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Con David Smith, Armagh Neighbourhood Team and PCSP Manager Alison Clenaghan promoting the rural crime prevention initiative.

## Preventing Rural Crime

**Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP has been promoting rural crime prevention across the area. As part of a pilot funded by the Department of Justice the PCSP has been distributing 200 Forensic Property Marking Kits.**

If you live in the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area and have a farm or rural business some kits are still available by contacting the PCSP on 028 3752 9646 or by Email: [pcsp@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk](mailto:pcsp@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk).

## Funding for small projects

Derry & Strabane PCSP recently agreed to allocate over £220,000 to local projects from across the city and district. A total of 28 projects will receive funding under the small project support scheme with a further six projects securing support under the engagement scheme.

Speaking about the awards Cllr Eric McGinley, outgoing Chair of the PCSP said: **“These awards are excellent news for our community partners who work tirelessly to deliver safer communities for all our residents. I am delighted that our PCSP has been able to contribute significant financial support to local groups and partnerships that will deliver local solutions to local issues.**

**Awards have been made to groups working right across the council district to tackle anti-social/community behaviour, reduce fear of crime, tackle domestic and sexual violence, increase youth engagement and support the delivery of drugs and alcohol initiatives. The level of support that has been allocated by the PCSP this year underlines our commitment to working with all our partners to deliver safer, shared and more confident communities for all.”**

## Hate Crime is Wrong

The PSNI has launched the first of a series of hate crime videos to help encourage both victims and members of the public to report incidents of hate crime.

The key message is ‘Hate crime in all its form is wrong. To help stop it, report it.’ There are a number of ways you can help. Ring 101 and select option 2, report online via PSNI or True Vision or through the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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to report a hate crime.

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to watch the video on hate crime.

## Neighbourhood Watch to the fore

### Board Chair commends NW Co-ordinators

**Board Chair Anne Connolly recently met with local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators from across Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area at a recent meeting in Coleraine organised by the PCSP.**

Speaking at the event, Mrs Connolly highlighted the role of Neighbourhood Watch in helping keep communities safe. She emphasised the importance of a partnership approach between PSNI, local communities and PCSP to ensure that problems are highlighted and resolved appropriately.

PCSP Chair Ald William King said: **“The PCSP recognises the disconnect between fear of crime and levels of crime and encourages the development of further Neighbourhood Watch schemes across the council area, particularly for the benefit of older and vulnerable residents”.**

Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP has established quarterly Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator network meetings which provide a meaningful engagement opportunity with the PCSP, PSNI and other relevant agencies. These are proving invaluable in respect of information sharing and networking. This is supplemented by the provision of a quarterly Neighbourhood Watch newsletter which the PCSP produces and disseminates to 6,000 households across the current 54 Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

For more information contact the PCSP at [pcsp@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk](mailto:pcsp@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk)



**Pictured at the meeting are: front row (l-r) Supt John Magill, Board Chair Anne Connolly and Ald William King, PCSP Chair with Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators from across the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.**



**Pictured at the launch are (l-r) Pamela McClelland, Ray Harkness; Insp. Scott Fallis Omagh PSNI, June Chensee; and Neville Armstrong, Vice-Chair PCSP.**

### DVD Resource for NW Schemes

**A new training DVD to raise awareness of community safety and crime prevention among Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the Fermanagh and Omagh district has been launched.**

The interactive DVD, funded by Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP and the PSNI, presents four scenarios showing how residents may fall victim to the opportunistic thief and the simple steps that can be taken to stop crime in its tracks.

The DVD training tool, which was directed by Insp Scott Fallis, will be used by Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP at Neighbourhood Watch information and training events to demonstrate the need for vigilance at all times. It also highlights the role of Neighbourhood Watch in sharing crime prevention tips and advice to people living within the local community.

In the Fermanagh and Omagh district there are currently 73 active Neighbourhood Watch Schemes with another 12 schemes in the process of being established.

For further information on the DVD training resource please contact David McFall, Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP Manager on 0300 303 1777 or email [pcsp@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:pcsp@fermanaghomagh.com)



Pictured at the event are: (l-r) Aisling Gillespie PCSP Project Co-ordinator, Sylvia McRoberts PCSP Member, Patricia Gibson PCSP Manager, Cathy Donnelly PCSP Member, Stephanie Rock PCSP Project Co-ordinator, Thomas Larkham PCSP Member and Sherene Reynolds SDACT Connections service key worker.

## Focusing on drugs, alcohol and mental health

An event focusing on drugs, alcohol, mental health and wellbeing took place recently to enable service providers across the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon area to get together and share vital information to ultimately improve access to services.

Organised by Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP in partnership with the Southern Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team (SDACT) Connections Service, the event aimed to promote understanding and working arrangements across all organisations.

Over 25 organisations attended and delivered short presentations giving an overview of their service and how to refer/ signpost people to them, as well as developing partnerships and new working agreements. Participants also had the opportunity to attend a range of workshops focusing on relaxation, fun and self-care.

Cllr Julie Flaherty, PCSP Chair said: **“This was a great afternoon of partnership working and learning how all of these organisations can work better together to ultimately help those who need their support. It is important that these networking events are held regularly to ensure all organisations are up to date with the knowledge required to collectively provide the best service they possibly can to those in need.”**

Another event will be held later this year. For more information please contact Aisling Gillespie, PCSP Project Coordinator on 028 3831 2491.

[click here](#)

**for more information on the DACT Connection Service.**

## Summer Intervention Programme

Newry Mourne & Down PCSP was at Saul Gaelic Athletics Club recently to roll out their Summer Intervention Programme with support from the local PSNI. Eight local Community Groups are participating in the programme throughout the summer which gives young people, aged 12 to 16, the opportunity to have fun playing bubble football while also learning about issues such as the dangers of drugs/alcohol use and anti-social behaviour.

The initiative will continue to run throughout August every Friday night from 7pm-9pm.



Young people engaging with the PSNI during the Programme

**FRONT COVER CAPTION:**  
Sgt Suzanne Cochrane and Katrina Hynds, PCSP Officer with some of the young people who participated in bubble football.

## Ministerial visit for Derry & Strabane PCSP

Derry & Strabane PCSP recently met with Justice Minister, Claire Sugden MLA to discuss the delivery of projects funded under the Assets Recovery Community Scheme (ARCS).

£29,830 was secured by the PCSP from ARCS with awards made to the Playhouse to deliver a Safe Talk Film and to Men's Action Network to deliver their 'Breaking the Cycle' Initiative.

Representatives from both projects met with the Minister to discuss the development and delivery of their projects. PCSP statutory partners from Health, Education, Police and Probation Board also attended the engagement.

Welcoming the visit Cllr Gus Hastings, PCSP Chair said: **"I am delighted that the Justice Minister, Claire Sugden took time from her busy schedule to meet with the PCSP and its delivery partners. Both the Playhouse and Men's Action Network advised the Minister on the delivery of their initiatives and the positive impact these programmes will have in reducing offending and diverting young adults from the criminal justice system. Our PCSP partners also spoke about the excellent collaborative work being delivered in the district.**

**The Minister was fully engaged and supportive of the work of the PCSP and its partners and welcomed the delivery of the two initiatives supported through her Department. I was pleased with the open and frank discussion with the Minister in relation to policing and community safety issues and look forward to future engagements."**



Justice Minister Claire Sugden MLA meeting with project managers for initiatives supported under ARCS. Pictured at the meeting are: (l-r) Geraldine Conway, Men's Action Network; Stephen Quigley, Education Authority NI; John O'Kane, Probation Board NI; Sarah Curran, Men's Action Network; Elaine Forde, The Playhouse; Justice Minister, Claire Sugden; Cllr Gus Hastings Derry & Strabane PCSP Chair; Sgt Neville Martin, PSNI; Dermot Harrigan, Derry & Strabane PCSP Manager and Max Beer, The Playhouse.

### FRONT COVER CAPTION:

Pictured at the meeting to discuss initiatives supported under ARCS are: (l-r) Sarah Curran, Project Manager Breaking the Cycle Initiative, Men's Action Network; Cllr Gus Hastings Derry & Strabane PCSP Chair; Justice Minister, Claire Sugden MLA; and Elaine Forde, Project Manager for the Street Talk Initiative, The Playhouse

## West Belfast DPCSP Supporting the community



Young members of Suffolk Youth Club had a great day engaging with local Police units and the NIFRS.

## Community Fun Day

West Belfast DPCSP recently supported a Community Safety Fun Day for local residents from the Suffolk area. The PSNI West Belfast and Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service brought along a number of their vehicles for everyone to see and were on hand to answer community safety questions from residents. A number of fun activities were also on offer for all ages. A big thank you also goes out to the PSNI's Dog Handling Unit for their amazing demonstration.

### FRONT COVER CAPTION:

Committee Members from Suffolk Youth Club join Local Neighbourhood officers at their premises for their Community Safety Fun Day.

## 'Circle of Hope'

West Belfast DPCSP supported the Colin Domestic Violence Forum who recently held their annual 'Circle of Hope' event to raise awareness of Domestic Violence. The event was attended by West Belfast MLA Jennifer McCann, also a Board Member who awarded a number of local groups and businesses with their Silver Safe Place award for standing up to Domestic Violence.

Are you a victim of domestic abuse? Make this the last time you suffer in silence. Call the 24hr Domestic and Sexual Abuse Violence Helpline on 0808 802 1414 or call the Police on 101. In an emergency always call 999.

[click here](#)

for more information.



Participants at the 'Circle of Hope' event.

## School Watch



Pupils from St. Brendan's PS pictured with (l-r) Con Julie Lyons, Brownlow NPT, Annette Blaney, PCSP Officer and Con Gary McKeown, Brownlow NPT.

St Brendan's Primary School in Craigavon has recently enrolled into the School Watch Scheme, supported by Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP and the local police. This Scheme closely resembles that of Neighbourhood Watch, which is considered to be a most successful crime prevention partnership between local communities, the PSNI and PCSP. It is based on the principle of local communities keeping a watchful eye on their local school with a view to reducing crime in and around school premises. As with Neighbourhood Watch, signs are placed in prominent areas around the school to highlight the fact that local residents are keeping watch and looking out for their local school.



**FRONT COVER CAPTION:**  
 Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP recently set up Park Watch in Lurgan Park. The scheme is very similar to Neighbourhood Watch with the PCSP and the PSNI working together with park users and local residents to protect the park from vandalism and antisocial behaviour. Pictured at the launch are: (l-r) Leanne McShane, Lurgan Park Development Officer, Joyce Simpson, Sally Hayes and Harold McAdam, Park Watch Assistants and Annette Blaney, PCSP Officer.

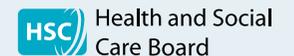
## What's happening in your PCSP?

PCSPs hold a variety of meetings and events each month. For details on what is coming up in your local PCSP [click here](#)

PCSPs are funded and supported by the Policing Board and Department of Justice.



PCSPs work with a number of designated partners.



## Summer fire safety advice

The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) has some good advice on how to be fire safe over the summer. Whether you're planning a BBQ, going camping, heading out on the water or enjoying the countryside, NIFRS has lots of practical safety advice to help keep you safe.

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for more information.

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