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PCSP showcases Emergency Services

The Nathan Carter fans of Fermanagh & Omagh were in their element last month at the PCSP Emergency Services Day in Enniskillen. About 1,500 people turned up for demonstrations from the local agencies who really work hard to keep people safe across the mountains, lakes, towns and villages of the area – with the added attraction of the country singer.

Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP Chair Cllr John Coyle said the event was part of the PCSP's role to work with partner organisations to promote community safety.

It was all about action as the RNLI simulated a water rescue while the Coastguard buzzed overhead. The Fire and Rescue and Ambulance Services mocked up a traffic collision to demonstrate what they do when they get to the scene, how they deal with casualties and the impact it has on everyone involved. And, if that wasn't enough of a deterrent, the Car Crash Simulator was set up to give people a full on simulation of what it's like to be involved in a crash.

The police dogs, though, were the stars of the day, showing how well they are trained and how brilliantly they respond. PSNI Insp Paula Johnston stressed the importance of illustrating how the emergency services work together every day to deal with very challenging incidents.

The North West Mountain Rescue, Red Cross and St John's Ambulance were also there to talk about the vital – and sometimes overlooked - roles they play to support the Emergency Services.



Enjoying the event are (l-r): PCSP Members Neville Armstrong and Keith Elliot with PCSP Manager Carol Follis and Chair Cllr John Coyle.



This police dog is not letting go of his man



The lifeboat staff showing how they rescue people who get in trouble in the water.

FRONT COVER CAPTION:
Oliver, Libby and Chelsea are a mix of emotions in the Fire Engine.

Showcasing partnerships

There's no better way to get the message out about rural crime and business crime than the Balmoral Show so Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP - who have the show on their doorstep - got together with partners the PSNI, Policing Board, Department of Justice and Tracker NI to showcase what they're doing to tackle these areas of crime.

There was loads of engagement from the thousands who visited the stands over the 4 day period and lots of opportunity to get people to sign up to Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and Farm Watch, as well as getting their picture taken in the big police tractor.

TRACKER also showcased how they help recover over 58% of stolen plant and agricultural machinery within 24 hours of the theft being reported.



Policing Board staff share out the goodies.



The Rural Crime Partnership was on hand to give out information and safety advice.

FRONT COVER CAPTION:
Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly talking rural crime with Sgt Pete Cunningham at Balmoral Show.

Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing

Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP went along to a local 'Take 5 steps to wellbeing' event to support Mental Health Awareness Week in May to explain how people can get involved in volunteering in their local community.

They discussed how to play a part in the local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, and how to set one up from scratch outlining the support available and the benefits to the Neighbourhood.

To find out more about Neighbourhood Watch

[click here](#)



Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP officer (l) Amy Dunlop and Vice Chair Cllr Noreen McClelland (r) lend their support to mental health awareness.

RAPID way to get rid of drugs

We've reported on the use of RAPID bins across the Council areas and the role PCSPs have been playing in getting drugs off our streets.

Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP and the PSNI have been working closely with the Public Health Agency (PHA) and local South Eastern Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team (SEDACT) to identify and work with communities and businesses to get the RAPID drug disposal bin installed, and a fourth bin has been introduced in Glenavy.

Encouraging the community to make use of the new bin in Glenavy, PCSP Chair Cllr Aaron McIntyre said: "We are all aware of the dangers of illegal drugs and the effects that these have in communities but prescribed drugs can be equally dangerous in the wrong hands or if taken with other substances."

The PSNI District Commander Supt Sean Wright added: "The introduction of this drugs disposal bin should prove to be an effective way for drugs and harmful substances to be removed from the community. It will provide a channel for individuals, whether they are concerned parents, grandparents, siblings or family members to dispose of items which they believe have the potential to cause harm, completely anonymously."

For more information on existing RAPID bins and/or how to contact your local Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team (DACT)

[click here](#)



Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP Chair Cllr Aaron McIntyre with other elected members from LCCC, Glenavy Partnership, PSNI and ASCERT at the launch of the drugs disposal bin.

Meet an Independent PCSP member

Ashleen Schenning Vice Chair Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP



Limavady Volunteer Centre Manager/Community worker
Ashleen has been a long-serving member of Causeway Coast & Glens. During her involvement, she has served two terms as Vice Chair. Ashleen's day job has strong roots within the local community, delivering a variety of programmes to all ages. Her main motivation for joining the PCSP was to help make a difference to community safety.

Challenges?

- Raising confidence in policing right throughout the Borough.
- Getting interaction between PCSP members and the public to raise awareness of what the PCSP does and how well they are doing it.
- Grants allocation – smaller community and voluntary groups often need help with their applications that they're not getting.

How is the PCSP dealing with the challenges?

- More public meetings are planned for throughout the year.
- Getting members out with PSNI and being seen at local events and encourage people to ask what we are and what we do?
- Upskill groups with roadshow training on how to complete a successful grants application.

Achievements?

- Tackling anti-social behaviour with our statutory partners. A model used in Coleraine town centre has since been used in other areas across the Borough.
- Last Orders/Control-Alt-Delete: delivered to every post primary school in the CC&G area
- Too Fast Too Soon presentations to young people with NIFRS/PSNI/NIAS

Personal highlights?

As an independent member it has been a privilege to be appointed as vice chair by my colleagues. Highlights to date include:

- Helping the community and voluntary sector have access to the funding information.
- Helping establish an ASB forum here in Limavady.
- I was lucky enough to go to Garnerville for the PSNI attestation which was also quite special.

What is the benefit of PCSP locally?

PCSP is a fantastic link between the council, statutory bodies, the community and the PSNI. It has created a forum and network for partners to discuss and plan interventions for issues affecting our society. This platform allows members to help community address the issues affecting their local areas. As we know: "one hat does not fit all!"

Find out more on the work of CC&G PCSP



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an indepth look at the work of our PCSPs

Who is your Chair?

Cllr Tony McCaul

Who are your members?

Elected: Cllr William Blair, Cllr Brenda Chivers, Ald Sam Cole, Cllr George Duddy, Cllr Sandra Hunter, Ald William King, Cllr James McCorkell, Ald Tom McKeown, Cllr Tony McCaul and Cllr Margaret-Anne McKilop.

Independent: Leanne Abernethy, Jason Balmer, Sharon Burnett, Rory Donaghy, Ann McNickle, Antony McPeake, Stuart Plant, Ashleen Schenning and Caroline White.

7 Designated Statutory Bodies: Police Service of Northern Ireland, NI Fire and Rescue Service, Education Authority, Youth Justice Agency, NI Housing Executive, Western Health & Social Care Trust, Northern Health & Social Care Trust, Probation Board NI.

Causeway Coast & Glens

Area covered:



Current and emerging issues?

- Anti-social behaviour.
- Cyber Crime.
- Road Safety.
- Rural Crime.

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Causeway Coast & Glens

Key example of partnership work?

- We have delivered numerous youth and school initiatives. This year we have launched the Causeway Coast and Glens Support Hub – a partnership of agencies and professionals, working together to support, protect and make safe the most vulnerable members of society.



Progression of delivery themes?

Theme: Societal Abuse

Impacts achieved:

Cyber Safe: Advice to parents on how to protect their children, centred on online information platform and 20 Digital Resilience Champions.

Criminal Justice Support Worker: Since it began in 2017, this initiative to tackle domestic abuse has already supported 80 people – all women. 25% were supported through the court process. 17 referrals were also made for support for children. This project will continue to be assessed and adapted.

Theme: Early intervention

Impacts achieved: Temporary Speed Identification Devices: Mobile units which show drivers their speed and record data.

Theme: Anti-social behaviour

Impacts achieved: Reactive and proactive multiagency forums set up in areas of concern throughout the Borough.

Theme: Reducing opportunities for crime

Impacts achieved: Rural Crime: CC&G PCSP has commissioned a rural community safety research project to consult with hundreds of people across the area. It will report with recommendations for next year and these will shape the precise nature of activities.

Theme: Drug and alcohol related crime

Impacts achieved: A regional campaign has been used locally to encourage reporting of drug related activity.

Theme: Fear of Crime

Impacts achieved: Alive and Well: A series of events for the elderly and vulnerable including presentations from police and the distribution of personal safety equipment and advice.

Safe Home Coast: Security advice and equipment via referrals and home visits.

Neighbourhood Watch: Local schemes, facilitated meetings and newsletters.

Don't get scammed, get Scamwise

Most of us have experienced some sort of scam or attempted scam. Scammers seem to be constantly inventing new ways to commit crimes which makes it so important to keep up to date with different types of scams and how to avoid being a victim of them. There are plenty of ways to get scammed but thankfully, there are plenty of ways to get Scamwise too.

Mid & East Antrim PCSP teamed up with the local Agewell Partnership to set up call blocking devices to prevent older people from becoming targets of phone scams.

The TrueCall devices work by completely blocking all recorded messages, silent calls and calls from unknown numbers.

Mid & East Antrim PCSP Chair, Cllr Brian Collins, said: "This new scheme is offering support to local people against nuisance calls and protecting those who are most at risk. It will also lead to better intelligence on scamming activities, help to identify scammers and scams and ensure that people don't become a repeat victim. We often hear of stories where people are tricked out of thousands of pounds by scam callers and the PCSP is supporting MEAAP to clamp down on these activities once and for all."

Jean Haveron Chairperson of MEAAP added: "We know that these call blockers can make a real difference to people's lives and give those in vulnerable situations and their families a greater sense of protection and security."



Launching the Truecall devices are (l-r): PCSP Vice Chair Mary Watson, MEAAP Lead Volunteer PJ White and MEAAP Chair Jean Haveron

Keep up to date with ScamwiseNI

If you're on Facebook, get onto the ScamwiseNI page and find out what sort of things they are doing. It's also a great way to keep up to date with our ScamwiseNI partners who give support and advice on staying safe from scammers.

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If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam

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Bee safe

There's not a month goes by when we don't keep you up to date with the latest schools to benefit from the Bee Safe initiative. This incredibly popular programme helps young people learn about all sorts of safety and uses role play and real life scenarios to inform young people how to stay safe and make right decisions.

A couple of months ago, Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP brought the programme to 1600 P7 students across 48 schools and they all got the chance to enter a quiz to win a laptop. So, last month, the PCSP stuck to their word and went out to the winning pupils to deliver the prizes.

Well done to all the students who took part and who can keep on learning with their new laptops.



One of the winning pupils from Fairview PS Tom McBurney gets his new laptop from PCSP Member Kathy Wolff.



All aboard the Walking Bus!

Children are often encouraged to walk or cycle to school which is great for them and for the environment – but do they always feel safe?

Mid & East Antrim PCSP have come up with a brilliant initiative that lets kids walk to school in safe and supervised groups. Each walking bus has an adult 'driver' at the front and an adult 'conductor' at the rear, picking up children and letting them off at designated stops.

Mid & East Antrim Mayor, Cllr Paul Reid explained that: **“For children who do not want, or who are not ready, to walk to school unaccompanied, there are a number of alternatives. The children walk to school in a group along a set route picking up additional 'passengers' at specific 'bus stops' along the way. The bus runs in all weather conditions and everyone wears a reflective jacket supplied by MEA PCSP.”**

The scheme was launched at Fourtowns Primary School in Ahoghill and will be delivered across Mid & East Antrim over the next few months in partnership with PSNI Road Policing officers, who will deliver a road safety awareness talk to the children and kit them out with reflective vests.

This is a great road and community safety project which we can see taking off across the PCSPs.

Keeping safe on the water's edge

New state-of-the-art lifesaving equipment has been installed along the banks of the River Foyle and River Mourne in a project delivered by Derry & Strabane PCSP and a group of local agencies.

Responding to public safety concerns the group, which includes Foyle Search & Rescue, City Centre Initiative and local fundraiser Niall Doran, has replaced the old lifebelt housings with new equipment.

There are now 35 lifeboats placed along the river banks which have been used 37 times to help save lives in the area.

Alderman Drew Thompson, Chair of Derry and Strabane PCSP said: "The enhancement of river safety is important for everyone and we will continue to explore ways to make our rivers safer places for all its users. I would congratulate all the partners involved in bringing this project to completion."



Pictured with one of the new lifebelts are (l-r): Niall Doran (City Centre Initiative), Sandra Holden (Derry & Strabane PCSP) and Stephen Twells (Foyle Search & Rescue).

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