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Pictured at the Portadown People's Park are (l-r): Annette Blaney, PCSP, Sgt Barbara McNally, PCSP Chair Ald Robert Smith, Vincent McAleenan, Park Watch Helper and Michael Ruddy, Parks Development Officer.

Park Watch

We've had Neighbourhood Watch... we've had School Watch... we've had Farm Watch. Over at Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon, it's time for Park Watch. The area's popular Portadown People's Park has been selected for the first Park Watch which involves the PCSP and the PSNI working together with park users and local residents to protect it against vandalism and antisocial behaviour.

PCSP Chair Ald Robert Smith stresses the importance of local people taking ownership in the park. He said: **"We want to encourage local residents and park users to 'own' the park, take pride in it, look after it and protect it from vandalism and anti-social behaviour. This will not only improve the safety and security of the park but also the surrounding area."**

Local Neighbourhood Policing Team Sergeant Barbara McNally says the police are committed to working with the PCSP and the local community to make the park a safe space for everyone. She said: **"We want to encourage park users and local residents to help us protect the park from vandalism and antisocial behaviour by reporting any criminal or suspicious activity."**



PCSP Vice Chair Debbie Hammill supplies Northern Ireland Alternatives staff and volunteers with resource kits.

Belfast youth engagement

As part of their Youth Engagement Strategy, Belfast PCSP has been providing resource kits to groups across the city. The resource kits are branded with the logos of the organisation and the PCSP to help workers be more recognisable to young people, residents and other agencies when they are out in the community.

Greater Andersonstown Safer Neighbourhood Project got their kits from West Belfast DPCSP Chair Cllr Stephen Magennis while PCSP Vice Chair Debbie Hammill supplied staff and volunteer outreach workers from Northern Ireland Alternatives in North Belfast with theirs.



West Belfast DPCSP Chair Cllr Stephen Magennis presents staff and volunteer outreach workers with their new resource kits.



The stone cold killer

While the summer might seem light years away, Ards and North Down PCSP and NIFRS are getting the message out now to stay away from quarries when it gets warmer.

This is a message which applies across the country as 7 people have died after swimming in quarries. The danger is that the water is extremely cold and can either cause someone to drown immediately or cause the body to stiffen and weaken so much that it becomes impossible to climb out. The water in quarries can also hide abandoned machinery, submerged plants and currents. Taking a dip in excrement, dead animals and other toxins doesn't sound like a lot of fun either.

Chair of Ards and North Down PCSP, Cllr Trevor Cummings said: **“Any drowning is a tragedy but the number of people who have lost their lives from swimming in quarries is not only extremely sad but extremely worrying. I urge residents to listen to our warning and take on board the safety messages we are issuing – advice that could mean the difference between life and death.”**

Jonathan Gamble, NIFRS Assistant Group Commander, Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service said: **“Never, ever swim in a disused quarry. It may look inviting but the water is very cold and can be filled with hidden obstacles. Quarries are not playgrounds nor are they places to explore and I would urge all parents to know where their children are, especially in the warmer weather.”**

Cross border partnership

Derry and Strabane PCSP has been building relationships with their cross border counterparts to explore the potential for partnership working in the region. Members met with Donegal Joint Policing Committee (JPC) to talk about a number of issues where a cross-border partnership could work.

PCSP Chair Cllr Eric McGinley said it was a positive engagement and added: **“Although there are structural differences between the two policing bodies, there is obviously potential for closer working and delivery of partnership initiatives.**

The PSNI and An Garda Síochána meet regularly on policing issues and it would be beneficial for the PCSP and JPC to communicate on community safety issues that impact on all our residents. The Derry and Strabane PCSP remains committed to working with all our partners to build safer, shared and confident communities.”



Sitting (l-r): Cllr Niamh Kennedy Vice Chair of Donegal JPC, Cllr Gerry McMonagle Chair of Donegal JPC, Cllr Eric McGinley Chair of Derry and Strabane PCSP, Margaret McLaughlin Vice Chair of Derry and Strabane PCSP. **Standing (l-r):** Seamus Neely Chief Executive of Donegal County Council, Supt Eugene McGovern An Garda Síochána, Liam Ward Director of Service Donegal County Council, Dermot Harrigan Derry and Strabane PCSP, Vanessa Russell, Derry and Strabane PCSP and Charles Sweeney Donegal County Council.



PCSP Chair Ald Robert Smith and Alison Clenaghan and Aisling Gillespie from Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP pictured with participants from Shalom Seniors and Juniors.

My generation

One of the aims of Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP's Action Plan is to promote positive citizenship and community responsibility. One of the ways they have been doing this is to focus on relations between different generations and try and reduce the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

The PCSP brought together younger and older members of the Lurgan based Shalom group to tackle a series of workshops. These workshops are designed to help build trust, confidence and respect between older and younger people and look at how the generations view each other and break down barriers.

PCSP Chair Ald Robert Smith described it as **“a rare opportunity for engagement between older and younger generations, building trust and confidence between the two age groups.”** He added: **“The work showcased at the Celebration event highlighted the excellent work undertaken by all providing reassurance and peace of mind for those in our community who need it most.”**



Some of the young people involved in the Beesmart App launch

Beesmart

As part of the Policing Board's commitment to support PCSPs in how they engage with young people and encourage their confidence in policing, the Board has been working closely with North Belfast PCSP, the PSNI and the Education Authority to find out what the priorities are for young people in North Belfast.

At the annual Youth Conference, young people discussed the issues that affect their community and explored solutions and this research will help form the North Belfast DPCSP action plan.

What came out as a top concern at the Youth Conference was safety. The solution from the young people involved was to commission and design an App with a panic button which sends a text message to a specific adult and an indicator of where on a map the young person is.

The App also contains a daily news feed highlighting local events, new services, safety announcements and motivational messages. Young people can also search for a youth provider in their area.

The free BEESMART App will soon be available on Apple and Google Play App stores. The young people were able to formally launch the App in the RADAR Centre as part of a follow up event where they took part in workshops to tease out the issues of drugs and alcohol, relationships with police and prearranged fights.

FRONT COVER IMAGE:

Pictured at the launch of the Beesmart App are (l-r): Paula Gow, Policing Board, Richard McLernon, Belfast Safer City Coordinator, Alan Wilson, Education Authority, Nick Williams PSNI, Rebecca Blain, Mark McBride Education Authority, Jamie Marshall, and Ch/Supt Chris Noble.



Pictured at the Lisburn Safe Zone are (l-r): Insp Nigel Rowland, Yvonne Craig NIAS, Steven Hall NIFRS and Neil Fyffe, Manager Premier Taxis.

Safe Zone in Lisburn

Lisburn and Castlereagh PCSP, PSNI and Resurgam Trust have pooled resources to deliver a 24 hour Safe Zone in the centre of Lisburn. The Safe Zone at the Premier Taxi Offices in Smithfield Square provides a safe place to turn for anyone feeling threatened, vulnerable or unwell.

All staff are trained to use an on site defibrillator and will contact the appropriate emergency services.

PCSP Chair Cllr Scott Carson said: **“Similar Safe Zones are in operation elsewhere in the UK and are designed to offer a place of safety for an individual who feels unsafe or unwell. Lisburn and Castlereagh remains a very safe place to work, reside or socialise and this facility in Lisburn City is to complement what is already in place.”**

Supt Sean Wright, PSNI District Commander commented: **“The safety of all in Lisburn and Castlereagh District is our highest priority and the introduction of Safe Zone in Lisburn, with trained personal and specialist equipment helps us keep people safe. It can help offer reassurance to those that feel they need it and it is a most welcome addition to the city.”**

Director of Resurgam Trust Adrian Bird said it was another positive example of effective partnership working for the benefit of all citizens.

To find out more about the Safe Zone, contact the PCSP on **028 9250 9279/284** or **pcsp@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk**.

Safe Home Scheme



Be Safe Be Well Project Support Worker and Safe Home Facilitator David McNamara on a home visit

A project delivered across Causeway Coast and Glens which aims to increase the sense of security and safety of older, vulnerable and isolated people and supported by the PCSP is continuing to deliver huge benefits.

Safe Home is a multi-agency partnership project delivered by Be Safe Be Well where police refer victims of crime and vulnerable people are referred by social workers, family members and older persons groups. People can also self-refer.

Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP Chair Cllr James McCorkell said the project is continuing to offer a valuable service: **“Safe Home aims to educate vulnerable, older people on how to keep their home safe and secure and provides a valuable opportunity to have security equipment installed based on need identified during the home visit.”**

PCSP supports new station

Members of Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP showed their support for the new Downpatrick police station which was officially launched by Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly in April.

PCSP officers also talked to visitors about the work they do engaging with groups across the district.



At the opening of the Downpatrick station are Area Commnader Paul Reid, PCSP Chair Mickey Larkin, ACC Stephen Martin, PCSP Members Audrey Byrne and Dan McEvoy, Chief Constable George Hamilton, Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly and Justice Minister David Ford.



Pictured with writer Patricia Downey and the cast of Control Alt Delete in Pilot's Row Community Centre is Derry and Strabane PCSP Chair Cllr Eric McGinley.

What lies behind our screens?

The Spanner in the Works drama groups continues its performance of the play Control Alt Delete which focuses on the realities of who we are reaching beyond our computer screens.

Derry and Strabane PCSP supported 8 performances of the play where young people were challenged on how safe we are when we go online.

New look for Youth Justice

The Youth Justice Agency has reorganised its services to be better aligned with the 11 Council model.

There are now 5 larger teams and you can find all the details

[here](#)

YES to safety

Just under 1500 young people across Derry and Strabane took part in the YES - Youth Educated in Safety - Project over the past few months. The project, delivered by Shantallow Community Resident's Association and funded by Derry and Strabane PCSP, Department of Social Development, the Council's Community Relations Programme and the Housing Executive, provides a multi-agency health and safety awareness programme to primary school children in the area. The interactive workshops, delivered by a range of agencies, covered internet, river, pet and firework safety, drug and alcohol misuse and anti-social behaviour.



Students from Derry and Strabane take part in the Youth Educated in Safety Project.





Mid and East Antrim hit the road

Mid and East Antrim PCSP have hit the road to get results on some ongoing transport issues. The issues came about after a series of collisions and following a workshop, the agencies have agreed to review signage, lighting and other safety issues.

PCSP Chair Ald Gregg McKeen said it was a unique opportunity to “tackle societal issues and an opportunity for an interagency approach which is central to our work.”

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.



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