

Police Visit

On the 2nd of February we went on a tour of the Chelmsford Police Station and Museum. We were supposed to meet there at 6 o'clock, however, both of the leaders were late but after a small amount of time Frazer turned up. Gary did not come as there was a little confusion with the timings. Rob has yet to say why.

We were lead round by a Police Officer called Graeme and one of his colleagues. Firstly, he showed us where the patrol cars were having their bodywork re-fitted to have the police colours and equipment. We then went over to the 'False Information Room' which used the same layout as Pizza Hut. This is used to collect all the '999' calls in the area that are for the police and then a detachment is dispatched to that place.

Then we went over to the actual Museum and were given a talk by Graeme about the history of the police force. We also got to look in an old-fashion style jail cell; the prisoner had been there for so long he had become a manikin. During our visit of the police museum we got to try on and use some riot gear and handcuffs. Pip managed to handcuff himself!

I thought that evening was good fun and I learnt lots about the police force. Had Gary of been there I am sure he would have found the evening valuable as well.

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