

Access thumbs up for police station

THE new look for Chelmsford Police Station has been given the all clear by an access group.

Chelmsford Area Access Group has awarded Inspector Robert Warwick and his design team a certificate showing its appreciation of work carried out at the station in New Street.

At the building the stairs have been totally refurbished and now incorporate tactile and colour contrast aids for the visually impaired.

The ramped access ways into the station and reception area have been built to Best Practice standards to make access easier for not only wheelchair users, but also pushchairs. Chelmsford Council access officer Paul Houghton said: "Essex Police's achievements throughout the county are outstanding. They are setting an excellent standard as to how an inclusive environment can be achieved."

The Essex Access Forum of which the Chelmsford group is a part, has been working with Essex Police to promote social inclusion for all by providing easier access to police stations.



By design – Insp Robert Warwick, Essex Police building surveyor Geoff Fawell and Paul Houghton from the access group with, in the background, Margaret Higginbottom, Joan Roche and Colin Miles. 39309-1