Operations Update

I am proud to say that, since March 2020, we have to date not dropped one single hour of CCTV Monitoring at all. Quite a feat considering the various variants and sudden spreads! Back in March 20, I locked down the Control Room and instilled military like rules on cleanliness and sanitising, a one way control room system and distanced seating amongst other things. I like to think that although at the time seen as far too much, its what has allowed us to totally buck the trend with staffing and keep the service fully operational (when you think we only have 10 operators covering 24/7/365) and our staff safe.

That said, we have now started to take small visits to the control room on a pre booked basis should any members or operational staff of our council partners wish to attend and see the control room, how it operates, what we can see and the equipment we have to keep our areas safe. If interested, please let me know how many and when and we will make the necessary arrangements. We don't allow visits on a Friday or Saturday evening or any evening between 1730 and 1930.

Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for a new CCTV Operator! It doesn't happen often but the job has come up so if you happen to know anyone who would like a new challenge and has a genuine passion for keeping the borough safe, please do send them the link below.

https://jobs.cheshireeast.gov.uk/vacancy/cctv-operator-470802.html

Small Selection of Incidents

Of the 1655 incidents recorded in Macc this quarter, I have pulled a couple out just to illustrate some of the work done by the Control Room.

Police take reports serious concerns for a person somewhere in Macclesfield. CCTV get a description and locate the individual. CCTV radio Police and guide them in, Police soon with person and taken home safe and well.

Business asks for assistance with a shoplifter. CCTV locate and trace the person to a car whilst radioing Police. Store get the stock off the person before they get into the car but CCTV notice as the offender opens the boot after that the boot is full of very expensive items. CCTV radio Police and monitor the car as it leaves the town. Police stop the vehicle and find the boot rammed with high price stolen goods. Person arrested.

CCTV obs person doing drugs in town (one of two one after the other), CCTV patch images to Police who make their way. Soon on scene and person arrested (both persons arrested as police returned for the second incident)

Obs come in for a wanted person wanted for a nasty incident. CCTV recognise the name from a previous incident so search the areas of town last seen a few weeks ago. CCTV locate the person and radio Police, Police soon on scene and the person is arrested for the job.

Fight spotted in town, CCTV monitor on multiple cameras whilst guiding Police in. Police soon on scene and persons arrested.







