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SAFETY FIRST

Beat the Burglar

Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP have hosted ten “Beat the Burglar” events with PSNI across the District, handing out over 2000 free Home Safety Packs containing information and advice, along with home safety equipment like 24 hour timers, UV pens, personal alarms and much more.



Attendees



Events



Local officers with PCSP Manager Martina Flynn

Crime Prevention

Mid & East Antrim PCSP took part in the PSNI Season’s Greetings campaign during the festive period with an information stand in Ballymena town centre.

PCSP members joined the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer to engage with local people and give advice and crime prevention tips for home, businesses and online.

Over 250 people called past the stand and received some top tips!



The PSNI's crime prevention officer with plenty of goodies

Season’s Greetings

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP gave their festive crime prevention messages a twist this year with a new addition to the team – SherLOCK HOMES, their Crime Prevention Elf.

As well as welcoming SherLOCK to the team, the human members of staff worked alongside local Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Crime Prevention Officers from the PSNI to educate members of the public on how best to stay safe. They took their Season’s Greeting Crime Prevention stands on the road to 11 popular shopping destinations, and attended three Twilight Markets/Lights Switch On events to share important messages on home and personal security, safe shopping, and night time safety.

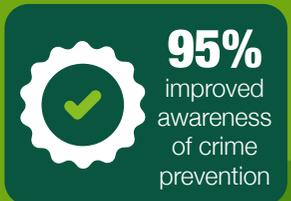
To top it all off, the PCSP funded the delivery of tubs of sweets to some of the most vulnerable and isolated people in the borough identified through their Good Morning Scheme. They were delivered on Christmas morning by PSNI Officers – a very Merry Christmas indeed!



Events



People engaged



95% improved awareness of crime prevention



Facebook reach



There’s nowhere SherLOCK won’t go to spread Christmas Safety messages



Lynette Cooke, PCSP Development Officer and Lisa Sherman, Crime Prevention Officer and at a Season’s Greetings event

GAINING SKILLS

Sharing Best Practice

PCSPs across the country assembled in Magherafelt recently for the annual PCSP Project Coordinators Best Practice Day, organised by Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP.

This year all 11 PCSPs spent the day learning from each other, discussing how to get the most out of their work and project management advice. The day focused on the major issues PCSPs tackle in their communities, including anti-social behaviour work, crime prevention, drugs and alcohol, domestic violence and Neighbourhood Watch.

As well as sharing key skills and great ideas, the Best Practice Day also gave PCSPs the chance to meet face to face and build relationships, as well as check out the promotional merchandise for events that help them connect with communities.



The gang's all here!

Staying SHARPS

Mid & East Antrim PCSP have signed on to reduce drug and alcohol misuse in their District through a training course in partnership with ASCERT.

The training package will be rolled out across the District, with a focus on SHARPS training, managing potentially violent situations, and welfare reform and addiction support services.

Over 50 people across the community and voluntary sector have received the training already.



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CONNECTING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

“We really enjoyed hearing from Limestone united about their experiences growing up and how they want to help us stay good and not get involved in trouble.”

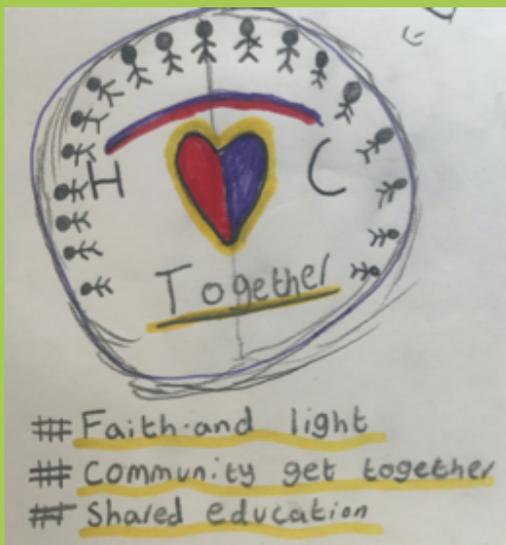
Attendee

Sport Across the Interface

In response to a spike in anti-social behaviour at interface areas in North Belfast, Belfast PCSP have been working with Belfast City Council’s Safer City Co-ordinator, Limestone United, PSNI and Youth Justice to develop the ‘Sport Across the Interface’ project.

The project aims to enhance community safety for young people at interface areas through the Community Champions of Limestone Road - local young people who held discussions with local primary schools about their own experiences and the implications on their lives and their community of negative interface.

The project is on-going, totalling 8 sessions with 400 participants – and will culminate in a football tournament for the young people involved.



The young people were encouraged to design logos for their new football teams



Safer driving at school

Many of us have felt the stress of trying to park to pick kids up from school, or even navigate our cars around the school gates during home time. To help tackle illegal and inconsiderate parking at schools in their District, Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP have introduced an innovative alternative to cones with their eye-catching school parking signs.

At the launch of the project, Cons Trevor Kirke, PSNI Road Education Officer gave some advice on how to park near schools:

- Never park outside or opposite school gates
- Never park on yellow lines or zig-zags
- Do not park on footpaths
- Do not obstruct residents driveways or dropped kerbs
- Do not obstruct the school crossing patrol
- Never park within 15m of a junction

“Illegal or inconsiderate parking creates a number of problems for other road users and also creates the potential for serious accidents.”

Cllr Thomas O’Reilly, PCSP Chair



Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP Chair Cllr Thomas O’Reilly with Newtownbutler St Mary’s PS Principal Paula Kelly and members of the school council

CONNECTING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Tackling anti-social behaviour

Causeway, Coast & Glens PCSP has been working with The Hub and Community Rescue Service to educate young people about the important of life-saving equipment found along the waterways, and the impact anti-social behaviour has on communities.

The series of 12 workshops aims to decrease anti-social behaviour in the area, help young people lessen their chances of becoming involved with the criminal justice system, and ensure Community Rescue Service no longer has to frequently replace damaged equipment.

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to find out more about the work of Community Rescue Service



12

workshops



30
Young people



Young people attending the scheme experiencing Community Rescue Service's work



Some of the lifesaving equipment used by Community Rescue Service

KEEPING YOUNG DRIVERS SAFE



The poster features a 'N3W DRIV3R' license plate at the top. Below it, a red banner says 'TAKE OUR PLEDGE'. The pledge includes six items, each with an icon: 1. A speed limit sign for 30: 'RESPECT THE SPEED LIMIT!'. 2. A mobile phone with a slash: 'NO MOBILE WHEN MOBILE!'. 3. A green eye: 'NEVER DRIVE WHEN TIRED!'. 4. A bottle of alcohol with a slash: 'NOT A DROP, NOT A DRAG!'. 5. A seatbelt icon: 'BELT UP - FRONT & BACK!'. At the bottom, it says 'Creating a Community of Safe Drivers'. On the right side, it says 'NEW DRIVER PLEDGE' and 'You will be entered into a draw to win £250 VOUCHER FOR DRIVING LESSONS or £250 WORTH OF FUEL VOUCHERS. The Draw will take place on 30th April 2020'. It is 'Kindly supported by' CRASH, ab & c, HANKOOK, FIRST TIME BUYERS, JMK Solicitors, Specsavers, and DriveTech.

New Driver Pledge

Causeway, Coast & Glens PCSP and Derry & Strabane PCSP have been helping young drivers get on the road safely by bringing their Safe Motoring presentation to Year 13 pupils in secondary schools across their District.

After the presentation, pupils are encouraged to sign the New Driver pledge, and given an information guide for safe driving.

Partners on the project include CRASH Services, DriveTech, Specsavers, JMK Solicitors, Hankook Tyre UK, First Time Buyers and AB&C Insurance

[click here](#) to find out more



Some of the students with the staged crash

Roadsafe Roadshow

Teenagers from Ards & North Down were served up a hard hitting road safety message through the award winning Roadsafe Roadshow devised by the PSNI Roads Policing Unit and delivered with the help of Ards & North Down PCSP.

The Roadshow aims to bring its message of safe driving to those about to start out on their motoring career. Attendees hear from an A&E consultant, a paramedic, NIFRS and PSNI officers, and a young person paralysed following a road traffic collision.

Councillor Nigel Edmund, Chair of Ards & North Down PSCP, said:

“Every parent’s nightmare is to hear that knock on the door and to be told that their child has been involved in a road traffic collision. Shocking though it may be, this Roadshow aims to help our young people understand that while they may feel completely in control, they are most at risk of becoming involved in a road traffic collision at the start of their motoring life. I am very pleased that the PCSP is supporting the PSNI to deliver such a serious message in such an effective way.”

[click here](#) to find out more

KEEPING YOUNG DRIVERS SAFE



Pupils at Antrim & Newtonabbey PCSPs event

The Road Safety Quiz is back!

2020's Road Safe NI Road Safety quizzes are now well underway, with Derry & Strabane and Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSPs both hosting their regional events.

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Dermot Harrigan
PCSP Manager,
Michaela Boyle
Mayor of Derry
and Davy
Jackson from
Road Safe NI at
the launch

MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFER



Some of the drugs seized from bins

RAPID Success!

Derry & Strabane PCSP have been making a real difference to their District with the RAPID initiative. They have a total of 13 bins across the area, and since the bins became operational over 30,000 prescription and herbal cannabis tablets have been handed in, with a total value of around £4000.



30,000
Tablets



13 Bins



RAPID Expansion

Mid & East Antrim have been working with NIDACTS, PSNI and other partner agencies to install an additional two RAPID bins in their district.

RAPID (Remove All Prescription & Illegal Drugs) bins are designed to raise awareness of the risks and harm to individuals, families and communities of misusing drugs, and offer a safe and anonymous way to dispose of prescription and illegal drugs.



Judith Lavery from Coast speaking at the event

Wellbeing in Winter

Causeway, Coast & Glens PCSP have been tackling fear of crime in their District with a Wellbeing in Winter event, working alongside a range of agencies dedicated to supporting vulnerable or isolated households.

The project allows older people to meet with representatives from statutory and voluntary agencies through stalls and stands explaining the services they provide. Information is shared via presentations, and items like winter warming and home safety kits are given out.

Topics covered included everything from scams to TV licensing, and even getting the blood pumping with some chair-based exercises from Versus Arthritis!



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