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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Inspector Andrew Whitton retires

In 1995 Inspector Andrew Whitton joined the Avon and Somerset Constabulary as a full time police officer. He was then seconded to Guernsey Police in 1998/1999, and decided to move to the island permanently in 2001. Now, 25 years after starting his full time career, Inspector Whitton is retiring.

Inspector Whitton demonstrated a commitment to the role early on, as, during his initial secondment, he received a Chief Officers Commendation after attending an arson attack where he took quick action to call the Fire Service and then evacuate the occupants of nearby flats.

A year after his permanent move to Guernsey, Inspector Whitton joined the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) as a Detective Constable and received a Chief Officers Commendation.

In 2003 he was promoted to Sergeant moving to uniform operations, dealing with community problem profiles. In 2005 then-Sergeant Whitton moved back into CID as Detective Sergeant running a department comprising of eight detectives and assisted with investigating two murder enquires and received two more Chief Officers Commendation.

Between then and 2013, when Inspector Whitton was promoted to Detective Inspector, he worked in the Commercial Fraud and External Affairs Department, qualified as an accredited Financial Investigator, and completed both a foundation degree in Police Studies and an undergraduate degree in Policing and Police Studies.

After the promotion he took charge of the Professional Standards Department, investigating complaints against the police, before moving on to becoming the Tactical Firearms Commander in 2015.

At the end September 2016 he took over responsibility for Neighbourhood Policing and for major incidents and qualified as a Senior Identification Manager (SIM) in relation to Disaster Victim Identification (DVI), making him the Operational Inspector responsible for the islands of Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, Herm, the Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Special Constabulary, Major Incidents, Senior Identification Manager and Tactical Firearms Commander.

Inspector Whitton said:

“My time with Guernsey Police has been long and enjoyable, and it has been a privilege to work alongside my colleagues as I have progressed through my career. While I am looking forward to retirement, I will miss the daily challenge having been a Special Constable and a regular officer for nearly 38 years, policing is in my blood.”

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