Cameras hailed as valuable deterrent

CCTV system is a valuable deterrent to crime in the town centre, Inspector Huw Nicholas told Aberystwyth Town Council last week.

"CCTV has assisted in the arrest and conviction of offenders, or in other aspects of policing," he said. Inspector Nicholas had been guest speaker on the work and effectiveness of CCTV.

He said the meeting was an opportunity to discuss what people thought of the technology. There were a few concerns, but he was grateful to be invited to present on the work of police.

The meeting was attended by representatives from local businesses, and there was a huge amount of interest in the technology and how it works.

Inspector Nicholas pointed out that the camera system has helped to prevent a number of crimes, such as thefts and vandalism. It has also helped to identify suspects and provide evidence for court proceedings.

"CCTV has been a valuable asset to the town," he said. "It has helped to create a safer environment for everyone."

The meeting was also attended by members of the public who had concerns about the system. Some were concerned about privacy and the use of personal information captured by the cameras.

Inspector Nicholas assured them that privacy was a priority, and that information captured by the cameras was used only for the purpose of identifying and apprehending criminals. He also reassured them that the cameras were not used to monitor the activities of law-abiding citizens.

"We use CCTV only as a deterrent and to identify and apprehend criminals," he said. "We do not use it to monitor the activities of law-abiding citizens."

The meeting was a positive step towards greater understanding of the benefits and limitations of CCTV. Inspector Nicholas encouraged everyone to make use of the technology and to report any concerns they might have.