

Pembrokeshire's New Headquarters

OFFICIAL OPENING BY

SIR CHARLES CUNNINGHAM

on 1st November, 1962

Speaking before performing the opening ceremony at Pembrokeshire's new £87,000 Police Headquarters at Haverfordwest on 1st November, Sir Charles Cunningham, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.V.O., Permanent Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, said that too much of the work of the Police still had to be done from premises which were hopelessly inadequate for Police requirements in the 1960's.

"I think we are beginning to make progress," he said, "and here, in these new buildings, there is a very striking illustration of what can be done."

The new buildings house the County Police Headquarters, the Divisional Headquarters and the Haverfordwest Sub-Divisional Station.

One hundred officers and men of the 180 strong Force were on parade and were inspected by Sir Charles.

In his speech, Sir Charles referred to the previous County Headquarters which were situated in Haverfordwest's twelfth-century Norman castle, and said that this building could no longer be regarded as suitable to meet the needs of a twentieth-century Police Force.

"There can be no doubt," he said, "that the new Headquarters will improve the existing high efficiency of the Force in Pembrokeshire."

Ald. R. S. Wade, Chairman of the Standing Joint Committee, said the new Headquarters linked up with the remainder of the thorough overhaul of the Force carried out during the last four years.

After prayers by the Archdeacon of St. Davids, the Ven. C. Gwynne Lewis, the guests inspected the new buildings. They included Mr. F. T. Tarry, C.B., C.B.E., M.M., H.M. Inspector of Constabulary; Mr. W. H. Cornish, C.B., Receiver of the Metropolitan Police; Capt. J. J. S. Yorke, High Sheriff of Pembrokeshire; members of the Standing Joint Committee and civic heads and officials from all parts of the county.

HOUSING

During the year there have been no major complaints regarding the building of Police houses and seven were completed during the year.

The procedure for requesting repairs etc. will remain as outlined in Standing Order A.20. Form 141 has been revised to include the contractor's name, who has been allocated the work, to enable the officer requesting the repairs to harry the contractor concerned.

CANTEEN AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS

Cooked meals are available between 11 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. each day at Headquarters. The facilities are available to all members who may be attending courses or otherwise visiting Headquarters or Haverfordwest, during the lunch period.

CLEANING ALLOWANCE—COUNTRY STATIONS

The Commissioners of Inland Revenue have ruled that the cleaning allowance payable to members of the Force is taxable.

Each officer who is in receipt of the allowance is entitled to claim relief from Income Tax in the form of an expense allowance to cover the cost of material purchased.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FORCE

The authorised establishment of the Police Women in the Force was increased by one Sergeant and three Constables as from the 5th November, 1962, and Civilian Mechanics from one to two.

Distribution is as follows:—

	"H.Q."	"A"	"B"	Total
Chief Constable	1	—	—	1
Superintendents	1	1	1	3
Ch. Inspector	—	1	—	1
Inspectors	2	2	2	6
Sergeants	4	13	10	27
Det. Sergeant	1	1	1	3
P.C.'s	20	59	43	122
D.C.'s	—	5	3	8
P.W. Sergeants	1	—	1	2
P.W.C.'s	—	6	4	10
Cadets	1	3	3	7
Sh/Typists	2	1	1	4
Civil Staff	5	4	2	10