



CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY



The CELTS who lived on Anglesey took their appearance very seriously. Their clothes and painted bodies showed their status and importance as well as frightening their enemies.

Roman historians said that Celtic soldiers had white spiky hair. They used lime like we use hair mousse today, and sometimes they tied their hair up in a ponytail. Around their necks they wore solid gold bands called TORCS.

The most famous soldiers wore fancy bronze helmets on their head to show how important they were. Often they had model birds, animals or horns on the helmets which made them even more special. They carried huge shields decorated with signs or patterns.

Shields were originally worn on the arm for protection against blows from the enemy weapons. They were first constructed of wood and later from metal. The shield was painted with various symbols to identify the bearer in battle.

We no longer need shields for protection but the tradition of identification by the patterns on a shield (or coat of arms) is still in place today. A coat of arms is a design belonging to a particular person (or group of people). Coats of arms still continue to be in use by organisations such as the Civil Nuclear Police Authority.

Can you name any other places where you might see a coat of arms or a badge?



There are many symbols on the above coat of arms of the Civil Nuclear Police Authority.

- the two black columns represent the core of a nuclear reactor
- the white discs representing the atoms that provide power
- on either side of the columns are two fences which represent the protection offered to the reactor by the Police Authority and its Constabulary
- the helmet also represents protection
- the Griffin has its own symbolism (see other work sheets) but is used here to represent the link between the Authority and the Constabulary as they both use it as part of their identity
- the cloth surrounding the helmet offers further protection and is slashed and curled as it continues to protect the coat of arms

Why don't you create your own shield? Represent things that are important to you or represent a job you would like to do when you are older. Think about how you would use symbols to express yourself and remember that it has to be easy to identify you even on the battlefield! Keep it simple but effective - Good luck!!