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IRONBRIDGE POWER STATION GOES TO THE DOGS!

Uniper's Ironbridge power station site has found a temporary new lease of life – as a location for police dog training!

West Mercia Police Dog Training Unit has started using different parts of the site, which closed at the end of 2015, to put their dogs – and handlers - through their paces.

The dogs, each with their own handler, have 24-hour access to the site, giving them the chance to train in different lighting conditions and across a range of terrain from open grassland, industrial and office buildings, plant areas - and even a bridge.

"The site is currently in the final phase of decommissioning. It has recently been put on the market and is in the early stages of a sales process," explained Ian Lacey, Ironbridge's Closure Manager. "In the meantime, we offered the site as a location for dog training, which is a great way to support our local police force."

"We have been very fortunate to be permitted to train at the Ironbridge power station site by Uniper, where we are undertaking all aspects of training with our general purpose and search dogs," said Sergeant Simon Garrett from the Dogs Training Unit.

"Our teams from the Warwickshire/West Mercia Alliance Policing area will all train at the power station. Teams based in Shropshire will also routinely use the area for environmental training and the general exercising of police dogs on a 24/7 basis."

He added: "This is an excellent venue for us, which presents us with the opportunity to develop our dog teams in a structured manner in all aspects - but particularly that of building search and firearms support dog work. This partnership will hopefully open up further training opportunities in the future and will provide a visible police presence within the local area."

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