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Extent: 4 items (At the time of accession: 0.06 cubic metres)

Description of series: Four group photographs of officers from Isle of Man Constabulary (3 photos) and Lancashire Constabulary Detective Training (1 photo).

Administrative History: Policing on the Isle of Man can be traced back to 'petit constables' appointed in 1777 and placed under the control of the High Bailiffs under the High Bailiff's Act of 1777 titled 'An Act for the better Regulation of the interior police of the Island'. These constables operated in the four main towns of Castletown, Douglas, Ramsey and Peel. In 1833, a 'Douglas Police Committee' was established with the aim of trying to improve policing and establish an adequate police force for Douglas. This led to the Justices Act 1836 which provided the legal basis for the establishment of a larger police force. In 1841, the Douglas police occupied premises on Fort Street in the old courthouse, however this was considered unfit for purpose. In 1856, the Government purchased St. George's Hall on Athol Street (built in 1841/42 and originally belonging to the Independent Order of Oddfellows). By 1858, this was in use as the Douglas Courthouse and Police Station. In 1861, Lieutenant Governor Loch requested a full report on the Island's police forces under the control of the High Bailiffs, and in 1863 he wrote to the Secretary of State concerning reforms to policing on the Island. At this time, there were four police forces in the town districts of Douglas, Ramsey, Peel and Castletown, as well as some rural constables in other areas. In September 1863, all police forces on the Island were combined into one police force (the Isle of Man Constabulary) under the control of a Head Constable. In 1979, the Isle of Man Constabulary moved from Athol Street to a new purpose built headquarters on Glenrcrutchery Road, Douglas.

Custodial History: These items were sold by Chrystals Auctions, Allan Street, Douglas, Isle of Man Lot 220 on 4 February 2023. They were purchased by Angela Skitt, Public Records Officer, on behalf of the Isle of Man Public Record Office. Total price including buyer's premium fee, £12.40.

Arrangement of series: Arranged in one series in chronological order.

Access Status: Open

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Copyright: All items are pre-1992 artistic works and copyright expires 50 years after the date the photographs were made.

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Archivist Note: Catalogued by Angela Skitt, Public Records Officer, 24 August 2023.

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S141/1 Item	Group photograph: 'Lancashire Constabulary. Detective Training Court No. 25 - 12th January, 1953, to 28th March, 1953.'	Mounted (and framed at the time of accession), with names of those pictured in the caption below. Monochrome. The photograph includes one officer from the Isle of Man, P.C. Cook. Open	1 item	1953	Open
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S141/2 Item	Group photograph: 'Inspection of Isle of Man Constabulary at Government House Grounds by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. Sir Ronald Herbert Garvey'	Full caption is: 'Inspection of Isle of Man Constabulary at Government House Grounds by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. Sir Ronald Herbert Garvey, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., M.B.E, Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man, on 8th May, 1960.' Framed (at the time of accession) and mounted, with the names of those pictured in the caption below. Monochrome. Open	1 item	8 May 1960	Open
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S141/3 Item	Group photograph: 'Visit of His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor Sir Peter Hyla Gawne Stallard K.C.M.G., C.V.O., M.B.E. and Lady Stallard to Criminal Investigation Department, Police Headquarters, Douglas'.	Full caption is: 'Visit of His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor Sir Peter Hyla Gawne Stallard K.C.M.G., C.V.O., M.B.E. and Lady Stallard to Criminal Investigation Department, Police Headquarters, Douglas, on 18th November, 1968'. Framed (at the time of accession) and mounted, with names of those pictured in caption below. Colour. Open	1 item	18 Nov 1968	Open
Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S141/4 Item	Group photograph: 'Isle of Man Constabulary Inspection by Mr. C.C.Beaty-Pownall, Chief Constable, on 2nd January 1972, prior to his retirement'.	Mounted, with names of those pictured in caption below. Monochrome. Open	1 item	2 Jan 1972	Open



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