### INSPECTION AND VISITS

Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary, Mr N Galbraith CBE QPM DL, visited the Force on 25th, 26th and 30th April and 1st and 2nd May 1974 for the purpose of carrying out the Annual Inspection.

On Friday, 19 April 1974, Lord Harris, Minister of State at the Home Office, visited the Eastern Divisional Headquarters. He was primarily interested in the Force system of command and control but displayed a keen interest in all projects being undertaken by the Force.



Mr N Galbraith CBE QPM DL, The Chief Constable and Lord Harris

Lord Harris was accompanied on his visit by Mr Galbraith, Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary.

A large number of visits to the Force by representatives of foreign Police Forces were again arranged during the year. Representatives from 21 different countries including Australia, Singapore, Brazil, Hong Kong and Canada visited the Force for varying periods to study primarily the command and control system with particular reference to the Control Room at Bournemouth.

In addition, Senior Army Officers from the School of Signals, Blandford Camp, again visited the Control Room at Bournemouth to study the Force command and control system.

Visits were also arranged for representatives of the Home Office and other Police Forces and Fire Brigades in England.

# BLUEPRINT

The Newspaper of the Dorset Police

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## INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS FOR FIRST AIDERS



The victors - Chairman TOJ PARKER, Inspector A STONE, Constable BO WHITING and Inspector V WELLS. THE FORCE ST JOHN AMBULANCE FIRST AID TEAM TOOK HOME VICTORIES IN THE CAROLINES 1974 INTERNATIONAL FIRST AID COMPETITION HELD AT TRIVENNIO IN SUDBY & VICTORIA AGAINST TEAMS FROM ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, CANADA, GERMANY AND IRELAND. THE DORSET TEAM GAINED FIRST PLACE IN THE MAIN COMPETITION WITH A TOTAL OF 466 IN ITS SET OF A ROBBIEE 800 AND SO RETAINED THEIR INTERNATIONAL TROPHY WHICH THEY WON IN 1971. THE TEAM ALSO WON THE JONASSEN AND DODDIN CUPS FOR THE LARGEST AGGREGATE IN THE FIRST AID AND DIAGNOSIS SECTIONS RESPECTIVELY.

## The Cadet of the Year is chosen..

### EDITORIAL

In the six issues of Blueprint to date the emphasis has been on establishing a balance between formal and informal material and in strengthening the presentation. In connection with the latter I feel there has been a noticeable improvement in layout which will be further improved now that the Dorset County Council have taken delivery of their Lincompositor. This will enable different sizes and styles of type to be used and for the right hand margin to be properly aligned. The next edition will contain these features.

### NIGEL THOMPSON IS CADET OF THE YEAR

The Alderman Collins Trophy, awarded annually to the outstanding Cadet, was presented to him by Colonel Sir Joseph Field OBE TD, Chairman of the Dorset Police Authority at a Police Committee meeting on 19 September. The award is based on a number of overall statements which include academic achievement, sports, musical prowess, social service, bravery and hard work. Nigel has now joined the Dorset Police and is at present undergoing initial training at Chustarrie. After training he will be posted to Bournemouth.



Nigel Thompson

### STILL THE FASTEST AND GETTING FASTER



NPC Karen Mack (Bournemouth) retained her 100 metres freestyle title at the Police National Swimming Championships held at Cardiff on 17 and 18 September. In doing so she not only completed a hat-trick of wins in the competition, but for the third year running reduced her own record time for the event. This year she completed the course in 1:23.2 seconds which was 1.7 seconds faster than her 1973 time and 2.3 seconds better than in 1972. NPC Elaine Anper finished fourth in the same event and one and a half minutes with NPC Alison Girkin and NPC Sharon Handley combined to win the new women's 4 x 50 metres freestyle event at the Championships.

newspaper has been most encouraging and it is now felt that "Blueprint" has become established as an interesting, informative and worthwhile publication.

"Blueprint" is published by a Board comprising Divisional and Headquarters representatives under the direction of its Editor, the Force Organisation and Planning Officer.

### NATIONAL CHAMPION POLICE DOG TRIALS

The sixteenth National Champion Police Dog Trials organised by this Force, were held at Blandford Camp from 23 to 25 April 1974. Twenty-nine teams representing eighteen Forces qualified for these Championships either by winning or being placed in eliminating competitions held in each of the Police Regions.

Left to right:

Overall winner and Best Obedience Dog - Constable M Phillips, Hertfordshire Constabulary, with Quirk of Aycliffe;

Best Searching Dog - Constable J Coulson, Nottinghamshire Constabulary, with Notspol Sam;

Best Criminal Work Dog - Constable D Heal, Derbyshire Constabulary, with Digger of Bleaklow;

Best Tracking Dog - Sergeant A Scrimgeour, City of Glasgow Police, with Moyna.



The Force newspaper "Blueprint" replaced the Force Magazine which had been published approximately three times per annum since 1968. Over the years the Magazine had provided an excellent platform for the views and news of personnel but with the advent of the newly structured Force it was decided to produce a monthly newspaper which, while retaining many of the features previously found in the Magazine, would in addition carry current news about the Force and its members.

The First edition coincided with the inauguration of the Dorset Police on 1 April and during the year seven editions have been published.

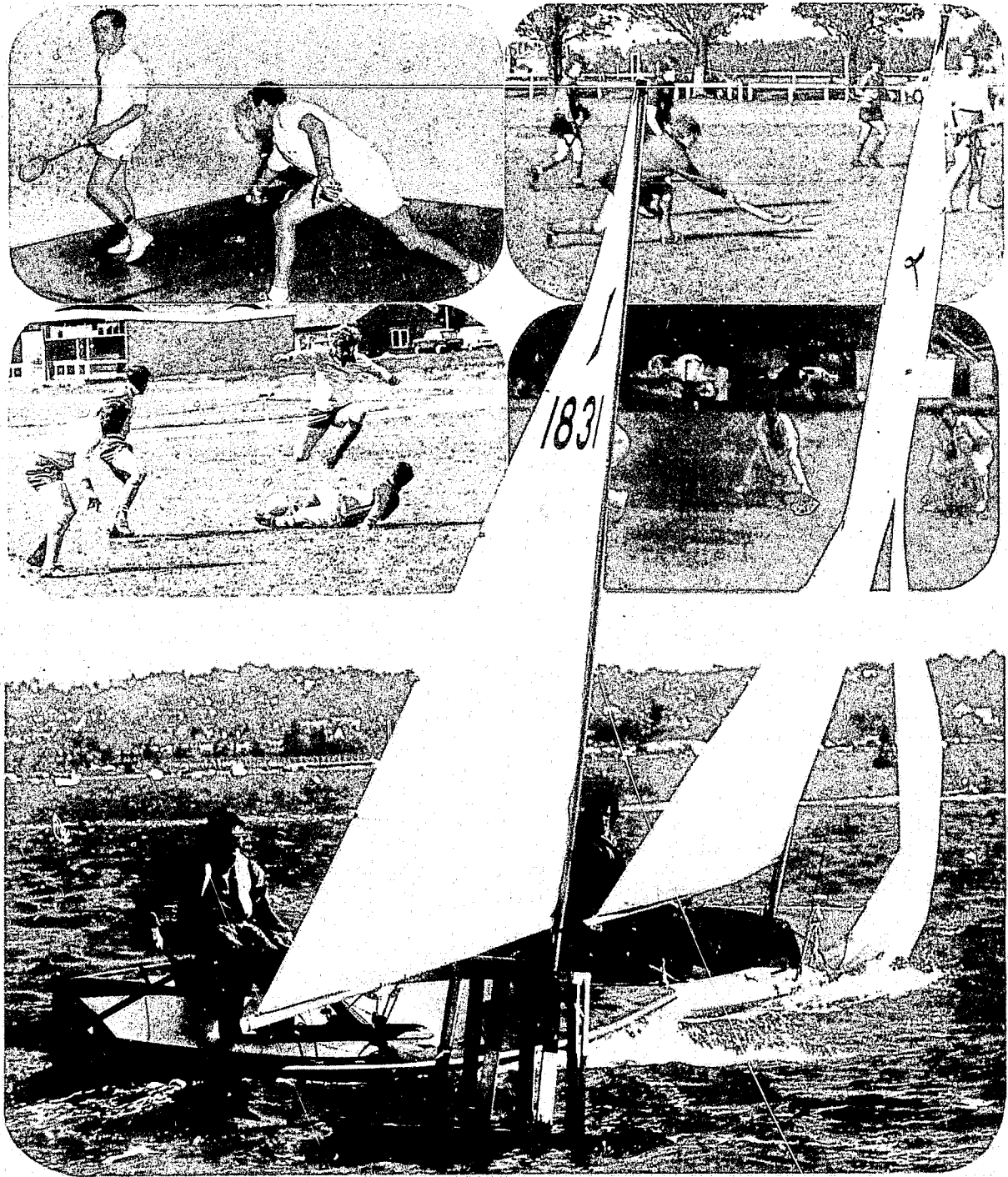
During the year a Crime Prevention poster campaign was organised by the paper and the winning poster is shown on the rear cover of this report.

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# WELFARE

## Force Welfare Officer

The Civilian Force Welfare Officer took up his appointment on 10 June 1974.

The duties of the post remain unaltered and include the welfare of serving personnel and civilian staff as well as all police pensioners resident in the County. As Dorset is popular for retirement it follows that there are a large number of pensioners from other Forces living in the County who also have the services of the Welfare Officer. The welfare function has increased over the years and the previous reluctance of individuals to come forward with their problems has largely disappeared. There has been a marginal increase in matrimonial, domestic and financial cases during the year thus indicating that members of the police service are not immune from today's social problems.

## Benevolent and Gurney Funds

Despite the prevailing economic climate the income of the Dorset Police Benevolent Fund has again increased with the result that additional investment has been possible. In common with many similar Funds, however, invested capital had been showing a considerable decrease in value but following a re-appraisal of some investments in consultation with the Fund's Trustees the situation has now improved with the prospects of capital gain when the Stock Market is more favourable.

There was an increase in deaths of pensioners resulting in a larger number of widows becoming beneficiaries. At the end of the year there were 99 widows, 1 widowed mother and 10 children receiving monthly grants from the Fund.

Many generous donations, as well as one legacy of £100, were received during the year. This assists considerably in maintaining the Fund

in a healthy state and also enables commitments and obligations to be met from income.

## Charity Events

A very successful Charity Dinner Dance was held at Bournemouth on 6 December 1974 which resulted in £902 being raised and distributed to charitable organisations. A number of now well-established Police Balls were once again held throughout the Force area to the advantage of many local organisations and charities who received donations from the proceeds.

## International Police Association

Both Branches of the Association continue to flourish and the many social functions organised included visits to Branches in Amsterdam and Koblenz (W. Germany). In addition, members have hosted several IPA members from the United Kingdom and overseas.

## National Association of Retired Police Officers

The Dorset and Bournemouth Branches held regular meetings which were well attended during the year. The future merger of the two Branches reached a further stage when the Liaison Committee was established to co-ordinate the work of the two Branches with a view to possible eventual amalgamation.

## Convalescent Home

The Convalescent Police Seaside Home at Hove relies largely on regular voluntary contributions from forces in England and Wales. Accordingly, such contributions continue to be made by members of the Force and in addition donations were made from various functions arranged during the year. The Joint Branch Board of the Police Federation is responsible for the collection and payment of the fixed monthly contributions.

One serving member of the Force spent two weeks recuperation at the Home.

## SPORT

Members of the Force have continued active participation in a number of sports at national, regional and local levels.

### Squash

The increased popularity of this sport throughout the country was reflected in the Force competition where a record number of 38 entries were received. In the Regional Competition held at Devizes on 11 February, WPC K Mack won the women's singles title.

### Cross Country and Athletics

There was a large entry for the Regional Cross Country Championships at Bristol on 20 February where the individual event was again won by Sergeant C Fry. Later in the year at Yeovil he also won the 1500 metres title at the Regional Athletics Championships.

WPC K Mack again excelled when she won the Women's 100 metres sprint title at the Regional Athletic Championships.

### Badminton

W. Chief Inspector J Todd and W. Sergeant A Gracie were successful in winning the Regional Doubles Tournament at Devizes on 29 January.

### Swimming

WPC K Mack once again brought great credit to the Force by retaining her 100 metres freestyle title at the Police National Swimming Championships at Cardiff for the third consecutive year in record time, completing the distance in 70.2 seconds, 3.12 seconds faster than the time she set in 1972.

WPC E Roper was placed fourth in the same event and together with WPC Mack, W/Sgt A Gracie and WPC S Needham combined to win

the new Women's 4 x 50 metres freestyle event at the Championships. Sgt T Morgan finished third in the veterans' 50 metres freestyle event.



WPC K Mack

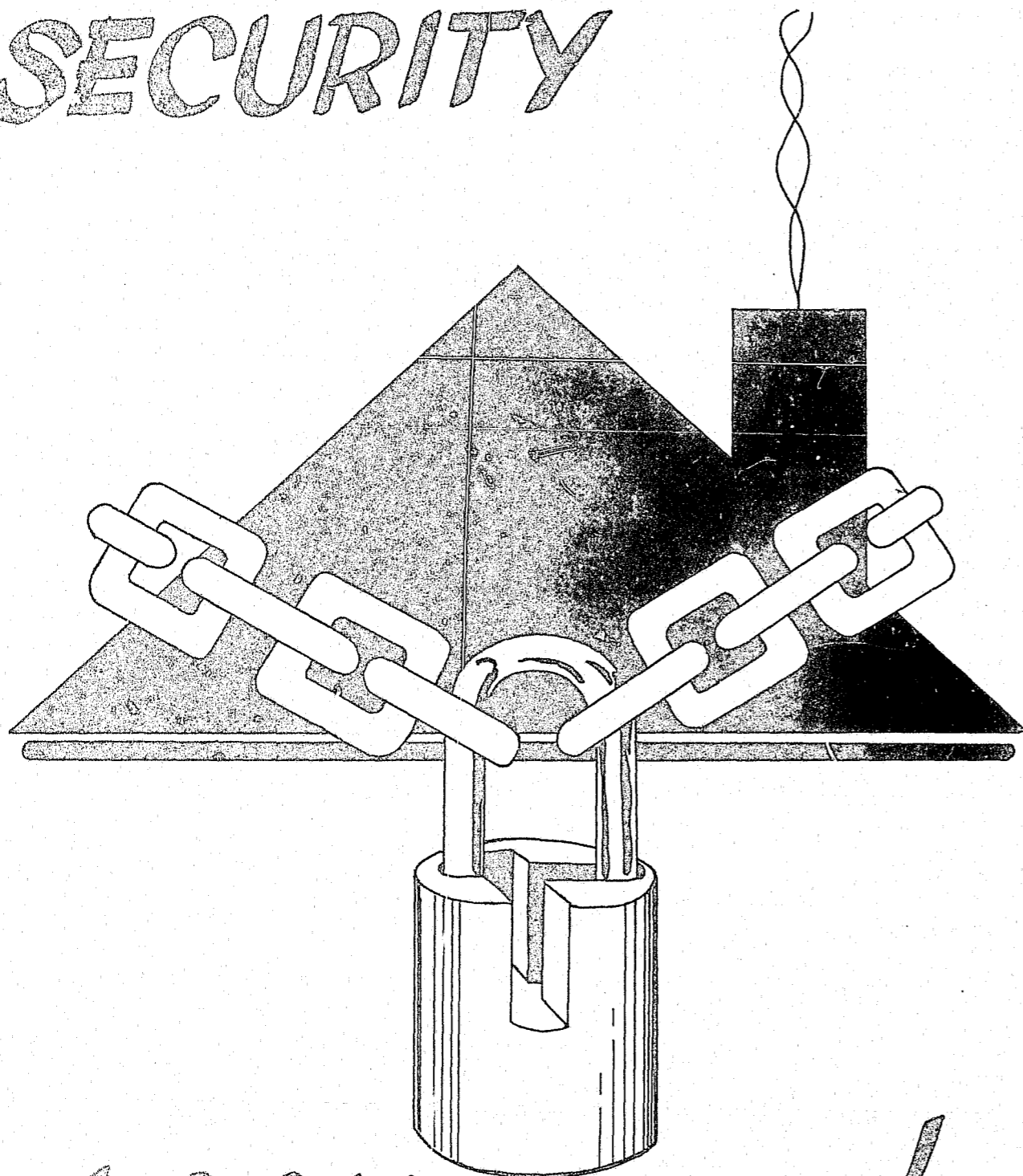
### Sailing Regatta

The first Regatta to be organised by the Force was held at Poole on 18 September. The weather was superb and twenty-one entries from several Forces were received, the overall winner being Sergeant C Lewis of the Hampshire Constabulary. The event was a great success and as a result it is hoped to stage a two-day Regatta in the future.

### Bowls

Following her success in 1973, when she won the English National Women's Singles Championships, Miss Eileen King (Typing Bureau Supervisor, Bournemouth) was chosen to represent England in the British Isles Bowls Championships and International at Llandrindod Wells in June.

# HOME SECURITY



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