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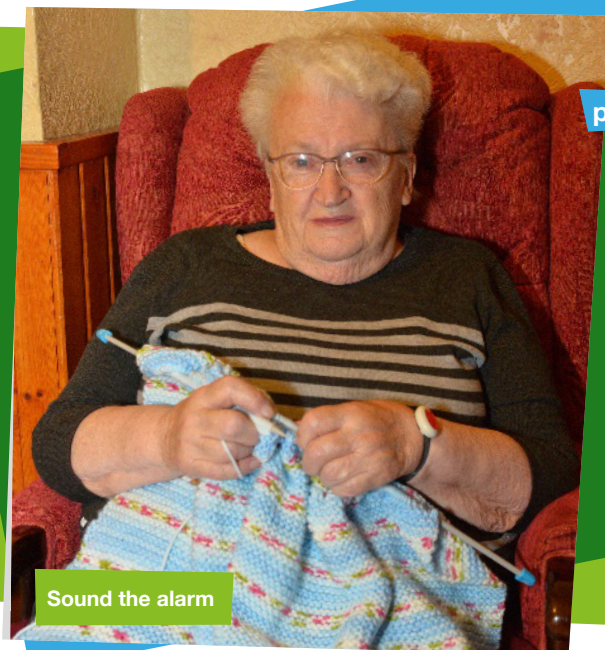
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Next generation scam prevention

The ScamwiseNI Partnership has been working with six uniformed youth organisations across Northern Ireland to empower young people to stay safe from scams and know how to report them.

Working with Girlguiding Ulster, The Scouts, The Boys' Brigade, The Girls' Brigade, Scouting Ireland and Catholic Guides of Ireland, the Partnership have produced a resource booklet with a number of challenges and activities to get young people engaged.

A group of young people who have already completed the scheme were awarded their Scamwise Champion badges by Paralympic gold medalist Kelly Gallagher MBE.

Chair of the ScamwiseNI Partnership Chief Superintendent Simon Walls said: **"We are delighted to have been able to work with the six uniformed organisations to launch the Scamwise Champion Scheme. We have produced a fantastic youth work resource which is an imaginative, creative and engaging way of warning young people of the risks of scams."**

Get more information on ScamwiseNI

[click here](#)

to visit their website



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Young people who have received the Scamwise Champion badges along with Kelly Gallagher MBE, Dolores Kelly MLA and Ch/Supt Simon Walls, Chair of the ScamwiseNI Partnership.

"Empowering our young people to be confident and capable through developing new skills and sharing experiences is vital. This new initiative shows how each of the youth organisations are moving with the times and giving our young people life skills that will keep them and their families safe."

Paralympian Kelly Gallagher MBE



At the launch of the Scamwise Champions are (Back row l-r): Ch/Supt Simon Walls, David Penney, Boys' Brigade, ACC Mark Hamilton
Front row (l-r): Mick McAteer, Deputy Chair of the Consumer Council, Muirne O'Hanlon, Girl Guides, Kelly Gallagher MBE and Policing Board Members Dolores Kelly MLA and John Blair MLA



Pictured at Scamwise Champions are (l-r): Nathan Welsh, The Scouts, Dolores Kelly MLA, Muirne O'Hanlon, Girl Guides, Chief Superintendent Simon Walls and Kelly Gallagher MBE.

ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Fancy a seat on the Youth Council?

Lisburn and Castlereagh are recruiting new members of the Youth Council to have their say on local issues.

Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP and partners have run the Council for the past two years, and its aim is to tackle concerns about antisocial behaviour across the district. It provides a forum for the PCSP, PSNI, Council and other agencies to work in a more sustainable way with young people, involving them in the development of policy and services, and giving them a voice.

The Youth Council is made up of 24 members between the ages of 16 and 21 who are involved in:

- engaging with key decision makers
- having their say on local issues
- representing the views of other young people
- building confidence in setting out young people's views and opinions
- accredited training and developing their own personal skills.



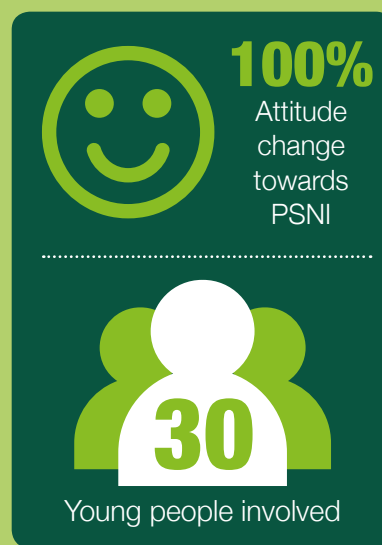
Take a Byte

Young people around Derry and Strabane have been breaking down barriers and engaging with the PSNI thanks to the Bytes Project and the local PCSP.

The Bytes Project is designed to promote awareness of mental health, understanding of community safety, and confidence in policing. Working directly with the PSNI and funded by Derry & Strabane PCSP, the "Policing

Day – Breaking Down Barriers" initiative saw 30 young people spend the day at Maydown PSNI station building positive attitudes towards services and policing in their community.

100% of those who attended said they got a better understanding of the role of the PSNI in their community, and that the interactions had led to a change in their attitude towards the police.



Young people receiving a briefing from the PSNI



Motoring on

Mid & East Antrim PCSP have committed to improving road safety in their District, and have been working with New Driver NI to educate young people about all things motoring, with a focus on keeping themselves safe.

Inexperience can make driving daunting when you've just passed your test, which is why the project focuses on drivers between the ages of 17 and 20, delivering award-winning interactive presentations covering everything from picking a driving instructor and buying your first car, to penalty points, collisions, and how to keep your car road-worthy.



Young people from Youth First with Youth leaders, PCSP Manager Dermot Harrigan and PCSP Chair Cllr Sandra Duffy before heading off on their residential.

Turning down the pressure

Youth First, a project funded by Derry & Strabane PCSP has been tackling issues at the interface areas between the Bogside, the Brandywell and the Fountain Estate in the city.

The project provides positive alternatives to anti-social, risk-taking and sectarian behaviours for young people aged between 10 and 18, keeping them engaged and fostering relationships between communities. Alongside workshops, Youth First also hosts diversionary activities at times of high tension.



100%
More aware of the negative impacts of anti-social behaviour

KICKING OUT CRIME



If you can't do the crime...

Mid & East Antrim PCSP are focusing on helping vulnerable people keep themselves safe. Working with their local PSNI Crime Prevention Officer, they've developed free kits to help people feel safer in their homes.

The kits included items like door and keyring alarms, as well as door and window jammers. Padlocks, torches, digital safes and sensor lights will also be made available to residents.

180

Safety packs

£2000+

Worth of crime prevention kits

400+

Crime prevention materials

"This is fantastic. I'm frightened living alone for the first time. This will make me feel safer."

Foyle Women's Information Network attendee



Community safety wardens Matt, Adam and Gary out spreading the word.

Community outreach

Derry & Strabane PCSP's Community Safety Wardens have been out and about engaging with the local community through the North West Regional College's Freshers' Fair and Foyle Women's Information Network's Information Event this month.

The Wardens did a quick survey of what people knew about the scheme and found that 98% of people felt safer because of its existence.

KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFER



Track and trace

Mid & East Antrim Drugs and Alcohol Steering group has been working to reduce the amount of needles and syringes on the streets.

Extern, a key member of the steering group has developed STARS: Syringe Tracking and Recovery Service. Its idea is simple - if someone finds an IV needle, they call Extern who will come and dispose of it. This means that the number of needles found can be tracked and hotspots identified so that Extern can begin organising responsive actions where they're most needed.



Annette Blaney, PCSP Project Co-ordinator checking out the area

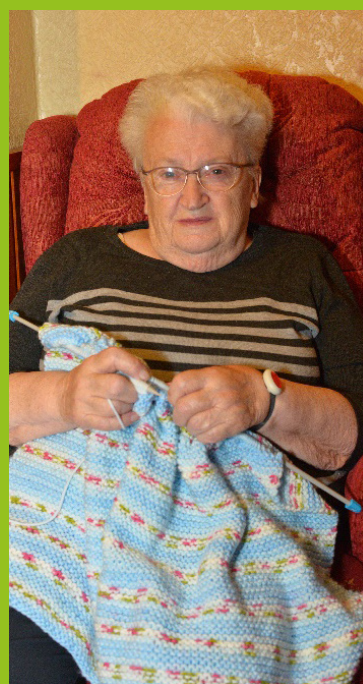
Park life!

Many of us have seen Neighbourhood Watch signs posted around our areas, but do you know who's looking out for your local parks?

In Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon, the local PCSP has been working with the PSNI and park staff to create Park Watch, designed to protect our green areas from vandalism and anti-social behaviour. There are currently 17 active schemes within the District, and the most recent kicked off with a staff visit to the park to let the public know all about how it works.



17
Active park watch schemes



Sound the alarm

Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP have been working with the PSNI, NIFRS, Social Services and the South West Age Partnership to help vulnerable people living with complex medical conditions stay in their homes for longer.

The initiative focuses on rural and isolated areas and involves giving residents wearable alarms with additional sensors, linked via phone to a monitoring centre. If there are any issues, the resident can press on the alarm to alert an advisor in the monitoring centre who can respond and arrange for additional help if needed.

One local user, Mrs Armstrong (pictured), recently made use of the alarm when her husband fell at home – the advisor at the monitoring centre contacted both the emergency services and her family, keeping her calm and providing peace of mind.



45
Alarms issued



100%
satisfaction

PARTNER POWER



Launch of the digitisation project

Retail Crimewatch goes digital

Over 400 retailers have signed up to become members of Retail Crimewatch, a partnership between Belfast City Centre Management, retailers and the PSNI.

As part of the crime reduction project, members are sent digital images of convicted shoplifters across Northern Ireland, allowing them to issue Exclusion Orders which means they can bar them from their premises for a year.

Explaining the benefits of Retail Crimewatch, Chief Superintendent Jonathan Roberts, said:

“The scheme is delivering tangible, measurable results. To date, there have been 42 successful convictions resulting in 20 custodial sentences for burglary involving prolific offenders, helping to create a safer environment for staff, customers and the public. We look forward to continuing this work with Belfast City Centre Management and our partners in the business and retail sectors as we seek out ways to develop this important service which helps prevent crime and keep people safe and I would encourage all businesses to consider joining the scheme.”



400

Retailers signed up to Retail Crimewatch

PARTNER POWER

“Crimes against small firms, contrary to what some may think, are certainly not ‘victimless’.”

Mairaid McMahon, Federation of Small Businesses



Have you experienced business crime?

The Business Crime Partnership brings together key organisations and the business community to tackle business crime.

It wants to know how you've been impacted by business crime and what would be helpful in deterring crime.

Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) NI Development Manager, Mairaid McMahon is encouraging all businesses to complete a survey to help capture the true impact of business crime across Northern Ireland. She said: **“The average cost of a crime to a business is almost £3,000, and when additional negative impacts such as reputational damage, lost time and delayed business activity are factored in, it quickly adds up to a significant**

barrier to growth, or in the worst cases a threat to their survival. Having worked with the Business Crime Partnership we know that tackling these crimes are a priority for the justice system, but we need a stronger evidence base to ensure that resources are being targeted effectively.”

[click here](#) to take the survey

All responses are anonymous, and the findings will be used by the Business Crime Partnership to improve their Business Crime Action Plan.

“It is vitally important that we properly recognise the hard work and commitment that goes into helping keep our roads safe.”

Pat Martin, Chair of Road Safe NI

Nominate your road safety hero

It's the 5th year of Road Safe NI's Road Safety Awards, and nominations are now open for individuals and organisations!

10 nomination categories are on offer, covering schools, emergency services, voluntary, public and private sectors.

The big event will be on the 22nd November as part of Road Safety Week. Nominations close on 31st October, so get yours in now!

[click here](#) to submit your entry

At the Auld Lammas...

The Auld Lammas fair is the biggest gathering of the year within the Causeway, Coast & Glens District. The local PCSP took part and partners the PSNI spent time talking to people about their projects with a focus on rural schemes like Select DNA marking and Text Alert.



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Registrants to PCSP schemes



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