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A few simple steps is all it takes

PCSPs and the PSNI are working together to remind us of the few simple steps needed to protect our homes, family and belongings from opportunistic crime. With a third of burglaries due to open windows and doors, the campaign urges people to pay attention to how secure they and their property are.

Speaking about the campaign, Board Chair Anne Connolly said: **“I would urge everyone to take heed of the prevention advice to better protect yourself, your family and your belongings. All it takes is changing a few simple things in your daily routine to help you and your family feel safer.”**

Chair of Belfast PCSP, Cllr Matt Garrett added: **“The support of all regional PCSPs will help not only to increase awareness of domestic burglary, but also highlight the important role PCSPs have in making communities safer.”**

The PSNI’s operational lead for domestic burglary Supt Simon Walls said: **“As part of our campaign we are asking people to work with their neighbours and keep an eye on your local neighbourhood. We need everybody’s help in ensuring that burglars do not get away with their crimes.”**

Justice Minister David Ford MLA said that while there is a focus on the older generation in this campaign there are important messages for the entire community. He said: **“Sadly we know all too well that some**



Pictured at the launch of the campaign in the Derry and Strabane area are Cllr. Eric McGinley, PCSP Chair with Chief Inspector Tony Callaghan and PCSP Managers Dermot Harrigan and Vanessa Russell (1st and 2nd left).

people will look for any opportunity to steal from others. By following the advice provided and taking some simple crime prevention steps people can help to reduce the risk to their families and property.”

The PSNI, together with the Commissioner for Older Persons, will also operate a Nominated Neighbour Scheme. This gives an older person alone in the house the option to hand over a card with the details of a nominated neighbour who can then step in to check a caller’s identity.

Across Northern Ireland PCSPs will be delivering support,

awareness and education events for the campaign. Look out for updates on Facebook, Twitter and in the next edition of Inpartnership.

[click here](#) for information on the Nominated Neighbour Scheme.

[click here](#) for advice on how to protect your home, your family and your belongings.

FRONT COVER:
Launching the domestic burglary campaign are (l-r): PCSP Chair Cllr Matt Garrett, Older People’s Commissioner Chief Executive Evelyn Hoy, Supt Simon Walls, Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly and Justice Minister David Ford.

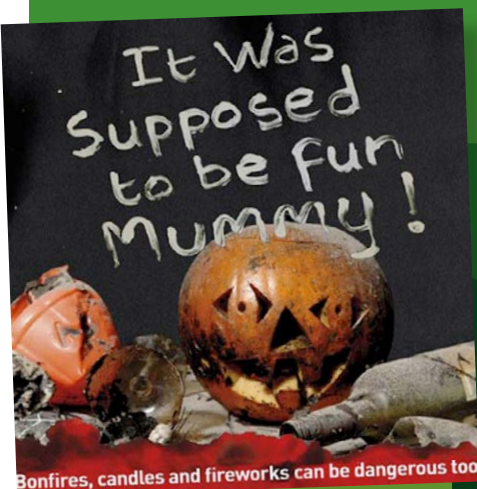
Safety at Halloween

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

Halloween gets more popular every year with most towns and cities laying on fireworks, parades and parties. Many of the PCSPs, along with authorities such as the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS), have been stressing the importance of keeping safe around fireworks and bonfires. They have also emphasised and outlined the consequences of anti social behaviour around Halloween as not everyone takes part in the celebrations.

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service ...

NIFRS are the key agency for promotion of fire safety and as they received 141 calls and attended 102 incidents across the country last Halloween, they are keen to reduce the number of fire related incidents. Their advice includes how to buy and use safe fireworks, how to use sparklers safely and awareness of how flammable Halloween costumes can be.



Flyer from NIFRS to promote Halloween Safety.



Insp Keith Jamieson and PCSP Chair Cllr Phelim Gildernew.

Mid Ulster PCSP ...

Mid Ulster PCSP and the PSNI urged local people to keep their Halloween celebrations safe and sociable.

Insp Keith Jamieson said: **“Not everyone enjoys the sound of fireworks, and letting off fireworks in public places is irresponsible and dangerous.”**

Police often have high visibility patrols operating in hotspot areas to prevent crimes occurring. What might seem like a prank to some young people may actually amount to carrying out an assault or causing criminal damage. Those involved in this type of behaviour will have to face the consequences.”

PCSP Chair Cllr Phelim Gildernew said: **“We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Halloween but for some people this time of the year can be a nuisance, as evenings are interrupted with trick or treaters and noise. We’re**

encouraging everyone to be sensitive, sensible and safe.”

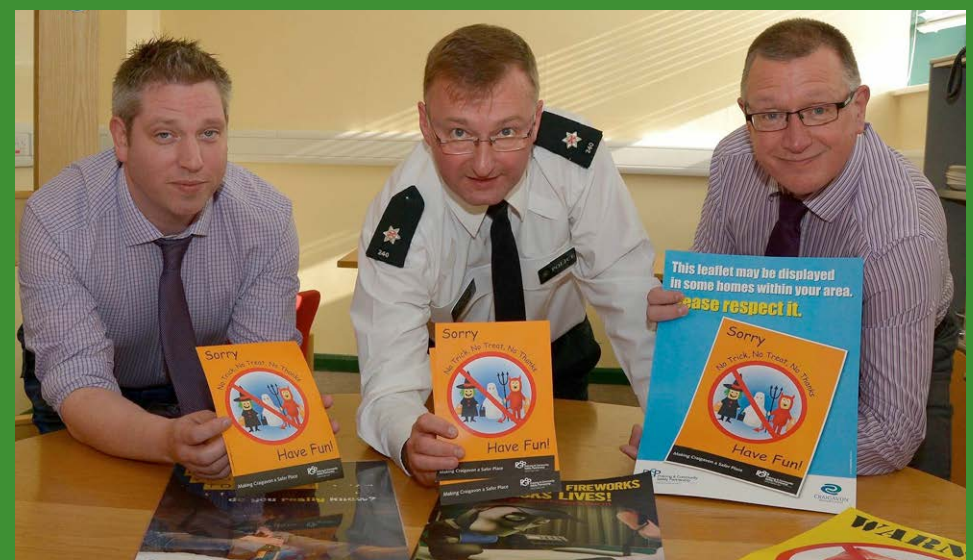
Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon ...

Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon, PCSP worked closely with the PSNI in the run up

to Halloween in an attempt to reduce the anti social behaviour prevalent around this time of year.

PCSP Chair Ald Robert Smith said: **“Anti-social behaviour in relation to the Halloween period can be a real concern for the more vulnerable people in our communities. So if you see a home displaying a poster asking not to be disturbed for trick or treat, please respect this and help everyone to feel safe whilst you enjoy the evening.”**

Local Commander Supt Davy Moore said: **“Anti-social behaviour is an issue that we take seriously and we are fully committed to working in partnership with our PCSP, other partner agencies and community representatives to address it.”**



Pictured are Dáire Toner, PCSP Vice Chair, PSNI Area Commander Supt. David Moore and Ald Robert Smith, PCSP Chair.



Pictured at Newry Bus Station are Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP Chair, Cllr Mickey Larkin, Vice Chair Dan McEvoy, Con Paul McArdle, Pauline McQuillan, Carie Crawford, Niamh McNamee, Education Authority NI and Greg McLaughlin, Translink.

On the buses

Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP along with the PSNI and Translink are supporting the relaunch of the Education Authority Youth Service drugs awareness drive.

In an attempt to get the right information out into the centre of the community, they have set up a stall in Newry bus station with all kinds of information on legal highs as well as mental and sexual health, stopping smoking and general well-being.

The stall will be there every Wednesday afternoon during term time and staff from the Education Authority will be on hand to take questions and talk through the information available.

PCSP Chair Cllr Mickey Larkin explained that the PCSP is committed to tackling issues around drugs **“not only to keep our young people safe but to promote safer and healthier communities throughout our district.”**

According to Sgt Colin Massey of Newry Neighbourhood Police team: **“There is a lot of misinformation out there and this initiative will help tackle that. It is important that people are made aware that many of these substances may not only be illegal but unsafe; there is a real risk people may be breaking the law and worse that you could take something that is potentially lethal.”**

Ask a fresher

PCSP representatives were at the Southern Regional College during Freshers' week to get information from them on what they see are the main policing and community safety issues in their area. Of the 200 students who helped out, lucky Bradley Hill was the one who walked away £25 richer thanks to the competition run by Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP.



Bradley Hill, from the Portadown Campus gets his £25 voucher from Lynette Cooke, PCSP Officer.

Fake Booze

Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP are lending their support to the Food Standards Agency's Fake Booze campaign. The message is simple – if it is cheap and doesn't look quite right, there's a fair chance it's fake. Fake booze, according to the campaign, can be full of harmful chemicals which may lead to blindness, comas or even death.

[click here](#) for more information on the campaign.



One of the messages from the Fake Booze campaign.



PCSP Chair Linda Clarke pictured with some of the students who watched Blinded by Love.

Blinded by love

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP funded a theatre company to tour schools in the area highlighting some of the worrying trends in dating violence, sexting and grooming. The play, which explores what is and isn't appropriate behaviour and some tips on how to deal with it, was played out by BEAM Creative Network to year 10-12 students.

The PSNI were also on hand to talk through the criminal implications of the behaviours highlighted in the play.

PCSP Chair Cllr Linda Clarke said: **"We are extremely pleased to have been able to fund this valuable project to educate young people on these important issues and give students details on help and advice should they need it. Feedback from students and teachers has been extremely positive and we hope it has highlighted the dangers of dating violence, sexting and grooming."**

For more information on CEOP's Thinkuknow

[click here](#)

Bubble football in Newry, Mourne and Down

Young people in the Newry, Mourne and Down area got the chance to roll around in a big ball of plastic for fun thanks to the PCSP, the PSNI and Camlough Community Association recently. The Bubble football was a diversionary activity for local young people which gave them the opportunity to engage with local police and the PCSP.



Members of the PSNI Local Policing Team with young people from the Camlough area.

Front cover:

Pictured at the diversionary Bubble football event are (l-r): PCSP Chair Cllr Micky Larkin, MLA Mickey Brady, Cllr R Mulgrew, members of Camlough Community Association and PSNI Local Policing Teams.



Pictured at an information event marking International Day for Older People are (l-r): Ellen Hall Apex, PCSP Chair Cllr Eric McGinley, Mayor Cllr Elisha McCallion, PCSP Manager Dermot Harrigan and Mandy Monteith, PSNI. Picture courtesy of Martin McKeown.

Celebrating Older People in Derry

Derry and Strabane PCSP got together with Apex and Choice Housing and the PSNI to host an event to mark International Day of Older Persons.

The aim was to promote on health, safety and wellbeing for older people in the North West and identify where older people can get the help and support they need.

Cllr Eric McGinley, Chair of Derry and Strabane PCSP said: **“The safety of our elderly residents and indeed the safety of all our**

communities is a key priority for the PCSP. Derry and Strabane PCSP will strive to do everything it can to ensure that our elderly citizens can continue to live in peace without fear of crime.”

Mayor Cllr Elisha McCallion said: **“I would like to congratulate all of the agencies involved in organising this event. It’s always great to meet our elderly citizens and I’m delighted to see such an entertaining and informative event being put together for their benefit.”**

Midnight soccer

Playing football, at night, in the middle of winter. If that appeals to you or a teenager you know, Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP, the Council and the NI Executive are running a 6 week long Winter League every Saturday evening. The leagues will be split between junior and senior for 5 aside friendly matches.

Midnight Street Soccer Winter League kicks off Saturday evenings with both Junior and Senior sections at 2 venues across Craigavon.

It’s not too late to sign up so for more details or to register a team, please contact Nuala on **07515607452**.



The flyer for the Winter Midnight Soccer League

The importance of Fire Safety

It was Fire Safety Week recently and the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) ran a campaign to highlight the dangers of smoking. 42% of all accidental fire deaths over the past 5 years have been smoking related and the advertising urges people to be vigilant when smoking and to keep matches and lighters away from children.

In its recently published Annual Report, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) record that, during the last year (2014/15), they:

- managed 33,992 emergency 999 calls;
- attended 22,781 incidents; and
- carried out 6,958 free Home Fire Safety Checks.

Firefighters attended:

- 3,138 Major Fires;
- 720 Road Traffic Collisions; and
- 1,775 other Special Service Calls.

[click here](#) to see the full NIFRS Annual Report.

[click here](#) to watch the NIFRS safety advertisement.



Supporting the launch of Fire Safety Week 2015 are Wendy Carson, Mid and East Antrim PCSP and Alison Keenan, Community Planning Officer, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council pictured with (far left) NIFRS Chief Fire Officer, Dale Ashford and NIFRS Northern Area, Group Commander, Fergal Leonard.

Rural Youth

Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP had rural crime on their minds at the 'Services Night' held in Rathfriland Young Farmers' Club. Together with the PSNI, NIFRS and Ambulance Service, the PCSP gave their input about the services available in the area and talked about what can be done to tackle rural crime.

The PCSP has been invited back in December to facilitate an event with the four Young Farmers Clubs in the Council district.



Pictured at the Rathfriland Young Farmers' Club 'Service Night' are (l-r): Roberta Simmons, 2015/16 Chair of the Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster; Shell Wilson, local PSNI Crime Prevention Officer; Alison Gracey, Rathfriland YFC Secretary; Sgt Billy Stewart, PSNI Community Planning.



Getting the safety message to older people

Lisburn and Castlereagh were out in Hillsborough with a strong message on rural crime and personal safety.

Pictured at the event are (l-r): Sgt Daryl Lucas, Martin Busch, PCSP Vice Chair, Nessa O'Callaghan, CPLC Chair, Cllr Scott Carson PCSP Chair and Rosemary Orr, Independent Member.

Promoting road safety to young people

In Belfast...

The PCSPs continue to be heavily involved in promoting road safety around the various districts and place a focus on educating young people about how to keep safe on the roads. The Roadsafes Roadshow is one of the more graphic ways to drive the message home. The thinking is that if young people see the real life effect on not only those who have been involved in a collision but on each of the emergency services who pick up the pieces of that collision, they are more likely to respond to the message. Belfast PCSP hosted the Roadshow on a fairly grand scale with the grounds of the City Hall taken up with a mocked up car wreck, police, paramedics and firefighters getting stuck in to demonstrate their job. It doesn't shy away from the detail and seems to have had quite an impact on those who saw it.

PCSP Chair Cllr Matt Garrett said: **"This roadshow has been organised to try to educate young people - the drivers of tomorrow - on the dangers of the road, and to make them more aware of the perils of**



Pictured at the Roadsafes Roadshow at the City Hall in Belfast are (l-r): Alan Walmsley Assistant Chief Fire Officer and Mark Smyth, Assistant Group Commander, NI Fire & Rescue Service; Policing Board Vice Chair Debbie Watters; Cllr Matt Garrett, Belfast PCSP Chair; Cool FM DJ Pete Snodden; C/Insp Diane Pennington, John Mc Poland, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service and Natalie Thompson, AXA Direct.

careless driving, speeding or so-called 'joyriding'.

I hope that this event will positively influence teenage drivers who are about to embark on their motoring journey."

Speaking at the event, Board Vice Chair Debbie Watters said: **"It is important for young people to be aware of dangers as they**

start out driving so that they don't end up being another tragic statistic. No-one wants to see that happen. It is therefore really important for the Board, the PCSPs, the PSNI and all the emergency services to pool resources and tackle this issue in an attempt to curb the number of injuries and deaths on our roads."

[click here](#)

To watch the reactions to those who took part in Belfast Roadsafes Roadshow.

In Coleraine...

Further North at the University of Ulster in Coleraine, Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP worked with PSNI Roads Policing to bring the 2 Fast 2 Soon simulator car to the campus. About 200 students saw the simulator and some of these were able to get into the car itself and find out what it might be like to lose control when driving. Not a pleasant experience but one that had the students talking about the reality of being in charge of such a powerful piece of kit as a car.



Coleraine students and PSNI Roads Policing Education Officers with the 2 Fast 2 Soon simulator car.

**Front Cover:
The mock up car at the Roadsafes Roadshow in Belfast.**

Hate crime toolkit

During National Hate Crime Awareness Week in October, the PSNI reported that 1338 hate crime offences have been reported to them in the last 6 months. These crimes may be motivated by perceived sexuality, race or ability but what they do have in common is the strong opposition and drive to stop it happening at all.

In response to the increase in hate crime incidents, the Housing Executive has pulled together all the necessary practical information for those dealing with victims in a Hate Harassment Toolkit.

Launching the toolkit, the Director of Landlord Services, Gerry Flynn, said: **“People who suffer harm at the hands of others because of their race, religion, gender identity, disability, sexual orientation or political belief, are being denied things we should all be able to take for granted, such as being able to go about our business in peace. We aim to help change that.”**

Speaking about the impact of the toolkit, Race Relations Officer Linda Hutchinson, said: **“The Housing Executive is committed to dealing quickly and positively with any hate motivated harassment or intimidation whether it amounts to a crime or not.”**

Our aim is to prevent hate harassment happening in the first place and we will work to challenge the attitudes that cause it. We want it to be reported and recorded so that we can work to prevent it from escalating and we want to support the victims and the local community so that together we can ultimately stop it.”



Pictured at the launch of the toolkit are Shane Gorman, Leonard Cheshire Disability; Sgt Cheryl Ross PSNI; NIHE Director of Landlord Services Gerry Flynn; Michael Bailey, a victim of hate crime and Geraldine Hanne, Victim Support.

Of the 1338 hate crime offences reported to PSNI in past 6 months:

- 44 had a disability motivation;
- 121 had a homophobic motivation;
- 471 had a racist motivation.

Advice from the PSNI is to stop it, report it.

- In an emergency always ring 999
- If not an emergency, ring 101 and select option 2
- Report online via the PSNI website www.psni.police.uk or via the True Vision website www.report-it.org.uk
- Contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111

* Figures are provisional and are based on the approximate six month period between 01 April and 20 September.

[click here](#) to see the toolkit.

Victims Charter goes statutory

The Victims Charter published by the DoJ in June this year is now about to become statutory. The Charter advises victims of crime about what they should expect from the justice system, what sort of information they are entitled to receive what services are available to them to support them as their case is processed.

[click here](#) to see the Charter.

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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