

# MP launches campaign to protect police jobs



**SHADOW** Home Secretary Yvette Cooper came to West Yorkshire Police's headquarters in Wakefield yesterday to launch Labour's campaign against proposed cuts to the force.

Ms Cooper, MP for Ponte-

fract and Castleford, was at the police's Laburnum Road building in Wakefield yesterday with her husband – and Shadow Chancellor and Morley & Outwood MP – Ed Balls and Wakefield MP Mary Cre-

agh to front the campaign to stop more than 500 officers being axed.

Earlier this month, the YEP reported that the plans could cut uniformed officers by almost nine per cent.

Another 1,000 civilian support jobs may be lost, with around 300 staff facing compulsory redundancy.

The force has an annual budget of £450m, but must slash £90m over four years.