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No Boozing On Board

Mid Ulster PCSP is currently working in partnership with coach operators, local vintners and the PSNI to deliver a range of initiatives to improve the safety of people out socialising.

To get started, they are targeting the practice of drinking on the 50 plus buses that travel each night to nightclubs in the Cookstown area.

'No Boozing On Board' aims to educate about the dangers of drinking on buses. Police officers will carry out checks on buses coming into the town and give advice about the implications of drinking on buses. Bus drivers have also agreed to drop off and pick up their clients at the doors of the clubs to avoid disrupting residents who have experienced anti social behaviour when the clubs have closed. Chair of the Mid Ulster PCSP Cllr Frances Burton said the aim of the campaign is to help make Mid Ulster safer for everyone at night time. She said: "We particularly welcome the fact that this is a partnership approach between coach operators, PSNI and local vintners, all working together to keep young people safe."

The PSNI's Inspector Daniel Walsh said the campaign is designed to educate young people about the dangers of drinking and how it can affect their safety when out socialising. He said: **"We wish to keep our young people safe and do not want them to arrive at the venue in a state where they may be turned away or indeed require medical attention either prior to or after the event."**

FRONT COVER IMAGE

Pictured at launch of Mid Ulster PCSP 'No Boozing on Board' Campaign are (I-r): Michael Quinn, Quinn Coach Hire, Con Lee Newell, Con Alastair McGarrity, Brendan McCusker, Manager of Time Bar and Venue, PCSP Vice Chair Ciarán McElhone, PCSP Chair Cllr Frances Burton and Sgt JP McCartan.



Big Bubble Football

Killyleagh Youth Club was one of the venues for Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP's Friday Night Diversionary Programme where the big bubble footballs were brought out. This gave the young people who normally go to the Youth Club but don't normally hang out with police officers the chance to get to know them better and build some trust and respect.

Two of the PCSP members came along to show their expertise with the footballs and chat about some of the issues the young people are dealing with.



Councillors Terry Andrews (r) and Billy Walker (2nd I) try out the bubble football at Killyleagh Youth Club. Also pictured with some of the young people from the area are Brian Osborne Killyleagh Youth Club (3rd I) Con Andrea Whiteman (left) and Con Gemma McGrogan (right)





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On your RADAR

Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP began its second schools programme with RADAR this month. Over the next few months, about 1,500 primary school children from across the Council area will visit the centre to take part in a series of interactive workshops on drugs and alcohol, cyber safety, youth justice, road safety, personal safety and anti-social behaviour.

During the last school year, PCSPs have arranged dozens of visits for local schools who have been really enthusiastic about what their students can learn at the centre. Here are some of their reactions:



Pupils from Dominican College Portstewart at the RADAR centre.

"We really enjoyed the experience of the RADAR centre. The facilitators were excellent. The resource book is brilliant and we are using it to follow up on all aspects of safety"

"A fantastic day out – the children thoroughly enjoyed each of the workshops as it felt like "real life" having actual bus/bank/house etc. for the children to move about in and carry out the tasks." "Thank you sincerely for this wonderful opportunity to work in partnership to promote safeguarding and personal welfare. We thought it was of significant importance to our children."

"An excellent day with excellent facilitators and real life experiences for the children... lots of great fun and super learning."



"The adults learned

so much about safety

as well as the pupils.

The beer google experience

was very interesting,

one pupil ordered them

online to allow her mother to experience the feeling!"

To find out how you can contact RADAR

Thieves beware

Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP has been responding to an increase in burglaries in the area by arranging training in advanced property marking techniques. Together with the local PSNI, a number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and Hillsborough and Moira Community Police Liaison Committees, they are rolling out an initiative to use the Selecta DNA technology.

The difference between it and other ways of marking property is that the colourless liquid gives property a chemical code which is registered with personal details on Selecta DNA register which the police can access. This means getting it back to the proper owner quicker and hopefully putting the burglars off in the first place as marked property is more difficult to sell on.

Selected Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and CPLCs will roll the initiative out to residents within their areas and has encouraged people to make use of it.



Pictured with Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and members of Hillsborough and Moira Community Police Liaison Committees are (I-r): Michael Green (2nd right), PSNI CPO, Cllr Scott Carson, Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP Chair and Con Natalie Campbell LPT, Lisburn & Castlereagh District.





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Positive youth engagement

Derry & Strabane PCSP have been working with a number of youth groups to deliver the DOJ's Prevention and Intervention Programme. The Programme aims to offer young people fun and constructive activities and divert them away from the possibility of getting caught up in anti-social behaviour.

Glen Development Initiative, Ballymagroarty-Hazelbank Community Partnership and Leafair Community Association rolled out the programmes over the summer which include development opportunities around selfesteem, effects of behaviour on the community and life skills.

They are also designed to encourage the involvement of young people to plan community fun days.

FRONT COVER IMAGE

PCSP Chair Cllr Gus Hastings with young people participating in the Leafair Community Association 'Young Outer North Growth Programme (YOUNG)'. Also included is Sandra Holden PCSP Officer, Policing Board Member Raymond McCartney MLA and Peter McDonald, Manager of Leafair Community Association.



PCSP Chair ClIr Gus Hastings pictured with young people participating in the Ballmagroarty-Hazelbank Community Partnership 'Education through Arts And Sports' Programme. Also included is Sandra Holden PCSP Officer and John Devine, BHCP Project Officer.



Young people from Shantallow leaving for their Todd's Leap residential as part of the Prevention and **Intervention Programme** delivered by Shantallow **Community Resident's** Association (SCRA). Included in the photo is **Derry & Strabane PCSP** Chair Cllr Gus Hastings, **PCSP Project Officers** Sandra Holden and Louise **Kitson and Shantallow Community Resident's Association Youth Leader Conchur McCauley.**

Get your hands in the air...!

Derry & Strabane PCSP also lent out their cage soccer facilities to community groups as part of their community festivals. Children from Claudy and Leamount got to kick around and hone their skills using the cages.



Children from Learmount with Derry & Strabane PCSP Chair Cllr Gus Hastings, Community Safety Wardens Matthew Plummer, Keith English, Naomi Brown and Gary Dunn, Mary McNicholl, Rural Area Partnership in Derry (RAPID) and Margaret O'Kane, Learmount Development Group using the PCSP Cage sport facility as part of a series of rural community festivals.





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Goal!

As part of a programme by the PSNI's Youth Diversion Officer in Down, PCSP staff were invited to join them in football match against young people and staff from Cuan Court care home in Downpatrick.

The idea is simple – build relationships with the young people who often only encounter the PSNI when something has gone wrong such as being reported missing or being a victim of crime.

Positive engagement like this can help build their confidence to report issues to the police and look for their support.

This is part of a series of interventions, not all of which have been successful but when the young people made it clear they were into football, the very kind PSNI and PCSP team allowed themselves to be only slightly embarrassed by being beaten by 5 goals – they let 15 in!



Pictured at the Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP football match are Down Neighbourhood Police Team Officers Con Veronica Bailie, Con Karen Thomas, Con Alan Boyd, Con Phil Quinn, Sgt Suzanne Cochrane with Katrina Hynds and Daniel Brown from the PCSP.





Switching off nuisance callers

As we reported a couple of months ago, Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP have been working with a range of public bodies to get call blocking devices into the homes of those who are vulnerable to nuisance calls.

The TrueCall device is continually updated with known scam caller telephone numbers to keep up to date with the callers who repeatedly try and exploit older and vulnerable people and get the message out to scammers that their calls will not be welcome.

The drive from the Policing Board, DOJ, PSNI, Trading Standards, Health and Social Care (HSC) Board and Age Sector Platform means that the PCSP are now able to install them in the homes of those who need them.

For more information on how TrueCall works

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PCSP Member Audrey Byrne (2nd right) pictured with (I-r): PSNI Crime Prevention Officer Julie Moore, Con Sandy Boyd, a local family and the PSCP's Daniel Brown.

Show time!

Summer seems like a while ago already but PCSPs were as busy as bees out engaging with people across the counties at the various shows.

At Castlewellan Horse Show, Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP Member Audrey Byrne helped get out Farmwatch message to many of the farmers competing on the day and those just hanging out enjoying the show as this safety message also extends to a lot of the rural families who go to the Show each year.

Getting on top of cyberbullying

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP have been engaging with young people from the Barnardos Disabled Children & Young People's Participation Project (DCYPPP) who wanted some information on cyberbullying.

They took the young people through an interactive game about what kind of decisions are available to people experiencing cyberbullying and how to keep safe online.



Some of the young people from the Barnardos Disabled Children & Young People's Participation Project (DCYPPP) who got some help on cyberbullying with Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP Manager Patricia Gibson.





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Pictured (I-r) are PCSP Manager Dermot Harrigan, Barry Monaghan, Martin McDaid and Neil Forbes from Mourne Search & Rescue, Vanessa Russell PCSP and PCSP Chair Cllr Gus Hastings.

Derry & Strabane PCSP support Mourne Search and Rescue

Derry & Strabane PCSP is supporting the work of Mourne Search and Rescue to provide river patrols in the Strabane area.

This came about when residents brought their concerns to the PCSP about the safety of young people who gather along the Mourne riverbank. Following discussions with statutory partners and residents, the Mourne Search and Rescue volunteers have been carrying out nightly patrols along the river since mid-July.

Speaking about the initiative, PCSP Chair Cllr Gus Hastings said:

"We are delighted to be working with Mourne Search and Rescue to ensure that the riverbanks in Strabane are a safer place for all users. The PCSP has responded to residents' concerns about the safety of young people using the area and has provided the necessary equipment to enable the Search and Rescue staff to patrol the area. We will continue to work with residents, river users and our statutory partners to ensure that this area remains a safe and shared space for all."



Mourne Search and Rescue volunteers carrying out water safety exercises in the river.

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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