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The Policing & Community Safety Partnerships Newsletter

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## YOUR SERVICE, YOUR SAY

### What do you think are the most important priorities for policing in your area?

The PSNI and Northern Ireland Policing Board are looking for your views to help shape the future of policing.

Their joint consultation is part of the Local Policing Review 2018 and will explore how police can best meet public need and demands and deliver the most effective local policing across Northern Ireland.

It is important that local communities have their say on what their policing priorities are and this is your chance to shape how things are delivered in the future.

Chief Constable George Hamilton said: “Over the past 10 years crime has reduced however the complexity and type of work faced by local policing has changed.

In addition to these changing demands, we have a reducing police budget and fewer police officers. We now have to consider how we can future-proof our service so that we can continue to deliver for our local communities.

**“We cannot do this alone. Now, more than ever, we need to focus on building partnerships – working together with our public sector, voluntary and community colleagues and, most importantly, work with every individual member of our society.”**

Chair of the Northern Ireland Policing Board, Anne Connolly added: **“It is important that the public have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion on the future delivery of their policing service and better understand the types of issues that the PSNI is facing in deciding where and how resources are used.”**

We are asking for your response to three key questions and you will have the opportunity to share your views and ideas at local meetings in your area.”

**Front Cover Caption:**  
Chief Constable George Hamilton and Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly launch the local policing consultation which runs until 9th November.



### How can you get involved?

#### Get online...

You can **#BeTheBoss** and take charge of what you think the priorities for policing should be on an online simulator. This gives you the chance to make decisions on how resources are allocated and give you a flavour of the complexities and challenges of policing.

[click here](#)

to have a go at the simulator and give your responses to three quick questions.



### Come and have your say...

PCSPs will also host public consultation meetings at various locations throughout Northern Ireland where you can hear about policing in your area and give your opinion.

If you are interested in contributing your views on how your area is best policed, come along to one of the consultation meetings.

[click here](#) to find the details

[click here](#) for more information on the consultation

## Building Better Futures Together

Derry & Strabane PCSP have partnered with Cathedral Youth Club to support their poster competition 'Building Brighter Futures together'. The project encourages young people and their parents living in the Fountain Estate to participate in a programme of events that will enhance their community and help build a better future. Elements of the project include road safety for children, drug and alcohol awareness, suicide prevention, reducing anti-social behaviour, litter picking, graffiti removal, development of shared allotments and the provision of flower baskets/window boxes for residents.



Some of those who attended the launch of Cathedral Youth Club poster competition 'Building Brighter Futures Together' (from l-r) are: PCSP Coordinator Sandra Holden, PCSP Manager Dermot Harrigan, PCSP Chair Ald Mary Hamilton, Mayor Cllr John Boyle, Gary Middleton MLA, Eddie Doherty of the NIHE, Jim Roddy from City Centre Initiative and Jeanette Warke of the Cathedral Youth Club. Also featured are children and parents from the Fountain Estate.

## Sharing the learning

A Jamaican police oversight delegation which visited Northern Ireland during the summer travelled to Derry to get an insight into how Derry & Strabane PCSP work in partnership with the police and other agencies to help deliver safer communities. The PCSP detailed some of their most successful initiatives, how they originated and the impact they have had on policing and community safety in the area.

PSNI officers discussed the challenges they deal with in the district and how they work in partnership with a range of other agencies.



Delegates of the Jamaican police oversight visit pictured with (back l-r) Policing Board Partnership Director Adrian McNamee and PCSP administrator Ciara Bond, (middle row) PCSP Manager Dermot Harrigan and (front row) Ald Mary Hamilton and Mayor of Derry Cllr John Boyle



PCSP Member Marjorie Hawkins is pictured with Mid & East Antrim Community Safety Wardens (l-r): Billy Hamilton, Ballymena Town Centre, Tommy Crawford, Carrick & Larne and Peter Fleck, Ballymena.

## Keeping Communities Safe

The Community Safety Wardens' project in Mid & East Antrim PCSP continues to provide a great community resource to help tackle anti-social behaviour and provide a reassuring presence both in the community and business sector. Importantly, the Wardens' support means that police officers can put their focus on dealing with crimes within the community.

## Road Safety Reality Check

Antrim & Newtownabbey held a recent event designed to educate all road users; pedestrians, cyclists and drivers - on a range of road safety issues.

A shocking mock crash scenario showed the realities of how the PSNI, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and Ambulance Services respond to a real life collision. Young drivers also got the chance to take control of a car crash simulator to get a feel of the devastating consequences of driving irresponsibly and ending up in a car crash.

PCSP Chair Cllr Noreen McClelland said: "Road safety was identified, for the first time, as one of the top 3 issues of concern in Antrim & Newtownabbey through public consultation. It is important the PCSP addresses these emerging issues, and the Road Safety Event was an excellent way to educate all road users - from pedestrians to motorcyclists - on road safety."



Pictured at the Road Safety event are Cllr. Michael Maguire ANBC, Matthew Maguire and Steven Maguire.



PCSP Officer Vanessa Russell provides oil tank locks to Andy Patton, a member of Sion Mills Community Forum and Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

## Locking Down on Crime

Derry & Strabane PCSP's Safer Homes Scheme has meant that 1,250 homes in the area have been able to get free home security equipment over the past two years. The Scheme provides a range of security for around the home and most recently, delivered oil tank locks to Sion Mills Community Forum to distribute to residents in the community.

With the change in weather, plenty of people will be stocking up on heating oil so it's useful to make sure that this expensive purchase is kept under lock and key.



Pictured is Gail McKay Women's Aid, speaking about the importance of working in partnership to protect people from abuse.

## Tackling Domestic and Sexual Violence

Mid & East Antrim PCSP put the focus firmly on domestic and sexual abuse at its most recent public meeting, highlighting the support available to protect families across the district.

Speaking about the importance of the meeting, PCSP Chair Cllr Paul Sinclair said: **"Domestic and sexual violence is everybody's business and a 'whole of society' approach is required to stop it. MEA PCSP is proud to help tackle these issues that are rarely talked about in society and hope that if we even help one person from this meeting, it will have made a difference."**

Key speakers from Women's Aid, Onus Safe Place and Nexus NI highlighted the importance of working in partnership to protect individuals and their families who are experiencing this kind of abuse.

Speaking at the meeting Supt Darrin Jones said: **"The PSNI responds to a call relating to domestic or sexual violence every 18 minutes. However, despite this progress, it is still under reported. The PCSP will continue to make people aware of the support available in the hope we can help make a difference."**

If you need to speak to someone or get more information you can contact a free 24 hour helpline on 0800 802 1414.

### Front Cover Caption:

Pictured at MEA public meeting are (L to R) Wendy Carson PCSP Manager, Ashleigh Perry PCSP Vice Chair, Colette Stewart ONUS, PCSP Chair Cllr Sinclair, Gail McKay Women's Aid, Helena Bracken Nexus NI, Jackie Patton MEA Council and Supt Darrin Jones.



Getting on board the GodModeX.

## Gaming Bus Putting the Brakes on ASB

Mid & East Antrim PCSP in partnership with PSNI have finished their summer GodmodeX tour of Carrickfergus. The video gaming bus ground to a halt for another year after a fun filled, action packed summer of gaming and engagement with young people in the area. The campaign was designed to help beat the boredom over the summer months and encourage young people to get off the streets and away from getting involved in anti-social behaviour. The Mid & East Antrim Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group said it was a real success. This was backed up by the PSNI who say that anti-social behaviour has reduced in Carrickfergus over the summer period and attributed this to a collaborative approach from PSNI, PCSP, Bytes Detached Youth Workers and community youth initiatives such as GodmodeX.



Pictured at a presentation on the success of summer GodmodeX tour are (L-R) Breige Mullaghan NIHE, Nigel Montgomery Education Authority, Mike Scott, GodmodeX, Insp Trevor Atkinson PSNI, Tommy Crawford Community Safety Warden for Carrick & Larne, Charlene Cowan Bytes Detached youth work project.

## Meet an Independent PCSP member

**Louise Green** Vice Chair Ards & North Down PCSP



Louise Green has been a member of Ards & North Down PCSP for almost six years. She is a community development project worker who wanted to become more involved in how decisions are made about community safety and get more experience of policing. She has worked on a number of community projects with various associations and has also volunteered across the district, so feels she had the skills and expertise to make a real contribution to the PCSP.

### Challenges?

From a personal perspective, initially I found it a challenge understanding all the different terminology and reading and digesting the reports.

I think one of the key challenges is to encourage more engagement from the community on policing in the area particularly from younger voices. Another challenge is raising the profile and awareness of the PCSP, the work they do and issues they face.

### Achievements?

We have set up groups to look closer at specific areas of concern within the community.

We have also simplified policing reports which can sometimes be quite difficult to understand, so we've streamlined how the process works.

### Personal highlights?

On a personal level, the opportunity to become a Vice Chair and also being part of a PCSP that is seeing a reduction in crime across the district. Specific campaigns that were highlights include the "Think before you buy" campaign and the Rapid Bin project, which helped remove prescription and illegal drugs from the community.

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

The PCSP allows local community members to be involved in policing the community. Also all funds allocated to the PCSP go directly into the community.

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

We are being more proactive in communicating what we are doing on social media and across other channels. We are also visiting more schools to raise awareness of the PCSP and to encourage more young people to get involved.

**Find out more  
on the work of  
Ards & North  
Down PCSP**

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an indepth look at the work of our PCSPs

### Who is your Chair?

Cllr Scott Wilson

## Ards & North Down PCSP

### What area is covered by the PCSP?

Ards and North Down

### What are the current and emerging issues?

The key issues for Ards & North Down are cyber-crime, anti-social behaviour, the need to improve confidence in policing and road safety

### Who are your members?

#### Councillors

(Professor) John Barry  
Alistair Cathcart  
Stephen Cooper  
Trevor Cummings  
Nigel Edmund  
Ian Henry  
Wesley Irvine  
Peter Martin  
Jimmy Menagh  
Scott Wilson (Chair)

#### Independent Members

Kay Barrie  
Alison Blayney  
Irene Boyd  
Louise Green  
Sandra Henderson  
Louise Little  
Paula McQuade  
Albert Spratt



Ards & North Down PCSP Officer Joanne Brown working in partnership with the PSNI to help tackle rural crime at the Greyabbey Traction Engine Show.

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### What delivery themes have been progressed?

**Issue:** Improve community safety

**Action:** Weekend and special event street patrols and the volunteer street warden schemes have helped deliver a 4.4% reduction in anti-social behaviour.

**Action:** Development of "Think before you buy" anti-drugs campaign

**Action:** Fear of crime workshops to over 500 people learning about scams and practical security

**Action:** Road safety roadshow to over 600 school pupils and regular deployment of speed indicator devices.

**Issue:** To support community confidence in policing

**Action:** We have delivered 5 projects to increase engagement between PSNI and the community. We have had fishing events, Airtastic days and Pizza with the Peelers in our 5 cared for children's homes to build up trust with this vulnerable group of young people.

The PCSP also provides support for 35 Neighbourhood Watch coordinators and we have set up a text alert scheme for those who may feel unsafe in their homes.

### Ards & North Down PCSP



Community Safety Officers Leah Beattie and Hilary Beggs who work in Ards & North Down to help reduce crime in the area.

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

Anti-social behaviour is the top concern as well as community and police engagement, road safety and tackling the effects of drugs and alcohol misuse. We are also focused on reducing crime in general.

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

#### Drugs and alcohol

- A range of counselling projects to help tackle drugs and alcohol abuse.
- The introduction of RAPID drugs bins to help remove prescription and illegal drugs from the community.

#### Reduction in Crime

- Secure scheme delivery and rural crime equipment marking scheme. Support of domestic violence partnership and increased street warden patrols.

#### Road safety

- Roll out of roadshow to over 600 school pupils and regular deployment of speed indicator devices.

#### Community and police engagement

- Support of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and local committees working with police to ensure engagement

## Farm Safety Workshop

There's no doubt that farming can be a dangerous occupation, the Farm Safety Partnership report there are over 100 injuries happening on farms each month.

Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP recently delivered a Farm Safety Workshop with the Camowen Farmers Group for a large number of farmers from across the area.

PCSP Chair Cllr Alan Rainey MBE explained: “**Farming continues to be one of the most dangerous occupations locally and it's estimated that as many as 100 non-fatal injuries are occurring every month in Northern Ireland. The sad thing is however that all these accidents are preventable. The PCSP is keen to encourage initiatives which will help to make farms safer for farm families and for farm workers.**”



Pictured at the workshop are (L to R) PCSP Chair Cllr Alan Rainey MBE and James Gillen from DAERA's Greenmount College.

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