



CUMBRIA POLICE AUTHORITY

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We Need You To Be Independent Custody Visitors!

Cumbria Police Authority is looking for people to join its Independent Custody Visiting Scheme.

The aim of the scheme is to recruit independent members of the community, who will then make unannounced visits to police stations in Cumbria with custody facilities, to check on the welfare of people in custody. Pairs of Independent Custody Visitors conduct all visits made. These visits are designed to enable the Police Authority to gain a clear insight from an independent standpoint into the running of custody facilities in the county.

Independent Custody Visitors are expected to maintain their impartiality at all times. They don't take sides, but look, listen and report on what they find.

Independent Custody Visitors are volunteers who receive no payment. Though their expenses are met. Intensive training is provided before the Visitors are allowed to make any visits.

Applications are welcome from all in the community; to be eligible applicants must be at least eighteen years of age and live or work in Cumbria. However, those affiliated to the police service, such as police officers, special constables, police staff and members of the Police Authority are ineligible from the Scheme. This is to ensure impartiality and maintain the integrity of the scheme.

To be appointed to the Scheme, which operates throughout the County, applicants must complete an application form and attend for a formal interview. The closing date for applications is Friday 10 June 2005. Anyone requiring further information or an application form should contact –

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