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Our PCSPs are award winning!

Our PCSPs have been cleaning up at the awards ceremonies recently. No Oscars yet but some of the campaigns they have been running show the innovation behind many of the projects being rolled out. The first ever Road Safety Awards has recognised the work of PCSPs in promoting road safety across communities.

Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon took second place for its Young Passengers and Drivers (YPAD) project which has already been rolled out to over 1500 young people. The multi-agency partnership project raises awareness of the potential dangers for drivers and passengers between 16-18. The PCSP uses a film written and filmed by local young people to illustrate the consequences of behaviour in cars and the project template is being made available to other PCSP to deliver in their area.

It comes as no surprise that the **Roadsafe Roadshow** won joint first for the best public sector project. As our regular readers know, the Roadshow is delivered by the PSNI in partnership with the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service. The Roadshow spells out the real life consequences of collisions on the road and illustrates quite graphically the roles of the emergency services when dealing with crashes. The Roadshow has evolved how information is presented since it first began in 2001 and it's estimated that it has been seen by around 8,000 young people each year since.

PCSPs across the country have brought the Roadshow to their areas and **Belfast PCSP** were highly commended at the awards for the Roadshow they hosted in the grounds of the City Hall.



Picture with the commendation for Belfast PCSP are (l-r): Katherine McCrum PCSP officer, PCSP Chair Matt Garrett, Mellisa McGovern Cool FM Media Manager, Alyson Crompton PCSP officer and Stephen Sheerin Safer City Co-Ordinator.



Pictured are YPAD partners and some of the Southern Regional College (SRC) Public Services students who have taken part in the project. From (l-r) are: Chris Evans, SRC Deputy Head of School, Insp Rosie Leech, PSNI Roads Policing, Ald Robert Smith, PCSP Chair, Sgt Billy Stewart, PSNI Community Planning, Liz Hudson, Public Services Course Co-ordinator and SRC Public Services students Ryan Blakely, Jordan Hayes, Nicole Murray, Sergiu Samson and Alicja Olkewicz



The recent Roadsafe Roadshow at Belfast's City Hall.

FRONT COVER IMAGE:

Celebrating the Road Safety Award in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon are (l-r): Jonathan McKeown, Director of CRASH Services, Catherine McDonagh, Allstate NI, Martin Yore, Louth County Council Fire & Rescue, Hayley Ferguson, Allstate NI, Colette Ross, Education Authority Southern Region, Helen Coop, Council Community Safety Warden, Amanda Mulholland, PCSP Manager, Frank Mitchell, UTV, Sgt Billy Stewart, PSNI Community Planning, Station Commander Rory Dumigan, NIFRS and Victoria Logan, Allstate NI.

Newry, Mourne and Down with the kids

Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP have been out engaging with schools in the area in partnership with local policing teams.

First stop was Newcastle's All Children's Integrated School where PCSP representatives joined local officers, the Police Liaison Officer and the Community Safety Warden to give out information to the pupils at their school fair.

The team also headed to St Joseph's Primary School in Killough to tell them about the roles of the police and their partners in the community.

Also in December, the PCSP and local PSNI visited schools in the Down area to present the One Punch Can Kill and Without Consent Campaigns which are designed to educate young people about the importance of decisions they make when they are out socialising.



Students of St Joseph's Primary School in Killough pictured with Con Karen Thomas.

FRONT COVER IMAGE:

Pictured at All Children's are (l-r): PCSP Officer Lisa Hogg, Community Safety Warden Christopher Power, Crime Prevention Officer, Police Liaison Officer Julie Moore and Constables Karen Thomas and Alan McGregor with All Children's pupils Carrie and Kate Bradley.



Local Neighbourhood Policing Team Officers and Cllr Brown joined the young people from the Ballymote area at the first night of the Friday Night Activity Hub

Friday Night Activity

The Friday Night Activity Hub has kicked off in Downpatrick Sports Centre with young people from the Ballymote area getting the chance to have a go at all sorts of free activities.

Sponsored by Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP in conjunction with the Flying Horse Forum and County Down Rural Community Network, the initiative aims to reduce the level of anti-social behaviour in the area.

This is a pilot which will run until the end of January and in the first week about 30 young locals got to try out bubble football, competing against the local policing team. Other options will include beauty tips and DJ sessions or even just kicking about listening to music or playing the X Box.

Speaking about the benefit of this kind of initiative, PCSP Chair Cllr Mickey Larkin, said: **"This is a great initiative for the young people within the Ballymote Community. Rather than hanging around the streets on Friday Nights they now have somewhere safe to go and have fun at the same time. It is great to see the Community and Statutory Bodies come together to provide all these activities for the young."**

Teenage Kickz

Mid and East Antrim PCSP have been funding a football coaching programme designed to improve life skills for young people in the area.

The programme encourages young people deemed to be at risk to get qualifications in coaching. After a game, the Local Policing Team talk through the dangers and consequences of drugs.

PCSP Chair Ald Gregg McKeen said: "I am extremely heartened by the level of enthusiasm evidenced by these young people who turn out to participate in snow, hail, rain, regardless. I am confident that this project will ultimately reach out to a much wider circle than the immediate beneficiaries."



Pictured at the coaching event are: Back row (l-r): Travis McWilliams, Thomas Johnston, Billy O'Flaherty, PCSP Manager Karen Moore, Con Morena Wickham-Thomas, Tyrone Balmer, Matt McComb and Cameron Waring. Front row (l-r): Przemek Nowak, Machiac Mucka, Krystian Jaworski, Conor Doherty and Joe McCann.



Mitchell House school with East Belfast DPCSP Chair Cllr Carole Howard and Glenn Thomas Co-Ordinator East Belfast DPCSP at Belfast PCSP Safety Event in City Hall.

Belfast Safety message

Belfast PCSP held their annual safety event in December with a range of partners which offered practical advice and information on crime prevention and safety.

Statutory, community and voluntary groups including the PSNI, Victim Support, Samaritans, Fire and Rescue Service and Belfast City Council were available to talk through a variety of issues ranging from home safety schemes to fire prevention.



Signposting information in Belfast.

FRONT COVER IMAGE:
Members of the public at the Belfast safety event.



Pictured at the launch of the bike marking initiative are (l-r): Sandra Holden, Derry and Strabane PCSP Officer, Cllr Eric McGinley, Derry and Strabane PCSP Chair, Ross McGill, Sustrans Coordinator and Mandy Monteith, PSNI Crime Prevention Officer.

On your bike

Derry and Strabane PCSP recently teamed up with Sustrans, PSNI and local bike retailers to provide free bike marking kits to five local bike shops. Sustrans is a charity which promotes the use of cycling or public transport.

The PCSP timed it in the run up to Christmas when people are a little more likely to be shelling out for a new bike. The marking kits means that, if bikes are lost or stolen, they can be reunited with their owners when recovered.

[click here](#) to find out more about Sustrans.

Make it stop

The PCSPs and PSNI collaborated in December to promote the Domestic Abuse is Wrong message. PSNI statistics show that over the Christmas period incidents of domestic abuse tend to increase. PSNI statistics show that over the Christmas period incidents of domestic abuse tend to increase. The campaign encourages people to contact the police and report incidents of abuse to make it stop.

During December, North Down PCSP held a meeting to look specifically about what agencies can do and are doing in the area to support both male and female victims and encourage them to come forward. PCSPs will continue to focus on this issue throughout the year.

[click here](#)

to view the PSNI's short film on domestic abuse.



Locking out oil thieves

Following a spate of thefts from oil tanks in the Creggan area of Derry, Derry and Strabane PCSP arranged to deliver oil tank locks to local Councillor Colly Kelly and members of the TRIAX Neighbourhood Management Team to distribute in the neighbourhood. They also gave them leaflets which spell out steps to take to try and prevent the thefts happening again.



Derry and Strabane PCSP Manager Dermot Harrigan gives out oil tank locks to Cllr Colly Kelly and members of TRIAX Neighbourhood Management Team.

Keeping an eye on things

Still in Derry, the PCSP have been giving their support to Neighbourhood Watch Schemes around the area. At their quarterly meeting, Neighbourhood Watch coordinators got updates from the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer for Foyle and the Community Safety Wardens and had some very productive discussions on personal and home safety. They also focused on how to look out for and deal with bogus callers and scammers.



Neighbourhood Watch coordinators in Derry get an update at the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer for Foyle and the Community Safety Wardens.

Picture are seated (l-r): Catherine Boyle NW Coordinator, Steelstown Village, Mandy Monteith PSNI Crime Prevention Officer for Foyle and Mairead O'Doherty NW Coordinator, Hampstead Park.

Standing (l-r): Sgt Ray Wilson Foyle City West PSNI Neighbourhood Team, Peter Evans Community Safety Warden, Dermot Harrigan PCSP Manager, John O'Kane NW Coordinator, Belmont Park, Mervyn Simpson NW Coordinator, Heather Drive, John Aspel NW Coordinator, Fortwilliam, John McFadden NW Coordinator, Fortwilliam, Eunan Deeney NW Coordinator, Dunkeld Avenue, Liam Sammon NW Coordinator, Kingsfort Park, Keith English Community Safety Warden, Gerard Doherty NW Coordinator, Hampstead Park and Liam Kelly NW Coordinator, Ballinasloe.

Spreading the safety message

Lisburn and Castlereagh PCSP were zipping round various shopping centres in the run up to Christmas to bring the safety message to people where you could be guaranteed to get them - out shopping. The PSNI Crime Prevention Officer was with them at Bow Street Mall and members of the Police Liaison Committee were there to give advice and recruit new members. You don't get something for nothing!

The PCSP and PSNI Crime Prevention Officer at Bow Street Mall before Christmas getting the safety message out to shoppers.



Preventing business crime

The PSNI and PCSPs have been working together to help local businesses protect themselves against retail crime. Business owners are being armed with a crime prevention toolkit which includes a risk assessment they can carry out themselves and a crime reduction guide. It also includes details on cybercrime and how to make premises secure.

Another element of the support given to businesses is the Safe Shop Scheme which share simple and practical information such as what to watch out for with shoplifters and tips for staff on how to deal with difficult situations.

To get on the SafeShop Scheme contact your local Crime Prevention Officer on 101.

[click here](#) to view the Business Crime Newsletter.

Launching Safe Shop retail crime initiative in Newry are (l-r): Donna McConnell, Newry City Centre Management, Sgt Massey PSNI, Michael McKeown Chair of Newry Chamber of Commerce, PCSP Chair Cllr Mickey Larkin, Con Gracey and Lisa Sherman Crime Prevention Officer PSNI.



Pictured at the launch of the Forum are (l-r): Mayor Cllr Elisha McCallion, PCSP Chair Cllr Eric McGinley and PCSP Managers, Dermot Harrigan and Vanessa Russell.

Supporting a Civic Forum in Derry and Strabane

Derry and Strabane PCSP have given their support to the new Civic Forum for the area. It will replace a number of existing forums and address issues relating to drugs, alcohol, homelessness and mental health all of which have links with policing and community safety.

Five of the eight bodies supporting the Forum are PCSP members and many of the issues to be addressed are also priorities within the PCSP Action Plan. The PCSP will play an active role in its development in the coming months, providing the opportunity for agencies to work together on these key issues.



Members of the Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP took time out to check out the new PSNI station in Downpatrick before their quarterly meeting in December.

Assets Recovery funds up for grabs

Assets Recovery funds are up for grabs for community groups to use for community safety purposes. The money – which has been seized from criminals – will be given out to community groups across the country to help them roll out projects which enhance community safety.

Speaking about the money, Justice Minister David Ford said:

“This money, which has been taken out of the hands of criminals and returned to the community will make a real difference in supporting those who want to do good for the community instead of inflicting harm and fear.”

[click here](#) to get the application form.

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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