Crime falls 22 per cent

CRIME figures from the Office for National Statistics reveal a 22 per cent fall in offences recorded in Ceredigion for the 12 months ending June 2013.

The figures show 2,919 offences, excluding fraud, were recorded in Ceredigion during that period.

Chief Inspector Nicola Carter, based in Ceredigion, said: "This marks a 22 per cent fall on the previous year, with no increases in any crime category."

"The county has seen a significant reduction in violent crime, which is down 28 per cent, and we will continue to work with our partners to prevent and tackle crime.

"In addition, there has been a significant reduction in burglary of dwellings (37 per cent) and other burglaries (35 per cent).

"And there was a 35 per cent reduction in the number of reported incidents of antisocial behaviour.

"The Ceredigion Policing Team will continue to work with its partners to ensure that we deliver a service that gives reassurance, and puts everyone in our communities first."

Meanwhile, Dyfed Powys Police's Crime Commissioner has said that everyone should be able to trust the police.

"Speaking in the wake of the Plebgate row between the police and government, Christopher Salmon has said that the "silence" has raised questions about police integrity and he will be working with the Dyfed Powys Chief Constable Simon Smart to involve the public in scrutinising police complaint files and to make the complaints process more transparent.

"Mr Salmon said: "If anything good is to come from Plebgate, we must build a system that puts the public at its centre."

"It doesn't matter whether we are a minister in Downing Street or a shopper on the high street, we should all be able to trust our local police," he added."