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## The sounds of summer...

There have been lots of summer events across the Council areas which the PCSPs have been hosting, supporting and taking part in. Some of these are designed to divert young people away from anti-social behaviour, some are to support communities to build relationships with the police and the aim of all is to help keep communities safer.

### Fun in the actual sun!

Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP members had their sunblock on and sunhats at the ready at the Model Farm Community Association fun day which they supported. The PCSP has done a lot of work with this community association which is a great way to show support on the ground.



Pictured at the Model Farm Community Association fun day are (l-r): Con Boyd and Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP Officer Dan McEvoy.

### Hey Mr DJ...

PCSPs are helping train our very own future Roger Sanchezes, Fatboy Slims and Calvin Harrises (delete according to age) by funding DJ courses over the summer.

Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP have invited Belfast based DJ Robbie to pass on lots of industry techniques for budding DJs in Newcastle's YMCA. Over in Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon, the PCSP is supporting the Sports & Beatz Zone in Portadown People's Park every Friday and Saturday night until the end of August. This is a great chance for teenagers to pick up some free sporting and DJing skills.



### BEAT the blues

Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP have teamed up with the Council and Executive Office to run the BEAT programme over the summer for young people over the age of 11. Available in community centres across the area, young people are able to get stuck into some active fun like climbing walls, street art and urban sports mixed with drug awareness learning, communications skills and good relations. This is running until 24th August so get in touch if you want to know more.

### On board and online

Mid & East Antrim brought the bruiser that is the GodModeX to Carrickfergus. It's not rocket science – you get on board the bus to play virtual reality video games to your heart's content. Or at least until it's someone else's go. There are a couple more dates for August (17th and 25th) so contact the PCSP for more detail about when you can jump on board.



Local teenager Danny McEvoy picks up some deck skills from DJ Robbie.

## When violence hits home

Being in an abusive relationship is isolating in itself; add to that geographical isolation and the problem is compounded. Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP together with the Western Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership (WHSCT) recently held a seminar to highlight and discuss the issues facing victims and agencies in rural areas. Barriers range from lack of transport links to poor communications networks to community ties and perceptions.

PCSP Chair Cllr John Coyle described the seminar as one in a series of initiatives that they are delivering in collaboration with the Western Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership to raise awareness of domestic and sexual violence across the district. He said: **“The PCSP is delighted with the response to the event and the ideas generated for future work. Coming from a rural area, I fully appreciate the complexities for victims accessing support and services when they are at their most vulnerable and look forward to the PCSP delivering future initiatives with the Partnership.”**

Chair of the Western Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership, Suzanne McMahon, said: **“Delivering services in an area of high rurality raises a number of challenges for all agencies. This event provides an opportunity for us to work through the challenges to explore the services currently available and to identify any particular gaps.”**



Pictured at the seminar are back row (l-r): Aubrey Shaw PSNI, Helena Bracken NEXUS, Orla Conway Omagh Women's Aid, Suzanne Mahon Chair of WHSCT, Caroline Slevin WHSCT, Cllr John Coyle PCSP Chair, Sarah Curran Men's Action Network. Front row (l-r): Mary McCann Fermanagh Women's Aid and Michelle Gildernew MP

## Putting the brakes on speeding

Mid & East Antrim PCSP have hooked up with local Moorfields Primary School to help put the brakes on speeding motorists by giving them the use of a PCSP funded sign for the last month of term.

According to Mid & East Antrim PCSP Chair Cllr Brian Collins, the aim is to **“help keep the children safe and protect road users by warning drivers to slow down. We have been working closely with the school over the past year and hope to get a permanent sign for this area.”**

Moorefields Primary School Principal Vi Dawson explained that the school has been experiencing speeding problems over the last number of years which has increased their concerns for the safety of children crossing the roads outside school.

She said: **“We've been working successfully with Mid & East Antrim PCSP for over a year now and have been able to create a plan for moving forward now thanks to the great work of the PCSP and PSNI.”**

PSNI Chief Inspector Stephen Humphries said: **“Anything that gets drivers to pay more attention to their speed has to be a good investment. People want to be able to feel safe in the place where they live and I would encourage anyone travelling through the village and further afield to pay more attention to their speed and other road users.”**

The PCSP has also provided funding to help staff deliver road safety advice, support road safety competitions, supply high-vis bibs as part of a Walking Bus initiative and delivered talks to parents and pupils.



The speeding sign in action outside Moorfields Primary School.

## Getting to grips with rural crime

Summer is the ideal time for PCSPs to get out to the various rural shows and fairs to share some tips about how to protect against rural crime. Here's a quick look at what they have been at...



Making a mark in Ballymena.

### Mark it at the Mart

Visitors to the Ballymena Mart in June were able to bring along their farm vehicles and equipment to get marked as part of a PSNI crime prevention initiative to crack down on rural crime and farm vehicle thefts.

PCSP Chair Brian Collins explained that, as agricultural equipment is normally extremely

hard to track down after it's been stolen, the free marking events across Mid & East Antrim will make it all the more difficult for thieves to get away with it.

Look out for more opportunities to get your equipment marked on Mid & East Antrim PCSP Facebook page.



Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP Manager Patricia Gibson, Insp Leslie Badger and PCSP Project Coordinator Noelle Garvey promote the Farm Watch scheme.

### Farm Watch hits the bullseye

The use of the Farm Watch Scheme is hitting the spot in Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon where agri crime statistics show a 23.5% decrease from the previous year.

200 farms signed up to the scheme organised by the PCSP and PSNI which aims to reduce the theft of livestock and machinery.

**“Farm Watch has proved to be a fantastic scheme and when you see these statistics it drives home just how important it is for our rural communities to come together and help each other,”** says PCSP Manager Patricia Gibson.

While welcoming the reduction in crime statistics, PSNI Insp Leslie Badger advised: **“Statistics only tell part of the story, they do not account for the severe impact theft can have on a farming business, family and community. There is no acceptable level of crime in the rural community or indeed elsewhere. And for PSNI, one victim is one too many. We are not complacent, we continue to seek ways in which to disrupt and detect criminals who target rural communities.”**

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## Getting to grips with rural crime cont...

### Showcasing in Castlewellan

One of the star attractions of the Castlewellan Show each year is the big police tractor.

Queues of kids (and the odd adult) were desperate to get a go on it and hear from the PSNI and PCSP about how to stay safe from rural crime.

Front cover: Local children have a go on the police tractor.



Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP Members Audrey Byrne (centre) and Fiona Stephens pictured with an Officer from the local Neighbourhood Policing team at the Castlewellan Show.

### On their bikes in Omagh

Members and Officers from Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP partnered with the PSNI at the Clogher Valley Show to provide Crime Prevention and Community Safety information.



## PCSP looks at challenges to deaf and hard of hearing

A quick tour of the police station and court house in Omagh recently illustrated some of the everyday access problems faced by those who are deaf and hard of hearing.

This issue was raised at a public meeting of Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP who then put together a plan to examine the obstructions facing those who are deaf or hard of hearing and the simple steps that can be taken to remove them. The kind of issues they found were an inability to use the intercom to access the PSNI station outside opening times and not being able to clearly see the interpreter during court proceedings

Holly Lane, Access and Inclusion Justice Officer at the British Deaf Association NI explained why: "This was an opportunity for deaf people to engage with the Police and the Policing and Community Safety Partnership to address the barriers for deaf people within the criminal justice system."

### Enhancing Access to the Criminal Justice System for the Deaf and Hard Of Hearing



PCSP Chair Cllr John Coyle PCSP said: "The PCSP is acutely aware of the barriers faced by the deaf and hard of hearing community in accessing the services of the PSNI and other agencies in the criminal justice system. We hope that initiatives such as this promote greater understanding of their needs through practical interventions."

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an indepth look at the work of our PCSPs

### Who is your Chair?

Cllr Aaron McIntyre

### What area is covered by the PCSP?

Lisburn & Castlereagh



Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP Chair Cllr Aaron McIntyre (r) and Vice Chair Philip Dean (l) launch their Project Support Programme which funds groups to roll out projects addressing issues such as anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse, burglaries, road safety, confidence in policing and fear of crime.

## Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP

### What are the current and emerging issues?

The current policing and community safety priorities within the Lisburn and Castlereagh area are domestic burglary, anti-social behaviour, road safety, domestic violence, drug and alcohol related violence, fear of crime and business and retail crime

### Who are your members?

Alderman Michael Henderson MBE	Philip Dean
Cllr John Palmer	Pauline Leeson
Cllr Luke Poots	Natasha Kirk
Cllr Andrew Ewing	Martin Busch
Cllr Tim Mitchell	Donna Hancock
Cllr Rhoda Walker	Yvonne Craig
Alderman Geraldine Rice MBE	Christine McCullough
Cllr Alexander Redpath	
Cllr Brian Harvey	
Cllr Scott Carson	

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## Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP

### Progression of delivery themes?

#### Issue: Domestic and Sexual Violence

**Action:** The PCSP has continued to financially support the post of a Domestic Violence Liaison Officer located at Lisburn PSNI Station. This has resulted in the increase in the uptake of support services available to victims.

#### Issue: Drugs and Alcohol

**Action:** Post Primary Schools Alcohol and Drug Awareness drama presentations across the district.

#### Issue: Fear of Crime

**Action:** Installation of True Call devices into the homes of elderly and vulnerable to help protect them against nuisance or scam telephone calls.

**Action:** Action Burglary 4 Tier Home Security Scheme has resulted in the installation of target hardening equipment in the homes of vulnerable persons and victims of crime.

**Action:** Promotion of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes which help people get more involved in helping to keep communities safer and to feel safer in their homes.



#### Issue: Road Safety

**Action:** Road Safe Roadshow aimed at year 13/14 pupils highlighted the need for safe and responsible driving by young and inexperienced drivers.

**Action:** Road Safety and speeding awareness campaign

### What are the priorities for the PCSP going forward?

Our priorities are:

- Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Burglary
- Anti-social behaviour
- Road Safety
- Drugs and Alcohol

### What projects are planned to deal with these?

**Kids Court Event** - Motorists caught speeding outside primary schools will be given the option of avoiding a fine by attending a special court to be judged by children from local schools

**Anti-social behaviour** - Lisburn Safe - a PCSP project which is designed to encourage communities to help identify and solve problems and will aim to tackle the majority of our priorities.

**Burglary** - to include 4 Tier Home Security Scheme, Farm Watch, Text Alert, SelectaDNA, True Call and NW schemes.

**Drugs and Alcohol** - Installation of drugs bins in appropriate locations throughout the council area.

**Domestic and Sexual Violence** - Funding of Domestic Violence Liaison Officer located in Lisburn PSNI Station.

## Meet an Independent PCSP member

### Philip Dean - Vice Chair Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP



Philip Dean is currently in his second term as Vice Chair of Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP. He is a project co-ordinator who feels that policing is too important to be left to the police and politicians alone. He has been involved with several community groups serving thousands of people across Lisburn which he feels has enabled him to build good working relationships with the police.

#### Challenges?

- Like many of the PCSPs, Philip rates anti-social behaviour as the top challenge for them to deal with, followed by the effect of budget cuts on the public and community sectors, and drugs and alcohol related violence.

#### How is the PCSP dealing with challenges?

- Recognising that with community involvement, targeted projects like Lisburn Safe can make a difference.

#### Achievements?

- Helping to deliver Lisburn Safe which is a great initiative which aims to encourage community safety volunteers to complement the work of the police in the area.
- We have also focused some of our projects on tackling domestic violence which is an important issue to Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP.

#### Personal highlights?

On a personal front being a vice chair on two occasions has been a significant highlight. The highlights for my partnership include funding a domestic violence officer, Lisburn Safe as a volunteer scheme and helping to build relationships between the community and local police.

#### What is the benefit of the PCSP locally?

- The PCSP provides community involvement in local policing. Without it, communities would suffer.

**Find out more on  
the work of Lisburn  
& Castlereagh PCSP**

## Keeping a watch

PCSPs across the country pledged their support to Neighbourhood Watch Schemes during the annual awareness week in June keeping people up to date on what they can do to help make sure their neighbourhood is safe. The aim of the scheme is offer people the chance to influence the safety of the area and help reduce anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.

Each PCSP area and each Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has its own particular challenges and it really benefits police that there are people on the ground, watching out for their neighbours and reporting issues to police to get them resolved.



Celebrating the success of Neighbourhood Watch in Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon are back row (l-r): Cathy Donnelly, PCSP Vice Chair, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators Melvyn Hamilton, Ally Gordon, Sam Payesnej and PCSP Officers Annette Blaney and Lynette Cooke. Front row (l-r) Con Conrad Heaney, PCSP Chair Máire Cairns and Con Pamela McElhinney.

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