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School's Out



Pictured at the safe cycling event are (l-r): Derry & Strabane PCSP Officer Vanessa Russell, Mayor Rhys Stevenson, PCSP Member Cllr Maoliosa McHugh, Lisa Marie McLaughlin and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Andy Patton.

Freewheeling

Derry & Strabane PCSP have been working with the PSNI to deliver a cycle safety scheme to young people in Sion Mills to give them the skills and knowledge to stay safe when they're out on their bikes over the summer. All bikes are given a safety check and the young people are taught various manoeuvres so that they have good control of their bikes.

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Representatives from the Road Safety Council who delivered the cycle training in Sion Mills are pictured with (l-r): Derry & Strabane PCSP Officer Vanessa Russell, Mayor Rhys Stevenson, PCSP Member Cllr Maoliosa McHugh, Lisa Marie McLaughlin and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Andy Patton.



PCSP Officer Annette Blaney and Con Michael Allen (l) and Con Paul Richardson (r) launch School Watch at St Ronan's College with pupils and teachers Mrs Tierney, Mrs Lamb and Vice Principal Dr Moore.

Summer time means School Watch

Throughout the year, PCSPs and the PSNI work with local schools to support School Watch which, much like Neighbourhood Watch, is designed to tackle vandalism and criminal damage to schools. With schools sitting empty over the summer, it's even more important to make sure someone is keeping an eye on them.

Lurgan's St Ronan's College is the latest to sign up to the scheme which puts up signs around the area to highlight the fact that local residents are keeping watch for any antisocial behaviour and will report it to the police.

Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP Chair Cllr Maire Cairns said: "The School Watch campaign is aimed at keeping our school buildings safe and secure and to try and combat crime in and around the school premises. I would urge everyone to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour they see to the local Police."

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As part of the annual diversionary measures for young people in Derry and Strabane, members of the TRIAX Youth Sub-group headed off for a two night residential. They are pictured here with PCSP staff and leaders from Long Tower Youth Club, St. Mary's Youth Club and Bishop Street Youth Club.



Pictured launching the Rapid bins are (l-r): Sgt Scott Fallis, Cathy Mullan, Peter McLoughlin ASCERT and Cllr John Coyle.

Bin the drugs

Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP and partners have expanded the use of drug bins in the area. Following a pilot in 2010, the idea of installing the RAPID bins to Remove All Prescription and Illegal Drugs has developed with three more in Enniskillen, Irvinestown and Omagh.

Delivered by the PCSP, the PSNI, the Public Health Agency, ASCERT and Fermanagh and Omagh Drug and Alcohol Forums, the scheme provides a safe way for anyone to dispose of drugs. The PCSP Community Safety Wardens promote the project across the district and regularly inspect the bins and the PSNI are responsible for collecting and disposing of the drugs.

PCSP Chair Cllr John Coyle said about the project: “**The PCSP engage with local community and statutory groups to identify and address concerns in relation to community safety and prepare a plan to address these concerns. The focus of the plan is on delivering practical solutions and RAPID bins are an excellent example of this practical interagency approach.**”

Where is your child tonight?

Some communities find that the end of the school year and long summer days can mean an increase in antisocial behaviour. Echoing the PSNI's call for parents and agencies to work together to prevent this happening and consider alternatives for some young people, Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP have been working with the Housing Executive, the Carnaget Community Association and the Flying Horse Ward Community Forum to pose the question: Where is your child tonight? The aim is to encourage parents to question what their child may be doing when they're not with them and to make sure they know where they are and that they are safe.

PCSP Chair Cllr Harry Harvey stressed that “Antisocial behaviour can lead to criminal convictions which have devastating effects on a young people's future prospects. Good parental supervision can stop this and other activities often associated with alcohol and drug abuse. It's very important that local parents ask themselves everyday 'Where is my child tonight?'”

Comgħal McQuillan, South Regional Manager at the Housing Executive, said: “It's unfortunate that antisocial behaviour is an aspect of life in some areas, but with positive action and engagement with local parents, we can help steer young people in our community along a better path.”



Launching the Where is your Child tonight? campaign are (l-r): Ann Grant, Lynsey Moore, Jenny Laverty, Denise Kelly, Sgt Suzanne Cochrane, Insp Darren Hardy, PCSP Member Dan McEvoy, PCSP Chair Cllr Harry Harvey and Kathy Mullen with NIHE staff.

Getting the message out...

So the sun has been shining (in between the rain of course) and PCSPs have been getting out to community events to promote their work and how people can engage with policing.



Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP and PSNI were at the Castlewellan Show to engage with people and promote their work. Con Karen Thomas was very patient with the number of kids who wanted their pictures in the police tractor!



Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP and local police officers were invited along to help the Muslim Association of Newry celebrate Eid al-Fitr and join in their end of Ramadan celebrations.



Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP's Lynette Cooke, with the PSNI's Con Sarah Murray, offered Coffee with the Cops and crime prevention to local people at the Edgarstown Fun Day.



Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP and SDACT Connections Service hosted a Big Breakfast Networking Event in Banbridge to promote understanding and working arrangements to look at how best to develop partnerships to tackle drugs & alcohol issues in the area.

Planning local policing

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP launched their local Policing Plan which focuses on keeping people safe, reducing crime, building confidence in the PSNI and protecting vulnerable people.

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP Chair Cllr Máire Cairns said: "I am pleased that Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP and the PSNI continue to work closely together to make sure the views of the public are heard on local policing matters and we look forward to receiving regular updates throughout the year. Working together with our partner agencies and local people will help ensure that the Borough is a safer place for everyone."



Launching the Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Plan are (l-r): PCSP Manager Patricia Gibson, Ch/Insp Barney O'Connor, Ch/Insp Jon Burrows, Policing Board Vice Chair Debbie Watters, Deputy Chief Constable Drew Harris and Alison Clenaghan, Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP.

Derry & Strabane

The Derry & Strabane Local Policing Plan aims to increase trust and confidence in policing, reduce harm caused by antisocial behaviour by protecting the most vulnerable, keep people safe on our roads, tackle serious and organised crime and tackle paramilitarism.



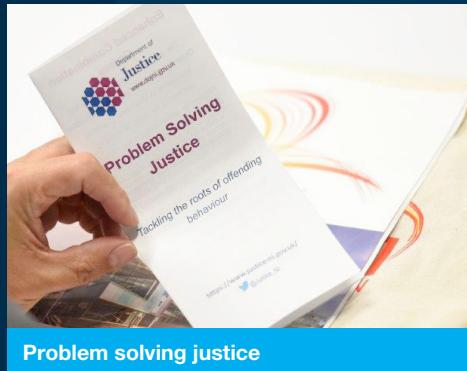
Pictured at the launch are (l-r): Ch/Insp Paul McCracken, former Chair Cllr Gus Hastings, PCSP Manager Dermot Harrigan and Supt Gordon McCalmon.

Problem solving justice

The Department of Justice recently showcased some of their key projects at a recent NICS live conference which brought together public services to look at and learn from innovative ways of delivering services.

The DOJ set out their Problem Solving Justice approach as a way to help prevent offending by focusing on the causes rather than the consequences. They outlined the importance of working with other agencies to divert people away from offending behaviour and, where they do offend, to offer them the appropriate support to go a different direction.

One of the pilots being run under Problem Solving Justice is the Concern Hub



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coordinated by Derry & Strabane PCSP which brings together statutory agencies to share information and help those vulnerable people.

To find out all you need to know about the Concern Hub [click here](#)

Fire Safety

Following the Grenfell Tower fire, Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service have been visiting high rise housing to give fire safety advice to residents and check the condition of internal fire mains, vents and fire doors.

Assistant Chief Fire & Rescue Officer Alan Walmsley explained that firefighters have been talking to residents about fire safety stressing the importance of a working smoke alarm and a fire escape plan.

He said: "Fire safety standards in high rise residential buildings in Northern Ireland are the responsibility of either the social housing provider or the private management company that operates the building. Should we



Group Commander Geoff Somerville speaks to a resident of high rise accommodation.

find any defects or areas of concern in the fire safety elements we will be bringing these to the immediate attention of those who have responsibility for the building."

For more information [click here](#)

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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