Man held following shotgun incident

By Norman Williams

ARMED police surrounded a Bow Street house early on Tuesday, following a report that a man inside had a shotgun.

Armed officers were sent to the house, in the Cross Street area of the village, after police were alerted about 12.40am. The area was secured, in what police described as an "armed containment", by officers from Aberystwyth and Carmarthen headquarters.

Nobody else was in the house at the time of the incident, which ended at 3am when the occupant, a 35-year-old single man, was arrested and a shotgun seized.

Chief Inspector Brian Wiley said: "We secured the area, and monitored it closely before the man was arrested at an opportune moment. The incident was over by 3am, and nobody was injured. "No negotiations were necessary because of the short time involved, and no shots were fired."

The man, who has not been named by police, was later hospitalised under the Mental Health Act.

It is understood that the incident is not related in any way to the Cae'r Odyn estate.

A near-neighbour, who asked not to be named, witnessed the man being arrested.

He said: "I was awake at 2.45am by the commotion outside. The man was arrested about 20 yards from my house."

"I didn't really know what was going on. The first thing I heard was somebody shouting 'Lie down, lie down!' Then I saw the man lying on the floor."

An officer wearing body armour walked along the street, and then I saw there were armed officers at the scene.

The man on the ground was then handcuffed and put into a police car. There were two patrol cars in the area for the next couple of hours."

It is not the first time armed Aberystwyth police have been called into action in recent months.

In November, armed police responded to an incident in Penparcau, where a man was allegedly holding a woman at knife-point.

In March last year, a student "armed" with a Star Trek-style paint pellet gun sparked a major alert at the university campus. Armed police cordoned off the area after two schoolchildren said they were shot at from Aberyn Hall.

TWO DAYS after seeing her cousin Wales at the National Stadium, president, Mary Robinson, was pictured with three books by Aberystwyth vice-chancellor Derek Llwod Mo

Village contro

By Patrick O'Brien

ANGRY Bow Street residents fuming over a gang of children they claim are terrorising the village are being urged by police not to take the law into their own hands.

Housing association officials and police at a crisis meeting on Monday faced repeated pleas to clamp down on a small number of troublemakers—most said to be younger than 10—from the village's new Cae'r Odyn estate.

Villagers told of child victims being terrified, stoned and injured by the gang, of ears being damaged, old people constantly disturbed.

"It's about time they did something," said a resident.

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