Police training in Wales

Following the recommendations of the Police Post-War Committee a Police training centre was opened on 24 February 1946 at Bryncesthin, three miles north of Bridgend in buildings originally built to house Bevin Boys working in local collieries.

The premises were required to house displaced persons from central Europe and from 1 April 1947 to 30 June 1974 Police recruits were trained in part of Glamorgan Constabulary's headquarters at Bridgend.

On 1 July 1974 Cwmbran — the first purpose built Police training centre in the United Kingdom — was occupied by luckier recruits with facilities and standards of comfort which, compared to that of their predecessors, can only be described as luxurious.

Cwmbran is the only "New Town" in Wales and is set in pleasant, undulating well wooded country five miles north of Newport. One meaning of the Welsh name Cwmbran is the Valley of the Raven, but another school claims that Bran, a Welsh prince mentioned in folklore, lived in the area.

The site of 39 acres has 23 acres built on to date to provide primarily resident recruit training for the Welsh Police Forces. Up to 162 male and female trainees can be accommodated in three hostel blocks with ample room for expansion.