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Project:

Design, install and maintain

Client:

Monmouthshire County Council

Value:

£250,000

Overview:

Monmouthshire County Council felt that its existing CCTV system was outdated and no longer fit for purpose. The system comprised four isolated networks and control rooms, one for each of the county's four main towns: Abergavenny, Monmouth, Chepstow and Caldicot.

The council decided to centralise its CCTV control function so that each of the region's cameras could be monitored from a single location. However, the traditional analogue transmission presently employed made such networking cost-prohibitive, so the council turned to CDS' expertise to devise a solution which would achieve the desired integration in the most cost-effective way possible.

Project description:

CDS undertook a significant upgrading project for Monmouthshire County Council, introducing one of the first IP-based public access space CCTV security systems ever installed in the UK.

The integrated system incorporated the council's existing IT network, removing the need to pay BT transmission fees and so reducing overall cost. The system is monitored remotely from a neighbouring borough's control room, further keeping costs down and enabling the two boroughs to share information and resources.

CDS' solution, consisting of 24 fixed permanent cameras and number of re-deployable wireless cameras, allows for complete flexibility in line with the council's changing requirements and seasonal priorities across the four tourist destinations.

The system is regularly reviewed to assess performance and highlight gaps in coverage, in order to identify further upgrading requirements. CDS was awarded an eight year contract to provide ongoing service, maintenance and upgrading for the system.