



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Major drugs bust across North Wales & Merseyside

TWENTY people have been arrested in Bangor, Caernarfon and Anglesey in a major drugs bust involving over 200 police in North Wales and Merseyside on Wednesday.

The operation, which is still under way, followed concerns by the public about drug dealing in North Wales. By 9am officers had executed 20 warrants at different properties following a briefing in Bangor this morning. The searches at some of the properties are still continuing at this time.

North Wales Police, supported by officers in Merseyside Police, also conducted warrants in the Merseyside area which resulted in the arrest of one man.

The 20 people arrested will be taken and questioned at St Asaph custody unit. The four women and 16 men have all been arrested on suspicion of offences involving the supply of Class A controlled drugs - heroin and cocaine.

Superintendent Mark Jones said: *"Today's operation, which has involved over 200 staff in North Wales and Merseyside, is the culmination of a dedicated operation conducted over several months into the unlawful supply of drugs."*

"The operation was initiated in response to local community concerns regarding drug dealing in their area. We believe, by today's impactive operation, we have responded positively to those concerns."

"The search and arrest phase has been followed by a community reassurance operation that is still under way. Over 40 members of the Neighbourhood Community Policing teams are deployed to the local areas affected by the warrants, to provide information on today's activities to the local residents."

"The teams will be responsible for providing reassurance to the local communities that positive action will be taken regarding their concerns."

The PPP comments ... Now that is what we call community policing and crime prevention. All across North Wales local people tell us that they see drug dealing openly carried out in their communities. The CBM's can easily access this information and protect the vulnerable members of these communities from the horrors of drug addiction. We congratulate Super. Mark Jones and his teams....keep up the good work. Members of the public must keep their CBMs informed about such activities.