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THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS SAFETY PLAN!

Christmas this year might not be what we're used to. In fact, it will probably be very different indeed! However, there's still certain seasonal safety measures we should follow. Remember to check the **latest Covid-19 safety advice** and follow the guidelines so we can keep ourselves and others safe.



STAY SAFE SOCIALISING

Although we might not be donning our glad rags for the office party or going for a big festive meal out, we still need to remember to stay safe out and about. So if you're planning to indulge in a bit of Christmas cheer, follow our 'elf and safety' tips:

- Never, ever drink and drive or under the influence of drugs and stay within speed limits.
- Always plan your journey home but remember you may still be over the limit the morning after.
- Walk in bright, well-lit areas.
- Look after your valuables.

to find out more about protecting yourself from crime.

If you have been a victim of crime you can report it to the PSNI on 101 or in an emergency call 999. You can also report crime online through the **PSNI's website**.



STAY SAFE AT HOME

You might not be leaving the house unattended that much this year but that doesn't mean you should get lax on home safety. Here's how to keep your grotto safe, and presents secure and ready for under the tree:

- Lock all doors and windows – even if you're just going for a short walk.
- Keep presents hidden, in both the house and car.
- Lock your sleigh car doors.
- Mark all valuables with your postcode/house number and take photos of them as this may make it easier to track them if stolen.
- Turn off Christmas lights and consider other fire hazards such as candles.



SHOP SAFELY ONLINE

Many of us will be leaving the reindeer and sleigh at home this year and instead we'll be ordering sacks of presents online straight to our door (or down the chimney!) However if you're getting gifts for those on your 'Nice List', make sure the scammers end up with nothing but coal in their sacks by following these tips:

- Only buy from websites you know and trust.
- Check the website address bar has a lock symbol in the address bar. Keep your password safe and vary it between sites.
- Be careful about what links you click and where you're entering your password.
- If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is!
- Lots of 'pop ups' promising great deals are really fake pages trying to take your bank account details.

to find out more about online safety



(L-R) Shannon Creaney, PCSP Student, Constable Simpson, Martina Flynn, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager and Constable McGarrity



2,500
packs distributed



100%
of receivers better equipped to protect themselves and their property

HOME SAFETY PACKS HELP KEEP HOMES SAFER

Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP have been helping improve home safety and reduce fear of crime in their community by distributing home safety packs to vulnerable members of the community, older people living alone, previous victims of home burglary and people living in areas identified as high risk for burglaries.

Packs were distributed through local Councillors, PCSP members, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators and Officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team after being collected from Newry Leisure Centre, in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines.

The home safety packs contained:

- Personal attack alarm with torch
- Window entry alarm
- Door stop wedge alarm
- 24-hour segment light timer
- Permanent UV marker pen
- Contactless card blocker
- Information leaflets

“Thanks to Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP we have a number of home security packs available for senior members of the community.”

ThreeWays CA Newry

OPERATION SEASON’S GREETINGS

PSNI have launched their annual Christmas campaign, reminding us all how best to keep safe in the run up to Christmas. The campaign runs throughout the festive period and covers areas such as anti-drink and drug drive operation, safety tips around online dating and how to protect your home and property.



We would like to say ‘thanks’ to all those who work with PCSPs throughout the year to improve policing and community safety. Your contributions are much appreciated and over the holiday period we say a special thanks to those in the police and emergency services who are working to keep us all safe.



VOLUNTEER SAFETY WARDEN SCHEME ESTABLISHED

Thanks to funding from Derry & Strabane PCSP, Melmount Community Forum has been able to purchase equipment to support the establishment of a new Volunteer Safety Warden Scheme within Strabane and associated areas. The scheme engages with the community and helps to deter those partaking in anti-social and high-risk behaviour and signpost them to available and relevant services.

In addition to radios, chargers and body worn videos, the PCSP's involvement also allowed invaluable engagement with PSNI Neighbourhood Officers, PCSP Community Safety Wardens and Foyle Search and Rescue, ensuring best practices and dissemination of shared experiences.

The Volunteer Safety Warden Scheme will carry out weekend patrols over a 12-month period in areas identified as high problem hotspots.



Volunteer Safety Wardens on patrol in Strabane, engaging and supporting the community



17

fully trained volunteers



41

nights of patrols



613

vulnerable individuals engaged



1439.5

volunteer hours delivered



80%

behaviour and attitude change

"This is such a positive project and I was delighted to see the young people involved so clearly enjoying the programme and developing new skills at the same time.

Programmes such as this which effectively divert young people from anti-social behaviour, while also building skills for the future and developing a sense of civic responsibility, are where the PCSP should be directing resources. This is a great example of how statutory partners working together can deliver really positive outcomes."

Councillor Nick Mathison,
Ards & North Down PCSP Chair



ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Young people in Ards and North Down have been putting their Friday nights (and the occasional Saturday!) to good use thanks to the Ards Blair Mayne Bike project. The Ards & North Down PCSP funded initiative is delivered by EA Youth Service as a direct response to anti-social behaviour at the site. The programme is delivered in partnership with other agencies including Ards Blair Mayne Wellbeing, the Leisure Complex and the local PSNI.

Eight young people have participated in the 10-week initiative that teaches biking skills including practical bike maintenance know-how. As well as the Friday night session, there has been the occasional Saturday trip to places like Conlig Bike Track. They will also be able to engage in the Duke of Edinburgh programme.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SCAMWISENI!

The 11th November saw the 4 year anniversary of ScamwiseNI. To mark the day and celebrate, ScamwiseNI created a short video outlining their history and key achievements.

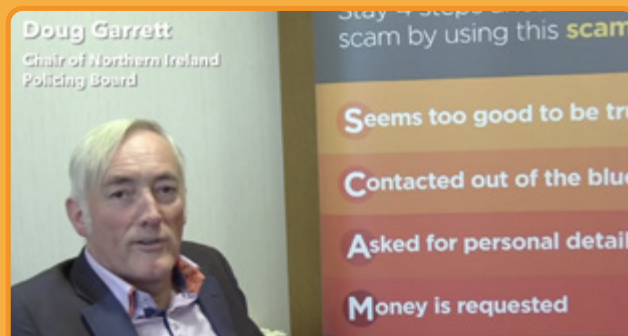
to check it out



4 years of staying Scamwise!

scamwiseNI
PARTNERSHIP

No birthday is complete without some birthday messages! See what the following well-wishers had to say:



Northern Ireland Policing Board Chair Doug Garrett



The Consumer Council Chair Sheila McClelland



The Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland, Eddie Lynch



Naomi Long, Justice Minister



PSNI Chief Constable Simon Byrne



Kevin Kingston, Chief Executive of Danske Bank

Scams reported to the PSNI in October and November

39 doorstep scams

47 postal scams

236 internet scams

713 phone scams

Total money lost to scams
£1,666,131



The launch of our Police Property Fund Scheme is now scheduled for 21st January 2021.

Interested in applying?

Register your interest by emailing policepropertyfund@nipolicingboard.org.uk

[Read more about the Scheme](#)

SAFETY TAKES TOP BILLING AT THE DRIVE-IN

It was a message much more important than the usual movie soundtrack that was blaring through the car radios at the drive-in in Loughbrickland recently. In a local church that's been set up for drive-ins, Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP hosted a Scam and Crime Prevention Information Drive-In Event.

PCSP Project Officer Billy Stewart spoke to almost 70 older people, working from the boot of his car and tuned in to their car radios. The messaging for the talk centred on scams, home security and personal security.

The event was held in partnership with The 60+ Luncheon Club and replaced usual in-person talks. Feedback from the event was positive with reports of all enjoying and feeling much benefited by the information received.



The audience listen to safety advice from the safety of their cars

WORKING TOWARDS RURAL CRIME 'TRAILING OFF'

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP took on crime in Kinallen with a trailer marking event. In conjunction with PSNI, the event was for the local farming community and, as well as trailer marking, offered information on their text alert service and Farm Watch scheme.

If you're interested in trailer marking contact your local PCSP



(L-R) Sophie Malcolmson, trailer owner/local farmer, Annette Blaney, PCSP Project Co-ordinator and Constable Phil Hunter, PSNI Crime Prevention



27 trailers marked



4 calls requesting a local Farm Watch

CRIME PREVENTION VIDEOS CREATED TO RAISE AWARENESS

After engaging with local Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators, Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP have acted on requests for further general crime prevention advice. In liaison with partner organisations, including Women's Aid, COAST and the PSNI, four videos were created. Each video focuses on a different crime and advice on prevention. The videos were released on a weekly basis throughout November.



Watch the Domestic Abuse advice video



Watch the Home and Property Safety video

"I think they are valuable to have."

Comment by a viewer



4 videos



Over 5,000 views to date

PARK WATCH SCHEME LAUNCHED

In Lisburn and Castlereagh the parks should be feeling safer after the launch of a Park Watch scheme designed to combat vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP worked with local PSNI and the Council's Parks & Amenities and Environmental Health to create five Park Watch Schemes. The schemes involve the organisations working together along with local residents with the aim of protecting the parks and maintaining a safe and friendly environment for all.

The Park Watch Schemes currently cover Wallace Park, Lisburn, Duncan's Dam, Lisburn, Moira Demesne, McKee's Dam, Hillsborough and Cairnshill Playing Fields, Four Winds, Belfast.



(L-R) Chief Inspector Wilson PSNI with Cllr Nathan Anderson, Chairman Environmental Service, Cllr Alex Swan, Chairman Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP and Alderman Michael Henderson, Chairman Leisure & Community Development.

“Road safety remains the PCSPs number one priority. Illegal or inconsiderate parking creates a number of problems for other road users and also creates the potential for serious accidents. The PCSP wants to work in partnership with school pupils, bus drivers and parents to make the school run safer for everyone.”

Cllr McClaghry, Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP Chair

PARKING CONES GET A MAKE-OVER IN THE NAME OF SAFETY

Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP recently delivered a number of new parking signs to schools in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area where problems with illegal and inconsiderate parking had been identified. Working in partnership with the PSNI and local schools the innovative signage reminds adults just who they're putting at risk by parking poorly and dangerously.

“Inconsiderate parking around schools is putting the safety of children and others at risk. Our advice to drivers stopping near schools is simple:

- 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”

Constable Kirke, Road Education Officer



Pictures shows presentations to St Patrick PS in Eskra, Omagh County Primary, Florencecourt Primary School and St Mary's Primary School Mullymesker.



Anita Stop and Luke Listen make their appearance at Dromore Central Primary School

LOOK OUT FOR 'ANITA STOP' AND 'LUKE LISTEN'

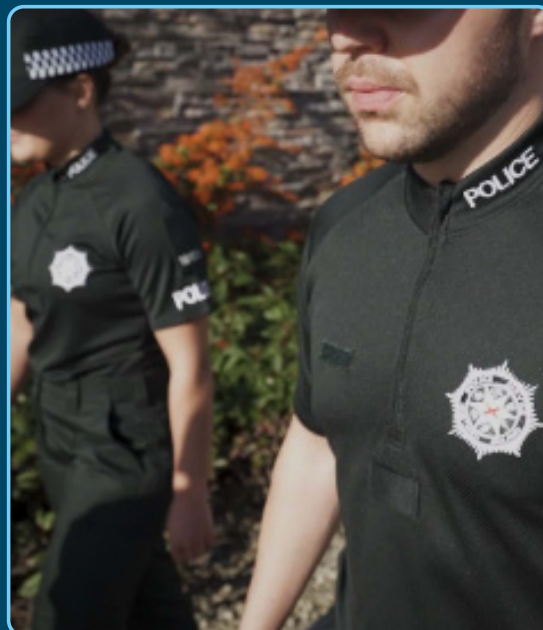
The made-over parking cones are making an appearance in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon too! Named 'Anita Stop' and 'Luke Listen' the PCSP has been working with schools, PSNI Road Safety Education and Neighbourhood Teams. Alongside the 'no parking' characters, joint road safety talks were given to P3s by the PCSP and PSNI.

PSNI UPDATE

NEW UNIFORM TRIAL

If you've noticed some PSNI officers in a slightly different uniform, that's because they're participating in the new uniform trial. 150 officers are participating in the three-month trial, which began back in October. Officers are testing out the new attire for its comfort and practicality.

Keep your eye out on PSNI's social media to take part in polls and give your opinion!



NCA AND PSNI BRIEFING FOR PCSP MANAGERS

A recent PCSP webinar discussion allowed for positive conversations and a chance to ask questions and find out more about the PSNI and NCA's work in tackling organised crime and criminality across our communities. Hear what the Northern Ireland Policing Board Partnership Committee Chair Dolores Kelly thought here.

to read the latest NCA performance reports



SIMON BYRNE *Chief Constable*

Watch what Chief Constable Simon Byrne had to say about the uniform trial

During November Your Police Service:

received
68,358
requests for service

processed
2,007
arrests through custody

prepared
3,210
case files for submission to the Public Prosecution Service

travelled
1,252,382
miles to respond to your calls and build safer communities

we care . we listen . we act

Police Service of Northern Ireland

to find more of the latest PSNI statistics. Stats on police recorded crime, drug seizures and arrests and anti-social behaviour are amongst those recently updated.

LATEST PUBLICATIONS

Annual Report and Accounts 2019 - 2020

The Board has published its Annual Report and Accounts for 2019-20, which includes assessments of Board and PSNI performance along with financial statements.



[to read the report](#)

Policing Board Engagement Strategy 2020-2023

Read about the Board's Engagement work and plans over the next 3 years.



[to read the strategy](#)

The Independent Reporting Commission Third Report

The latest report assesses progress towards bringing paramilitarism to an end.



[to read the report](#)

The Organised Crime Task Force OCTF Annual Report and Threat Assessment 2019/20

The Organised Crime Task Force have released their Annual Report and Threat assessment. The report contains highlights from the work of the multi-agency forum over the past 12 months and threat assessments.



[to read the report.](#)

Report on the Thematic Review of the Policing Response to COVID-19

The Board has published the findings from a review which examined how the policing service responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Report, which was conducted by the Board's Human Rights Advisor, focuses on the period 23 March – 30 June 2020 and makes 18 recommendations.



[to read the report](#)

Hate Crime Legislation Independent Review

Read the review commissioned by The Department of Justice on hate crime legislation in Northern Ireland. The independent review contains key findings and recommendations on the legislative framework.



[to read the review.](#)

Committee Review on Tackling Paramilitary Activity, Criminology and Organised Crime

Read the Board's review on the PSNI's work in tackling paramilitarism and implementing recommendations from the Executive Action Plan. The review makes five recommendations and 11 operational areas for improvement.



[to read the review](#)

Impartial Assessor Report: Appointment of Independent Members to PCSPs

The Board has published the Report compiled by the Impartial Assessor on the Appointment of Independent Members to PCSPs and DPCSPs. The Impartial Assessor was appointed by the Board to assess the appointment process and deliver a report. The report contains 12 recommendations from the Impartial Assessor for the future appointments process.



[to read the report](#)

4 NEW REPORTS AND REVIEWS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BY CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSPECTION NI:

The Care And Treatment Of Victims And Witnesses By The Criminal Justice System in NI

CJI NI has released its latest review of the care and treatment of victims and witnesses by the criminal justice system.



[to read the report](#)

The Detention Of Persons In Police Custody In NI

Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) and the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA) has examined the governance, standards and delivery of police custody arrangements in Northern Ireland.



[to read the report](#)

An Inspection Of How The Criminal Justice System Deals With Modern Slavery And Human Trafficking In NI

Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) has the first in-depth assessment of how the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland deals with modern slavery and human trafficking.



[to read the report](#)

Business Crime: A Follow-Up Review Of How The Criminal Justice System Deals With Business Crime in NI

Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) have released a follow-up review into PSNI's implementations of recommendations improving how business crime is dealt with.



[to read the report](#)

CONSULTATION CORNER

Draft Modern Slavery Strategy 2021/22

The Department of Justice is seeking stakeholders across a range of sectors to give their views on a draft 2021/22 Modern Slavery Strategy. The draft strategy is a multiagency collaboration by members of Northern Ireland's Organised Crime Task Force and agencies who work to address modern slavery and human trafficking.

[to find out more](#)

Closes 7 Jan 2021

New Joint Care and Justice Campus

The Department of Justice and the Department of Health have launched a public consultation on proposals for a new joint Care and Justice Campus for children and young people.

[to find out more](#)

Closes 15th January 2021

Review on The Use of 'consent to serious harm for sexual gratification' as a Defence

The Department of Justice have launched a public consultation on how potential inadequacies in current legislation regarding the act of choking or strangulation by defendants could be addressed.

[to find out more](#)

Closes 4 January 2021

Enhanced Legal Protections for Domestic Abuse Victims

Justice Minister, Naomi Long, has launched a public consultation on proposals to introduce new Domestic Abuse Protection Notices that aim to deliver immediate short-term protection from all forms of domestic abuse

[to find out more](#)

Closes 12 February 2021

Follow us on social media and find out more about PCSPs:

PCSPs are funded and supported by the Policing Board and the Department of Justice.



PCSPs work with a number of designated partners.

