It’s as safe as houses here – official

AN 800 square mile area covered by the Cardigan Police sub-district is one of the safest places in Britain – and that’s official.

Figures released this week show that an area from Syneid Inn in the north to Nevern in the south and Fernader in the east has one of the lowest crime rates in the UK and the detection rate is twice the national average.

During 1995 there were 806 crimes reported in the area, of which 508 were detected.

All sex offences were detected and 80 per cent of all violent offences.

Two people in every 100 were victims of crime and less than three people in every 1,000 victims of violent crime.

Only 49 houses were burgled last year and this figure includes garages attached to houses.

Releasing the figures on Monday, officer in charge at Cardigan Police Station Insp Dai Thomas said that while drugs were a problem, hard drugs such as heroin, ecstasy and crack were not readily available.

"The fight against drugs is on-going and is disable- ed with a programme aimed at creating a culture whereby drug and sub- stance abuse is considered unacceptable," he said.

One disappointing statis- tic was a 33 per cent increase in drink/drive
dozen.