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Find out more about PCSPs:

## On the road

As you'll know, PCSPs work with the community to make them safer in a variety of ways. From working with young people to educate them on the hidden dangers online to supporting older people who are worried about becoming a victim of crime. A main focus for PCSPs has always been educating people of all ages and from all backgrounds on road safety. Pedestrians, runners and drivers are all being targeted and not just new drivers, but future drivers and those who've been driving for years.

Here's a few of the projects your PCSPs have been delivering recently...

### 2fast2soon

Young drivers in Causeway Coast & Glens got involved in the 2fast2soon demonstration which spells out pretty starkly what happens when drivers end up in a collision.

Brought together by the PCSP, the PSNI and NIFRS they show what happens after in a collision - how fire fighters get stuck in to cut people out of a mangled car and how the PSNI react and respond. The young people also climbed into the PCSP's car crash simulator which is not an easy ride for anyone at all with the aim of encouraging better driving and a safer approach to getting behind the wheel.

PCSP Chairman, Alderman William King said: **"The crash simulator provides a reminder of the potential consequences which can result from poor decisions. The demonstrations are a powerful way to share the road safety message. All drivers should remember to slow down, never use a mobile phone behind the wheel, wear their seatbelt and never, ever drink and drive."**



Pictured at the PCSP 2fast2soon Road Safety Demonstration in Coleraine Town Centre are PSNI Roads Policing Officers Syd Henry and Stuart Crutchley, NIFRS personnel and PCSP Officer Michael McCafferty.



The death driving re-enactment depicts the devastating aftermath of a road death.

### No joy in joyriding

300 people watched another live mock up of a road traffic collision staged at Derry's Guildhall Square as Derry & Strabane PCSP funded young people from the Outer West Youth Forum who wanted to highlight the dangers of joyriding.

Event chair Tegan Doran said the group wanted to get out the clear message that there is no joy in joyriding.

Outer West Youth worker Adrian Óg Kelly said: **"There was a clear message today that it's not joyriding, its death riding. To see young people standing crying as a young person is placed in a coffin is the hard hitting truth of what can and will happen to young people involved in this activity."**

Derry & Strabane PCSP Chair Cllr Gus Hastings congratulated the young people from Forum for highlighting the "devastating consequences that joyriding can have on individuals, families and the wider community."

#### Front Cover Image

Adrian Óg Kelly, Maeve McLaughlin, Dermot O'Hara and members of Glen Development pictured at the death driving re-enactment in Derry's Guildhall Square with PCSP staff and members Cllr Hugh Hastings, Cllr Eric McGinley, Noel McCartney and Commander Kieran Doherty, NIFRS.

## On the road

### It Could be You

Road traffic collisions, particularly those resulting in death and injury, have been one of the main concerns continually identified in consultations by Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP.

To bring home the message to young people in the area, they helped deliver the 'It Could be You' Road Safety Roadshow to 800 students from schools across the district.

PCSP Chair Ald Michael Henderson said: **“Government agencies, local authorities, the police service and road engineers all have a role to play in providing training, education and raising awareness of the risks to people using our roads. The challenge facing us all is to reduce road traffic collisions and the risk of injury.”**



Students from Lisburn & Castlereagh schools look on at the Cool FM Road Safe Road Show.

#### Front Cover Image:

Pictured at All Children’s Integrated school in Newcastle are: Front row: School Principal Jon Beattie with P1 pupils Sophia and Lexi. Back row (l-r): Parents’ Committee Member Kathy Black, Cllr Willie Clarke, PCSP Member Audrey Byrne, Avril Connor from Translink, PCSP Officer Katrina Hynds and PSNI officers Constable Karen Thomas and Paul Glenn. Photo: Mourne Observer.

### Safer driving for older people

It’s not just young people who need to be educated. Even those driving for years can do with a few hints and reminders on how to keep themselves safe on the roads.

Newry Mourne & Down PCSP have hooked up with Road Safety NI and Newry Mourne and Down Road Safety Committee to deliver a safer driving programme for over 60s. The programme provides theory and practical training – you just don’t have to go through the trauma of a test again!

Catch up with Newry, Mourne and Down Road Safety Committee on [Facebook](#) for further updates.

The safer driving flyer.

#### Front Cover Image:

Checking up on the highway code are Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP Chair Cllr Brian Quinn with Rita and Patricia Bentley of Newry, Mourne and Down Road Safety Committee.

### Letting the kids call the shots

The kids of All Children’s Integrated Primary School in Newcastle have taken matters in their own hands to tackle the traffic and road safety problems outside their school with the help of Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP and local neighbourhood police. The school and its parents’ committee have worked with the PCSP to get a solution to the parking problems around their school. The pupils produced their own no parking posters which are up all round the school entrance to remind drivers to go easy.

## Getting a grip on rural crime

If you don't think rural crime is a big issue, think again. It can have a massive impact on those living in isolated areas, can really damage the finances of rural business and continues to threaten rural communities. The Rural Crime Partnership, made up of PCSPs, the DoJ, PSNI, Ulster Farmers' Union, Department of Agricultural, Environment and Rural Affairs, NFU Mutual and the Young Farmers' Clubs are working closely with Crimestoppers to ask you to speak up if you know anything about rural and agricultural crime. And if you do, there's something you can do about it.

### What is rural crime?

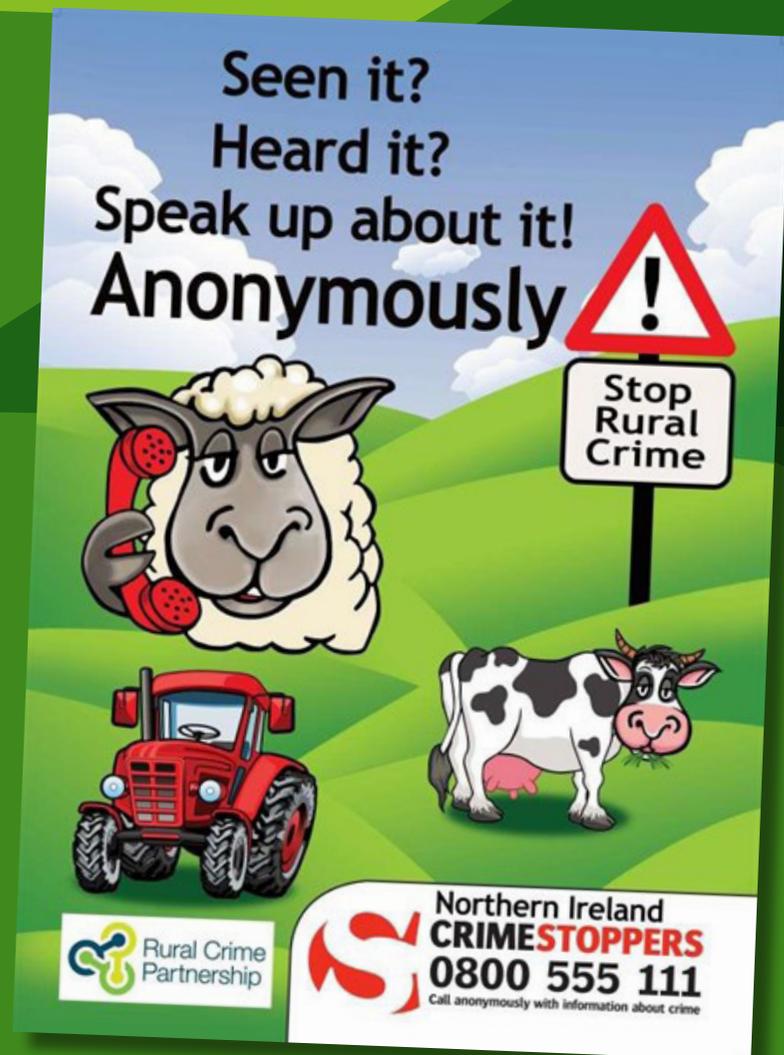
- All types of theft involving vehicles, machinery, equipment, metal, fuel and livestock;
- Break-ins to farms, homes and business premises;
- Crimes against livestock; and
- Illegal wastes sites and dumping.

### If you do notice anything suspicious...

- you can call the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency
- call Crimestoppers anonymously and for free on 0800 555 111 or
- give information anonymously online



Launching the Rural Crime Partnership campaign at Markethill Livestock Market are (l-r): Insp Leslie Badger, Supt Brian Kee, Danny Gray DAERA, Barclay Bell President of UFU and Sinead Simpson Department of Justice.



## Keeping a trail of your property

Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP have been working with the South Down PCSP Neighbourhood Policing team to deliver trailer marking events across some of the towns in the district. It goes along the same idea as bike marking – your trailer is registered, so if it's stolen and found, it can be identified. Just one more way to keep your property safe. Look out on Facebook for the next event.



Some of the Buddy Benches.

## Be my buddy

Derry & Strabane PCSP recently gave £9,000 to Leafair Men's Health Group to deliver a number of intergenerational and diversionary activities to address antisocial behaviour and the fear of crime in the area. The aim of the project is to engage 'at risk' young people and older people.

As part of the work on early prevention, the groups designed and presented 'Buddy Benches' to 9 local schools. The idea is that these colourful benches are available in the playground to give children some time out if anything or anyone is distressing them. It gives the staff the chance to see if any of the young people are upset and so they can talk to them about what is causing them stress. The benches are designed to be used as an early detection against abuse, bullying and all other causes of distress to young people in the Outer North area.

### Front Cover Image

Pictured with the buddy benches are Mayor Cllr Hilary McClintock, Sandra Holden PCSP Coordinator, Martin Connolly, PCSP Independent Member, Peter McDonald, Chair of Leafair Community Association with staff and pupils from the 9 local primary schools.



Pictured with the hate crime campaign message are (l-r): Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP Member Martin Busch and Ch/Insp Lorraine Dobson

## No one deserves hate crime

Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP have been working with the PSNI to challenge perceptions and prejudices resulting in hate crime. They ran a series of public forums and an awareness campaign to get to grips with hate crime, how they are reported and how they are dealt with by the police and the community.

Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP Chair Ald Michael Henderson said: **"Hate crime of any form is unacceptable and we want to continue to raise awareness and increase reporting. Everyone has a role to play in challenging attitudes of prejudice and hatred. Recent research highlights that under-reporting of hate crime is an issue and victims must feel confident in reporting incidents to the Police. I would encourage people to report such crimes and incidents whenever and wherever they occur."**

District Commander Supt Sean Wright said that police in Lisburn and Castlereagh City are committed to tackling race hate crime and treat any reported incident very seriously. He said: **"Local officers want to work with the entire community to help build confidence within minority ethnic groups to ensure that those who are the victims of crime speak to police."**

### Did you know ...?

If you have been the victim of hate crime, you can contact the police on 101 or online [here](#).



## From one bike...

Not all crime is big news but if you get your bike nicked, it can make a big dent in your finances and ruin your day. We've told you recently about the various bike marking schemes across Council areas which has now been rolled out in Ards & North Down by the PCSP and PSNI. Just under 50 bikes were branded and the details stored on a database so, a least if a bike does get stolen, there's a better chance of getting it back.

According to PCSP Chair Ald Ian Henry, no stranger to a bike as it happens as he used to be a former professional cyclist for Northern Ireland: **"With the lighter, longer evenings, there are naturally going to be more and more people opting to ride their bikes. It's more important than ever for us to ensure that cycle owners are educated and informed about how best to protect themselves from thieves. This initiative has been extremely successful in helping local people to take positive steps to protect their property."** And he knows what he's talking about!



Pictured at the bike marking are (l-r): Jane McCabe, Killinchy Cycling Club, Crime PSNI Prevention Officer Shireen Fisher, Mark Allen, Killinchy Cycling Club and Ards & North Down PCSP Chair Ald Ian Henry.

## ...to another

And they didn't stop there. Working with the local Road Safety Partnership, Ards & North Down PCSP delivered the nationwide training initiative Bikesafe to help keep motorcyclists safe on our roads.



Pictured are (l-r): Ards & North Down PCSP Chair Ald Ian Henry and Insp McClements with members of the Road Safety Partnership and local motorcyclists.



Derry & Strabane PCSP continue in their quest to get bikes marked in their Council area! Community Safety Wardens Matt and Gary, PCSP Officer Vanessa Russell and Michele from Sustrans celebrate yet more bikes joining the scheme at an event in Strabane.

## The writing's on the wall

**What do you do with a run down, graffiti filled wall where you live? Walk past it every day and try to avert your eyes or use it to celebrate the contribution of generations of women in the community?**

A graffiti hotspot in west Belfast has been transformed into a mural celebrating local women from the community. The mural, near the Footprints Women's Centre in Poleglass, was part of a young women's project which worked with the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership and Footprints Women's Centre.

West Belfast DPCSP have funded engagement with a variety of youth groups to concentrate on reducing antisocial behaviour and build respect within the community and the women's empowerment mural was the result of a number of workshops with a young women's project "Girls Utd" to acknowledge the contribution of their Grandmothers, Mothers and all who help build their community.

Before



After



## What's happening in your PCSP?

PCSPs hold a variety of meetings and events each month.

For details on what is coming up in your local PCSP [click here](#)

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