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SOUTH WEST POLICE HERITAGE TRUST ARCHIVE

Repository Devon Heritage Centre

Reference number **PA**

Description

Collection of various materials, records, etc. that were held and have now been deposited on behalf of the South West Police Heritage Trust which was based and kept in Okehampton Station.

The collection consists of material that was created and held by the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary and its antecedent forces in history.

The history of the police dates back to 1836 when 22 borough police forces were formed across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Each force had its own Chief Constable holding the rank of Superintendent (for larger constabularies) and Head Constable (for smaller ones.)




On 1st June 1967, after a series of major mergers that began in 1943, all of the peninsula's forces came together to form the Devon and Cornwall Police we know today. In 2017, the police force ran a series of celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary.

The governing body of these early constabularies was a Police Watch Committee; the equivalent of today's Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). Of these, three were "city forces;" Exeter (from its inception in 1836,) Truro (granted city status in 1877) and Plymouth (granted city status in 1928.) The borough police directly replaced the archaic system of elected **Parish** Constables that had existed in England and Wales since the **passing** of the Statute of Winchester in the year 1285.

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Location of records

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Cars and Roads, 1929-2013

Sub-series

...This sub-series contains road traffic records which relate to **cars** and the roads. This makes up the majority of the road traffic department collection. Records include administrative records...

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Road Traffic Department and **Cars, 1929-2013**

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Police **Cars on display at Police displays, C1998-C2000s**

File

...This is 2 colour photographs of Police **cars** on display at shows. The first is of a Ford police car branded with the Police and Norwich Union in partnership to prevent crime logo. It is at a crime...

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