

Front Counter and Estates Organisational Reviews Final decisions

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Details highlighted in red show where a change from the recommendations has been made

	Decision
Chorley	Front Desk remains open. Base for police officers and staff.
Skelmersdale	Front Desk remains open. Base for police officers and staff.
Leyland	Front Desk remains open. Base for police officers and staff.
Ormskirk	Front Desk remains open (front desk had been earmarked for closure). Base for police officers and staff.
Bamber Bridge	Front Desk will close but will be kept as a base where police officers will work out of.
Tarleton	No front desk currently and will remain as a base for police officers and staff.
Coppull	No front desk currently and will remain as a base for police officers and staff.
Adlington	Police station to close and be sold.
Penwortham	Police station to close and be sold.
Burscough	Police station to close and be sold.
Wheelton Croston Eccleston Mawdesley Parbold Rufford Scarisbrick	Rural police bases which will be sold off.
Aughton	Police station to close unless external funding can be found to keep it open. Discussions are underway to find a solution to retaining a policing base in the village at no cost to the Constabulary.

- In **Southern Division**, we will continue to have Neighbourhood Policing Officers available at the following locations irrespective of whatever decisions are taken around front counters / estates;
 - Fairstead, Birch Green, Skelmersdale
 - Banksbarn, Digmaor, Skelmersdale
 - Hall Green Close, UpHolland
 - Coronation Park, Old Skelmersdale
 - Hooles Lane, Banks
 - Euxton Parish Community Centre
 - Asda, Clayton Green
 - Moss Side Community Centre
 - Worden Sports College
 - Chorley Hospital
 - Kingsfold Community Centre, Penwortham
 - Brickcroft Nature Reserve Visitor Centre

The Chief Superintendent responsible for Southern Division, Graham Coulston-Herrmann, welcomed the fact that Ormskirk front counter would now remain open and that discussions were underway to find a solution to keeping a base in Aughton.

He said: "We are fortunate in Southern Division that, despite the very difficult financial situation the force finds itself in, only one of our five front counters will close.

"As far as Ormskirk is concerned, there were strong views expressed from the public and elected representatives that this front counter shouldn't close and I am pleased that we have been able to retain it. Ormskirk is a busy market town with a thriving student population so it is important to have a public access point, albeit with reduced opening hours.

"Clearly there will be some disappointment associated with the closure of the Bamber Bridge front counter but it's important to remember that the station will still be operating as a base for police officers and staff, and therefore a visible policing presence will be maintained. This front counter is close to both Leyland and Preston which are both retaining front counters so there are alternative locations available to the public nearby."

In relation to the closure and sale of the police stations at Adlington, Penwortham and Burscough along with a number of other rural police bases, Chief Superintendent Coulston-Herrmann added: "I know people will be concerned about the closure of some of these premises but we are now looking at ways in which we can introduce around half a dozen alternative no-cost bases which will enable us to keep a strong neighbourhood policing presence throughout the Division and I am optimistic that we can achieve this."