

# **POWYS CHALLENGE**

*Registered Charity No: 1091494      Company No: 4350164*

## ***WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO***

Powys Challenge works to reduce crime and the fear of crime so that Powys will become an even safer place. We do this by offering services to defendants, offenders and those at risk of offending and their families.

We recruit, train and support volunteers who are local people willing to give time to be with our clients, to motivate them to change and help them to reintegrate into society. Services include support to find housing, work or study and satisfying use of leisure. There is help with literacy and numeracy, debt counselling, transport in this very rural county and more.

We work in partnership with a variety of statutory and voluntary agencies. These include the National Probation service, Dyfed-Powys area, Powys Youth Offending Service and Powys Social Services. We are active in managing a referral service with the Youth Offending Service and provide Appropriate Adults to support youngsters being interviewed by the Police. We have links with Powys Drug and Alcohol Council, the Social Inclusion Unit of Powys County Council and have played our part in a multi-agency Anti-Bullying campaign delivered to all Powys secondary schools. We encourage unemployed clients to find work via the Government New Deal programme and others to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Our paid staff are the link people with other agencies, volunteers and clients. They match the volunteer to the client and support the volunteer throughout their work. This enables volunteers to listen, encourage and befriend and as part of our community to do something positive to prevent or deal with crime.

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