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ROAD SAFETY

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The evenings may be getting darker – but not in Newry, Mourne & Down where the streets have gotten brighter, thanks to the hi-vis vest give away project.

Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP have been supporting Road Safe NI in supplying hi-vis vests to runners, walkers and cyclists. Volunteers also illuminated the importance of road safety and being seen by other road users.

The project was in conjunction with PSNI and many voluntary groups and businesses across the district.

The committee thanked local businesses, and Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP for the donation of the vests and their continued support: “It is so heart-warming to see what can be achieved when an entire district comes together.”



2,000
hi-vis vests given out



60 volunteers participated



32 towns and villages



40 distribution points



Keeping the streets bright

ALL SIGNS POINT TO DRIVERS SLOWING DOWN

In Newry, Mourne & Down, motorists won't be able to plead ignorance to their speeding any more as new speed indicator signs will let drivers know exactly how fast they're going.

The 7 new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) are temporarily-activated signs that detect and display real-time speeds of the passing car. They're an awareness raising tool designed to make motorists aware of their speed and advise them to slow down to prevent serious injury and death.

The project was led by Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP alongside DFI Roads Service and local PSNI and community representatives. Careful research went into all aspects of the project, including picking installation sites that have been of community concern regarding speeding.

The new devices will be a lot harder to ignore than the speedometer!



Councillor John Trainor, Chair of Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP and Martina Flynn, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

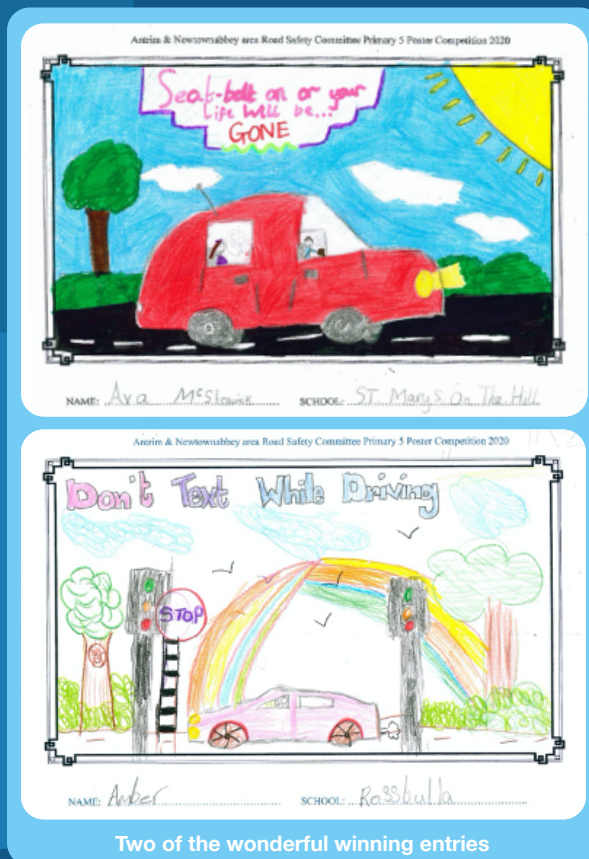
ART EXHIBITION WITH A TWIST

It's that time of the year again! Primary 5 children got creative in the name of road safety, putting coloured pens and pencils to paper for the Road Safe NI poster competition.

The artists-in-making were tasked with creating a poster that focused on road safety issues: mobile phone usage; seatbelt wearing; high visibility for all road users; and/or the Green Cross Code. The poster campaign aimed to engage vulnerable road users in the community, and to drive home the safety message!

As part of the partnership with Road Safe NI and Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP, The Abbey Centre transformed one of their shopping centre units into a gallery space to display the works of art in the **STOP, LOOK, LISTEN** exhibition.

The winning entries will be published into a Road Safe calendar for Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP.



Road safety art and education were on offer at The Abbey Centre

TIRED TYRES? TIME TO CHECK

October is Tyre Safety Month. When did you last check your tyres? Tyre defects are the cause of many serious and even deadly incidents on our roads. By checking tyres thoroughly, many of these accidents could be prevented.

Check out this video released by Road Safe NI that goes over the steps of how to properly check a tyre, what to look out for and how often you should be checking your tyres.

ALL ABOARD FOR SAFE TRAVELS

Translink and PSNI have teamed up to take on crime and anti-social behaviour on our public transport system. The new 'Safe Transport Team' is a six month pilot scheme that will see Local Neighbourhood Police Teams and Translink working together to keep public transport customers safe.

Officers will regularly travel on buses and trains, as well as have a presence at public transport hubs. The aim of the scheme is to provide a visible reassuring presence for members of the public and to help keep everyone safe.



T/ACC Jonathan Roberts and Translink Group Chief Executive Chris Conway at the launch of the Safe Transport Team

“Thank you for attending this event today, we really appreciated the time that you have spent with our children and making them aware of the dangers while out cycling.”

Chairperson of Maryville Community Group

TURNING THE WHEELS TOWARDS SAFETY

Maryville Community Group in Banbridge noticed that the children in their neighbourhoods were putting themselves in danger whilst cycling. They weren't wearing helmets or bright clothes, making them difficult to spot for motorists and other road users.

After approaching Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP, they worked together with local PSNI officers to educate local children on safer cycling habits. Small group talks were given on cyclist safety and reflective clothing was given out. The bikes were also marked, meaning they can be traced if stolen and found by the police/retailers.



Teaming Up To Keep Cyclists Safe



100% said the children had better safety knowledge



20 children attended



100% satisfaction

THE 'KEY' TO BEATING CAR THIEVES

After becoming concerned about keyless motor vehicle thefts occurring outside homes, Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP decided to take action in their community.

Working in conjunction with local car dealerships, customers who had bought a keyless entry vehicle were identified and offered

a 'Faraday Signal Blocking Pouch' – a special pouch for keeping their keys safe from would-be thieves.

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP also teamed up with PSNI Crime Prevention Officers to produce educational literature for both customers and car dealerships.



218 pouches given out so far



19 dealerships signed up



PCSP Project Officer Billy Stewart pictured with David and Anne and their Minis – along with Mark McKelvey, Sales Executive with Prentice Mini Portadown and Police Crime Prevention Officer Lisa Sherman.

NATIONAL HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

This year's National Hate Crime Awareness Week ran from Oct 10th to 17th. It's a week for highlighting the impact that hate crime can have on victims and for focusing on the organisations who are here to help. It's also an opportunity to highlight the partnership work that takes amongst various organisations, including public sector bodies and charity organisations, in order to combat hate crime. To help raise awareness videos produced by the PSNI highlighting hate crime have been shared across social media.

Everyone has the right to a life free from discrimination, persecution and hate. If you are the victim of racism, or any sort of hate crime, please know you are not alone.

You can ring the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency. You can also report hate crimes online.

[to find out more](#)

Racism in any form is unacceptable. This mother felt intimidated in her home and alone in the community:

This man felt isolated and vulnerable as a result of the abuse he suffered in his own neighbourhood. Attacking someone because they have a disability is a hate crime:

"I am so pleased that the neighbourhood out here is a part of this great scheme."

Meeting attendee

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CARRIES ON(LINE)!

Community engagement is still firmly on the agenda in Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon, thanks to the PCSP taking their meetings online. The community engagement meetings with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team's Inspectors usually take place 7 times per quarter in each district. Instead, Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP organised and chaired the meeting with the Inspectors over Microsoft Teams. The presentation gave an update on policing in the local area and took questions from the virtual attendees.



3 community engagement meetings



98% satisfaction



77 in attendance

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL

PSNI have launched a new campaign asking the public to 'make the right call' when it comes to ringing 999, as a result of hoax callers. In the 12 months, from 1st September 2019 to 1st September 2020, the Police Service handled a staggering 3,502 hoax calls.

Every prank call could potentially stop someone else from getting through - and that could have deadly consequences.

The PSNI will be releasing more recordings of real hoax calls they've received so keep an eye (and ear!) out on their website and social media pages.

Listen to this hoax call and what Chief Inspector Gerard Pollock had to say about the new campaign:

STAY SCAMWISE

It doesn't matter whether you live in a busy city or the middle of the countryside, scammers will have a con designed to attract your attention, whatever the location. That's why the new Scamwise NI and Consumer Council NI campaign is letting farmers and agricultural businesses know how to be on the lookout for fraud.

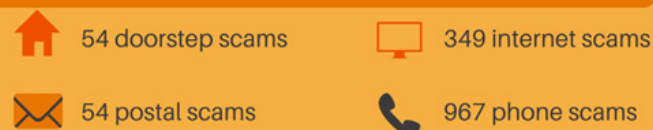
Watch the video and find out the top 10 most common scams for farmers and agricultural businesses:

"Scammers are targeting farmers and agricultural businesses across Northern Ireland. Therefore, it is more important than ever to take extra precautions to avoid falling victim to fraud or a scam"

The Consumer Council

ScamwiseNI have released two new advice booklets, one on cyber scams and the other on phone scams. Find them at the links below.

Scams reported to the PSNI from July to September



Total money lost to scams?

£1,118,845

Don't be the next victim.

Keep up to date with the latest scams:
[facebook.com/scamwiseni](https://www.facebook.com/scamwiseni)

scamwiseNI
PARTNERSHIP

Check out the latest short films from ScamwiseNI and Spanner in the Works theatre company. The videos are designed to educate on different types of popular scams and the latest two films are about romance scams and phone scams.



Be careful who you fall for!



Who's really on the other end of the line?

“I am looking forward to working closely with Mrs Henderson as Ards and North Down PCSP seeks to deliver our wide-ranging programme to make the Ards and North Down Borough a safer place. The PCSP continues to monitor crime and promote community safety even during the covid emergency”

The Chair of Ards & North Down PCSP, Cllr Nick Mathison

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN PCSP WELCOME NEW VICE CHAIR

At the Ards & North Down PCSP meeting of the 14th September Sandra Henderson was chosen to be the new Vice Chair of the PCSP. Sandra Henderson is local community worker and an independent member and has served on the PCSP for 9 years and prior to that served on the Ards Community Safety Partnership. She is very involved in groups supporting the safety of seniors.



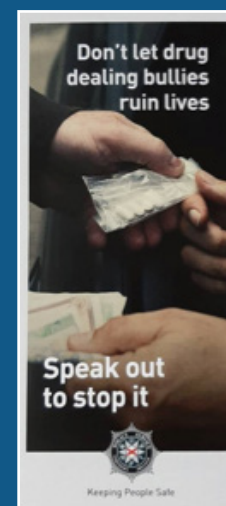
The Chair of Ards & North Down Policing and Community Safety Partnership, Councillor Nick Mathison welcomed the appointment of Mrs Henderson as Vice Chair

SILENT GUARDIANS HELP COMMUNITIES

Members of Mid Ulster PCSP have been out with local neighbourhood police officers in Mourne Crescent, Coalisland as part of the Silent Guardian project. The initiative responds to concerns from local residents over drug dealing in their communities and provides information and guidance on the reporting process.

Silent Guardian is an initiative that PSNI have launched with the support of the Department of Justice, NIPB, PCSP and Crimestoppers.

to learn more about the project and how the PSNI tackle drug crime.



TACKLING DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ABUSE

HAIRDRESSERS AND BEAUTICIANS HELP CUT ABUSE

Hairdressers and beauticians in Belfast have been offered the chance to help tackle domestic violence, thanks to Belfast Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership's domestic abuse awareness classes.

The organisation have been offering free training sessions, via Zoom, on how to recognise signs indicating their client might be a victim of domestic abuse. Training is also given on what to do if someone does disclosure to them, and on where to signpost the person to next. Interested in taking part? Places are limited so get in touch via the email address below as soon as possible.

[to read more](#)



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

If you have been a victim of domestic abuse, you can report it to **@PoliceServiceNI** on **101**, or **999** in an emergency.

[to find out more](#)

PSNI REPORT ON PERFORMANCE IN TACKLING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

Policing Board Members recently received the first Report on the police response to dealing with Domestic Abuse and Violence as set in the 2020-21 Performance Plan.

Using a new styled outcomes based report card, updates were provided by ACC McEwan and Chief Superintendent McNally on the levels of reports, outcomes achieved, officer training, the impact of COVID-19 and proposed legislative changes to enhance police powers in this area.



[to read the Policing Plan 2020-25 and Performance Plan 2020-21](#)

[to read the OBA Report Card on tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse](#)

INFORMATION & SUPPORT LINE

0800 0246 991

Mondays & Thursdays

6pm-8pm

Listening, Believing
& Support for All

www.rapecrisisni.org.uk



RAPE CRISIS HELPLINE LAUNCHED

A new Information and Support Line has been launched in Northern Ireland for anyone in crisis due to serious sexual assault and rape. Support workers will offer emotional support, guidance, signposting and information. The helpline is available on Mondays and Thursdays between 6pm – 8pm and can be contacted through either phone or email.

0800 0246 991

emailsupport@rapecrisisni.org.uk



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WITHOUT CONSENT IS A CRIME

All sexual touching without consent is a crime.

nogreyzone.com



NO GREY ZONE THEN, NO GREY ZONE NOW

The 3rd of October 2020 marked two years since the launch of the #NoGreyZone campaign but the message is just as important today as it was then. The campaign is about calling out what constitutes sexual assault, dispelling myths and signposting to support. Consent must be freely and clearly given, otherwise it's a crime.

[to learn more](#)

PSNI UPDATE



to direct the police officers within the vehicles

One of the new Interceptor cars

THE INTERCEPTOR TEAM IS ON THE ROAD

Have you spotted the new Roads Policing Interceptor Team cars out and about? This newly launched team are using Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology and data to find criminals who are using the road network. The car's cameras check the license plates of passing cars against database records to find criminals on the roads.

to find out more

WHO'S WHO IN THE POLICE NEAR YOU

Every area in Northern Ireland has its own Local Neighbourhood Team. You can find all the details, as well as links to your local PSNI's social media pages and community statistics online.

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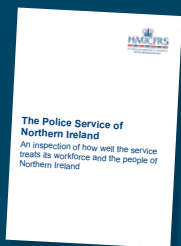


STATS UPDATE

to find all the latest PSNI statistics

Recent stats released include updates on road traffic collision statistics, drug seizures and arrests, and anti-social behaviour.

LATEST PUBLICATIONS



Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) Report

The HMICFRS 2020 Inspection Report gives a graded assessment of how well the Police Service of Northern Ireland is performing and outlines areas for improvement.

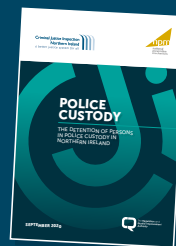
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Northern Ireland Policing Board 2019/2020 Committee Reports

Ever wondered what the Northern Ireland Policing Board committees get up to? Read the Board's 2019-20 Committee Reports and find out!

[to read report](#)



The Detention of Person in Police Custody in Northern Ireland

Read the new report from the Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) and the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA). The inspection examined the governance, standards and delivery of police custody arrangements in Northern Ireland.

[to read report](#)



Victim and Witness Experience of the Northern Ireland Criminal Justice System: Key Findings – 2019/20

This bulletin presents the findings from the 2019/20 sweep of the Northern Ireland Victim and Witness Survey (NIVAWS).

[to read report](#)



The Human Rights Annual Report 2020

The Policing Board's Human Rights Annual Report is an account of how the PSNI perform in complying with the Human Rights Act 1998. It also gives an overview of the monitoring work carried by the Board.

[to read report](#)

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