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## Stay safe this Christmas

**PCSPs and the PSNI are running an awareness campaign in the run up to Christmas to remind people about keeping safe when shopping and socialising.**

Christmas is such a busy time for most people with the chance to shop, socialise and celebrate together. With more reason to be out and about, it is particularly important to keep safety in mind.

Raising awareness about how to get home safely after a night out, the campaign also focuses on how to stay safe when out shopping and purchasing goods online.

Sadly incidents of Domestic Abuse can also increase during the Christmas and New Year period and as part of the campaign the PCSPs and PSNI are encouraging victims to come forward and report these incidents to the police.

### Safe shopping

The key message of the campaign 'While you're out shopping, so are they!' is a reminder to everyone the importance of locking all doors and windows when not in the house. Simple things like not leaving presents on display, marking valuables with your postcode and house number and being cautious about storing expensive gifts in your house will help in preventing a burglary in your home.

For convenience many of us will be taking to the internet to order gifts for family and friends and we also need to be aware of the type and dangers of cybercrime when shopping online.



### Safe online shopping - Top tips

- Always check payment pages are secure and log out when you have finished.
- To avoid fraud buy only from official sources and never pay by direct transfer.
- Don't open attachments or click on links in festive (or any other) email that you are not expecting as they could be scams.
- Always have internet security (antivirus) software and apps switched on and updated.
- Never use passwords that are easy to guess or that you use for more than one account.

While you're out shopping ...  
so are they!

**Lock all doors and windows**



**Make it a Christmas to remember**

**PSP** Policing & Community  
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making our community safer



Keeping People Safe

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## Stay safe this Christmas continued

### ‘One Punch Can Kill’

Since 2005, 24 people have been killed because of someone pulling one punch. Again, alcohol can sometimes affect people’s abilities to make a reasoned decision but one quick reaction can have a massive impact on lives.

Linking with the PSNI, PCSPs are promoting two short films which deal with the issues of consent in relationships and the impact of ‘one punch’.

The message is simple: ‘go out and enjoy yourself but keep these issues in mind so that you and your friends get home safe this Christmas’.



[click here](#) to view the ‘One Punch Can Kill’ film

[click here](#) to view the ‘Without consent, it is rape’ film

### ‘Never, ever drink and drive’

Simple things like planning journeys home after a night out as well as thinking about getting to work the next morning, particularly if there is a chance you could be over the limit, are all issues which could prevent an accident or worse.

Alcohol, as we all know, can affect people’s judgement and vulnerability so at this time of year people are also reminded about how actions and reactions can have a devastating impact.



[click here](#) for more information on staying safe this Christmas

## Domestic abuse is wrong

Titled ‘Domestic abuse is wrong, pick up the phone and make it stop’ the campaign is designed to encourage the reporting of incidents and make victims aware that they can take steps to stop it. Very often people who are being abused feel isolated, very vulnerable and frightened and don’t know where to turn. Through the campaign, which will be launched on 14 December, all victims regardless of age, race, gender or sexuality are being encouraged to come forward and report the matter to the police.

A 24-hour Domestic and Sexual Helpline is available to anyone who has concerns about domestic or sexual violence, now or in the past on **0808 802 1414**.

The PCSPs and PSNI strongly encourage anyone suffering from domestic abuse to contact their local police on the non-emergency **101** or in an emergency always call **999**.



## Omagh Street Safe project marks 2nd anniversary

Launched in November 2013, the Omagh Street Safe project has reached its 2nd anniversary. Funded by Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP, the initiative was introduced to assist people who may become vulnerable or in need of assistance on a night out in the town.

When the project commenced there were 15 volunteers who had undertaken initial training to prepare them for their role, providing assistance and support from their base at the Public Services Centre. There are now 57 trained volunteers allowing the service to be provided every Friday and Saturday night in the town centre. Many volunteers have also undergone further training in first aid, use of defibrillators, mental health awareness and vulnerability.

Since the launch of the project two years ago the volunteers have helped many people to get home safely, administered first aid to approximately 300 people and, to date, have collectively provided approximately 7500 hours of their own time to the project.

Paying tribute to all the volunteers who have worked tirelessly and enthusiastically over the last two years Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP Chair, Cllr Sorchá McAnespy said: **"I have had many reports from local people of the sterling work of the volunteers and also heard from the owners of the local bars and night clubs how the presence of the Street Safe volunteers has helped the overall night time economy in Omagh."**



(l-r) Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP Chair, Cllr Sorchá McAnespy and Street Safe Coordinator, Lorraine Giles.

**The project is continuing to grow, and as the busiest period of the year for the night time economy is fast approaching I would like to take this opportunity to encourage anyone interested in volunteering for the project to get in touch with the PCSP as we are currently recruiting new members"**

For more information about the Street Safe Project please contact the PCSP Manager, tel: **0300 303 1777** or email: **pcsp@fermanaghomagh.com**

**FRONT COVER IMAGE:**  
Street Safe volunteers recently pictured out on a Saturday night in Omagh town centre.

## Community Safety Wardens programme extended in the West



The Community Safety Warden programme, delivered by Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP is now operating across Enniskillen, Irvinestown and Lisnaskea.

Jointly funded with the NI Housing Executive, the programme began in October and will run for six months initially. It follows on from a successful eight week pilot programme which was implemented by the former Fermanagh PCSP in 2014.

As part of the community safety initiative, two Community Safety Wardens will be on duty at any one time and will work together across Enniskillen, Irvinestown and Lisnaskea. The Wardens will carry out high visibility patrols on foot and in a liveried vehicle in previously identified 'hot spots' for low-level crime and anti-social

Pictured at the launch are: (l-r) Neville Armstrong, Vice-Chair, Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP; Martin Cheshire, Community Safety Warden; Oonagh McAvinney, NIHE; Derek Cheshire, Community Safety Warden; and Helen Hicks, NIHE.

behaviour. They will also work with local communities and partner agencies to improve community safety.

Welcoming the programme, Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP Vice Chair, Neville Armstrong, said: **'The Community Safety Wardens form an important link between residents, businesses and a number of statutory agencies, improving access to various support and advice services to help reduce low-level crime and anti-social behaviour.'**

## Tackling underage drinking through drama

Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP in collaboration with the local police, ASCERT and Lisburn YMCA, recently hosted a play for all 12 post primary schools across the district to outline the health risks caused by underage drinking and the legal consequences from a policing perspective.

The play, staged by four schools in the area involving 2000 pupils, portrayed the dangers of underage drinking and engaged the young people in a panel discussion with representatives from the local police, ASCERT and Lisburn YMCA.

Carson said: "The dangers associated with underage drinking are not always obvious to young people, especially the impact that it can have on their future life in terms of their health and well-being. This play highlighted some of these dangers and allowed the young people to ask questions relating to the law in respect of this."

**Cllr Scott Carson, Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP Chair with Sgt Daryl Lucas, PSNI, Jenny Magee Lisburn YMCA, Stephen Kelly C21 Drama Group and Ms Linda Heggarty Vice Principal Friends School, Lisburn with pupils.**





## Domestic Burglary Campaign – roundup of local initiatives

At the end of October the PSNI and PCSPs jointly promoted a campaign to raise awareness about domestic burglary. Running for a 3 week period the main aim of the campaign was to encourage awareness of the crime prevention measures that can be taken to keep people and property safe, particularly for older people.

The key message 'take a few simple steps to protect your home, your family, and your belongings' appeared on adshels, billboards and Backs of Drivers on buses across Northern Ireland. PCSP and PSNI Social Media sites were also used extensively to promote the campaign.

Alongside the main campaign the PSNI, working with the Commissioner for Older People also launched the 'Nominated Neighbour' scheme. Supported by PCSPs this is an initiative that if an unrecognised caller comes to the address of an older person when they are alone in the house, the caller will be handed a card instructing them to contact their 'Nominated Neighbour', who will then try and check the caller's identity.

Several PCSPs also undertook initiatives alongside local police to raise awareness of domestic burglary in their areas.

### FRONT COVER IMAGE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP Chair Cllr Scott Carson with C/Insp. John Wilson at the local launch of the Domestic Burglary Campaign.



### Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP

The PCSP attended a Neighbourhood Watch event in Craigavon to promote the domestic burglary campaign. Pictured are Con Michael Allen promoting the PSNI Regional Burglary Campaign to Dick Mullan, Waringstown Neighbourhood Watch at the event along with C/Insp. Davy Beck and PCSP Manager Alison Clenaghan.



### West Belfast DPCSP

West Belfast DPCSP and local police attended an older person's event in Poleglass to increase awareness of domestic burglary among home owners. Pictured at the event are: (l-r) Darren Stanton, Crime Prevention Officer West Belfast, Chair West Belfast DPCSP, Cllr. Stephen Magennis, Pauline Shields, Volunteer Good Morning Services, Colin Neighbourhood, Paul Cleary, ASB Officer West Belfast DPCSP and Cllr Matt Garrett, Chair Belfast PCSP.

### Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP

Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP and the local police were out and about at shopping centres across the district including Bow Street Mall, Lisburn and Forestside, Castlereagh to raise awareness about the campaign. Pictured at Bow Street Mall are PCSP Vice Chair Martin Busch with the local PSNI Crime Prevention Officer and Local Policing Teams Officers.

## Policing Committee hears the views of older people

Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP recently held a themed Policing Committee meeting in Ballymoney to hear the views and concerns of older people. Home security, safety in the Borough, anti-social behaviour and consequences for offenders were just some of the issues discussed.

Addressing the 150 older people who attended PCSP Chair, Cllr. James McCorkell said: **“We will work to ensure effective engagement with the Police and the local community, to reflect the involvement, views and priorities of all local people. Causeway Coast and Glens is a predominantly rural Borough and it is vital that the views of people living and/or working in rural areas are reflected, via engagement with local policing.”**

There was also input from PSNI Area Commander John Magill who emphasised the importance of community engagement in improving confidence in policing.

## Speed awareness in Sion Mills

Derry & Strabane PCSP has designed and circulated an information leaflet to deter motorists in the Sion Mills area from speeding.

Designed on behalf of Sion Mills Neighbourhood Watch (NW) scheme the leaflet encourages motorists to slow down and to be mindful that there are children

and older persons out and about in the vicinity.

The leaflet is being distributed to all homes by the scheme's NW co-ordinators. Fully supporting the initiative the PSNI has also agreed to carry out additional patrols in the area.

### FRONT COVER IMAGE:

Pictured at the launch of the speed awareness initiative are (l-r) Sgt Shannagh Farren, PSNI, Andy Patton, Sion Mills NW Co-ordinator, Margaret McLaughlin, PCSP Vice Chair and Vanessa Russell, PCSP Manager.



Derry & Strabane PCSP in partnership with PSNI and the local farming community recently organised a trailer marking event. Pictured are Rumena McCabe, PSNI, Crime Prevention Officer, William Taylor Taylors, Fyfin Ltd, who hosted the event, Margaret McLaughlin, PCSP Vice Chair with members of the local PSNI Neighbourhood Team Seana Pagett, Donna McKeegan and Ryan Jennings.



Pictured at the launch of the initiative are representatives from Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP, Good Relations and Sports Development with some of the young people participating in the competition.

## Engaging with ethnic minority communities through sport

A pilot Community Champions League for ethnic minority communities kicked off in the Peoples Park, Portadown during November. Organised by Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon (ABC) Borough Council Good Relations Department with assistance from Sports Development, the PCSP and ABC Community Network, the league, being held on Sunday afternoons, will run until March 2016 and includes a cup competition.

Sixteen Teams from all over the area will battle it out to win the first ever Community Champions League. Teams will also attend various Good Relations and Health and Wellbeing based workshops and participants will also have the opportunity to gain qualifications.





ACC Alan Todd, PSNI, Environment Minister Mark H Durkan and Assistant Chief Fire Officer Alan Walmsley, NIFRS at the launch of Road Safety Week.

## Launching Road Safety Week

The Environment Minister, Mark H Durkan MLA recently launched Road Safety Week at RADAR, Risk Avoidance and Danger Awareness Resource lifeskills safety centre.

To promote the initiative, DOE with partner agencies including the PSNI, NI Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) and the Ambulance Service worked throughout the week to raise awareness of how vulnerable we all are on the road.

Speaking about the initiative Alan Walmsley, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, NIFRS said: **"Firefighters attend road traffic collisions every day and so far in 2015 we**

**have attended 639\* collisions and have rescued 499\* people trapped in vehicles, many of whom are left with life changing injuries. We all need to think road safety every time we get behind the wheel not just during Road Safety Week but every single day."**

ACC Alan Todd, PSNI added: **"One death on the roads is one too many. When you consider that many, if not the majority of deaths and serious injuries caused by collisions could have been avoided, it's an appalling waste of life. Everyone shares the responsibility for road safety. Our road safety message is simple. Drivers and riders need to slow down and pay greater attention to their surroundings."**

\*NIFRS Figures from 1st Jan – 22nd Nov 2015

[click here](#) to find out more

## 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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