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NI Road Safety champions honoured

Northern Ireland's road safety champions were officially recognised recently for their contribution to helping reduce the incidence of death and injury on our roads.

Among the winners recognised for their work at the Northern Ireland Road Safety Awards 2016 were individuals, organisations and special projects from across the business, voluntary, education, emergency service and public sectors.

Supported by Road Safe NI and sponsored by leading accident management specialist, CRASH Services, a total of 16 awards were presented across 10 categories.

[click here](#) for more details on the winners



Lifetime Achievement Category winner Pat Martin receives her award from Jonathan McKeown of Sponsors CRASH Services Also pictured are all category winners at the 2016 NI Road Safety Awards with u105'S Frank Mitchell (far left).

Calling all schools

Primary Schools across the country are being asked to put their bid in for the big Northern Ireland Road Safety Quiz over the next few weeks.

The Quiz, which is being delivered by Road Safe NI and sponsored by CRASH and the Department of Infrastructure's Road Safety Grant, is open to P7s in each of the Council areas who will be up against each other in a series of heats to reach the final on 20th February. Some of the Council areas are already full up so get your skates on if you are interested.

With 68 people having died on our roads during 2016, road safety will continue to be a major focus for PCSPs this year as they work to get the message out to road users of all ages.

[click here](#) to view more details on the Road Safe NI Facebook page

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Pictured promoting the quiz are: (l-r) Joan Kinnaird, Road Safe NI, Department for Infrastructure Minister Chris Hazzard, Primary School pupil Megan McKeown and Jonathan McKeown CRASH Services.



Keeping older people safe



Helping to keep older people safer in their homes, Derry & Strabane PCSP has funded a DVD which deals with the issue of bogus callers and advises on how best to avoid becoming a victim of a burglary or theft.

Cllr Hugh Hastings, Chair of the Derry & Strabane PCSP is pictured presenting copies of the 'Don't Be My Guest' DVD to members of the Lettershandoney Luncheon Group. Also included in the photo are Sandra Holden, PCSP Coordinator, Sean Collins, Community Restorative Justice, who delivered the talk on dealing with bogus callers and Sean Carlin, Lettershandoney Community Centre Manager. The Derry & Strabane PCSP has also delivered the Costly Subject DVD to community groups which deals with the issue of elderly financial abuse and financial scams.

[click here](#) to view 'Don't Be My Guest' video.



As part of their 'Good for Nothing' project supported by Derry & Strabane PCSP, Glen Development Initiative (GDI) provided a Christmas party for elderly residents living in the area. Food was served to the residents by the young members of GDI. Pictured attending the event are Cllr Hugh Hastings, PCSP Chair; Sandra Holden, PCSP coordinator; Cllr Eric McGinley, PCSP member; Gerry MacLoughlinn, GDI Coordinator and Adrian Óg Kelly, GDI Youth Worker.

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Cllr Hugh Hastings, Chair Derry & Strabane PCSP Sandra Holden, PCSP Coordinator, Sean Collins, Community Restorative Justice and Sean Carlin, Lettershandoney Community Centre Manager pictures presenting personal attack alarms and fridge magnets with the contact details for the Community Safety Wardens to members of the Lettershandoney Luncheon Group.



New phase for Community Safety Warden scheme

Mid & East Antrim PCSP has launched a new phase of the Community Safety Wardens project.

Speaking about the initiative PCSP Chair Cllr Andrew Wilson said: "This scheme addresses key elements of the PCSP Action Plan in delivering an additional community resource with the capacity to assist with low level crime and anti-social behaviour.

Wardens have been able to detect and assist on a wide range of issues including youth issues, drugs abuse, general safety problems, graffiti, litter and dog fouling. The Wardens are also addressing the fear of crime as a reassuring presence both in the community sector and the business sector.

In addition the PSNI find that the Wardens are an invaluable resource to call upon, which frees their Officers to deal with more serious crime"

The Community Safety Wardens project is funded by the NI Housing Executive and PCSP and is managed by Ballymena Retailers Against Crime (BRAC).

“I Am Your Money” campaign

People who purchase counterfeit goods are unwittingly helping to fund organised crime gangs – including those with links to paramilitaries.

This issue, which is explored in a new Executive advertising campaign entitled “I Am Your Money”, is a significant one in Northern Ireland and, for the first time, is being given a profile which reflects the severity of the situation today.

The recently launched campaign focuses on the ‘money chain’ between the seemingly harmless act of buying counterfeit goods, and the link to funding serious organised crime gangs.

Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly, along with representatives of PCSPs and the PSNI, attended the launch event and had the opportunity to view materials seized by operations involving the PSNI and other partner agencies.

The campaign was developed as a direct result of the Northern Ireland Executive’s commitment within the Fresh Start agreement, and subsequent action plan, to tackle paramilitary activity and associated criminality, and is the first step in a number of actions which will be taken in the future to tackle this serious issue.

The Executive campaign features TV, radio, press and social media activity and is being led by the Department of Justice, in partnership with key stakeholders including the PSNI, Policing Board and PCSPs.

It is estimated that there are currently 138 organised crime groups operating within Northern Ireland – although this number is constantly evolving - who engage in a range of criminal activities; from the supply of counterfeit goods, right through to drug dealing.



Board Chair Anne Connolly and Justice Minister Claire Sugden, fellow MLA’s and guests who supported the launch of the campaign.

Phase one of the campaign aims to demonstrate how purchasing counterfeit or illegal goods including makeup, toiletries, alcohol, car parts and toys, may seem to be a harmless, victimless activity, but in reality the purchase of such goods are not only funding criminal activity, but the goods themselves are also potentially harmful to those who use them.

Research has shown that the public in Northern Ireland are often unaware of the link between the sale of counterfeit goods and how this can contribute to the funding of organised crime, so this new campaign aims to educate the public about where their money might end up, and asks them to help end the harm caused by organised crime, and reconsider their actions.

Phase two of the campaign will move on to the theme of drugs and young people and will link to PCSP activity on this issue.

If you want to help bring an end to the funding of organised crime through the sale of counterfeit goods, pledge your support at **#EndTheHarmNI**.

Anyone with information on the sale of counterfeit goods or associated criminal activity is asked to contact the PSNI on 101, or Crimestoppers **anonymously** on **0800 555 111**.

[click here](#) for further information about the campaign.

Front Cover Image
Pictured at the launch of the ‘I Am Your Money’ campaign are: (l-r) D/Supt Gary Reid, Board Chair Anne Connolly and Justice Minister Claire Sugden.

Domestic abuse campaign launched

The PSNI launched its domestic abuse campaign in the run-up to Christmas. The key message of the campaign 'If you feel like you're walking on eggshells that's domestic abuse' is designed to encourage the reporting of incidents and make victims aware that they can take steps to stop it.

The campaign will run online until the end of January encouraging victims to come forward to report incidents of domestic abuse.

Discussing the campaign Detective Chief Superintendent George Clarke, Head of the PSNI's Public Protection Branch, said: "We know that over the Christmas period unfortunately incidents of domestic abuse rise. This is a very frightening crime

which can affect anyone and very often victims are isolated. No one should have to endure abuse and I want to encourage all victims of domestic abuse to come forward and report the matter to the police.

No one should have to endure abuse. If you are a victim of abuse, please remember you are not alone and that there are people who can help you.

A 24-hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Helpline is available to anyone who has concerns about domestic or sexual violence, now or in the past on 0808 802 1414.

The PSNI would strongly encourage anyone suffering from domestic abuse to contact their local police on the non-emergency number **101** or in an emergency always call **999**.

Some domestic abuse figures

- 24th to 31st December 2015 - 717 reports of domestic abuse incidents.
- Christmas Day 2015 - 94 incidents reported, compared to 79 in 2014
- Boxing Day 2015 - 119 incidents, compared to 111 in 2014.
- a total increase of 23 incidents of domestic abuse over both days.
- Between October 2015 and September 2016 - 28,811 domestic abuse incidents reported compared to 28,170 from the same period the previous year

[click here](#) for more information on domestic abuse

It's *YOUR* Community, *YOUR* Policing Service, *YOUR* Say!

The Policing Board, in partnership with Belfast PCSP, is holding a public meeting in the Banqueting Hall Belfast City Hall on Monday 23 January from 7pm.

The meeting will focus on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and will provide an opportunity to find out how the Board are monitoring the PSNI in this area and hear good practice examples from Belfast PCSP in relation to tackling ASB in parks.

On the night you will also have the opportunity to question Policing Board Members, Senior Police Officers and PCSP Members on this important issue. Come along and put your questions to those who make the key policing decisions for your community.

Access to the meeting will be through the back entrance to Belfast City Hall.

Please contact the Policing Board on 028 9040 8540 to advise of any special access needs or other requirements.





Pictured at the Neighbourhood Watch Conference in Portrush are (l-r): C/Insp Ian Magee, PCSP Chair Alderman William King, Deputy Mayor Cllr James McCorkell, Supt John Magill, Causeway Older Active Strategic Team (COAST) Manager Jenna O'Hara and Sgt Terry McKenna.

Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP hosts Neighbourhood Watch conference

Neighbourhood Watch continues to gather momentum with just under 60 schemes set up in Causeway Coast and Glens alone covering nearly 3,000 households. The PCSP recently got participants together to share good practice in how the scheme helps people protect themselves and their property and reduce the fear of crime.

Deputy Mayor Cllr James McCorkell said that Neighbourhood Watch is an important mechanism for local communities to address crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Speaking at the Conference PCSP Chair Ald William King stressed the importance of communications between local co-ordinators and police to get to grips with issues that concern their communities.

Continued focus on tackling business crime

PCSP managers and PSNI Engagement Chief Inspectors met in Cookstown as part of the continuing focus on supporting businesses through the Business Crime Action Plan.

The Action Plan was launched in June 2016, after the Department of Justice, the Policing Board and PSNI invested significant effort and resources meeting with representatives from the business community, identifying the key issues affecting businesses in Northern Ireland.

The Forum met representatives from business in Lisburn late last year and as part of a continuing effort to put in place concrete plans to tackle crime against the business community, a meeting was recently held with PCSP managers to discuss how this can be taken forward at a local level.

Speaking about the Business Crime Action Plan Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly said:

“The Policing Board continues to be committed to tackling business crime through the Action Plan.

Success in the delivery of the Plan is of course dependent on continued collaboration with the business community and the PCSPs have an important role to play in this. As we know this type of crime not only affects a business, but can have repercussions across the whole community, and I would encourage all PCSPs to support local retailers through the Plan to help keep their businesses free from crime.”

C/Supt Chris Noble added, **“This Action Plan can both capture and take this work onto the next level as well as providing the strategic view and certainty for which the business community has asked. Success in addressing the current and emerging challenges depends on an active collaboration with businesses themselves.”**

[click here](#)

for more information on protecting your business



Pictured at the meeting are: (l-r) C/Supt. Chris Noble, Paula Gow, Policing Board official, Clare McVeigh, Department of Justice and Dermot Harrigan, Derry & Strabane PCSP Manager.

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Pictured at the last Coffee with the Cops event of 2016, organised by Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP and local PSNI are: (l-r) Con David Smith, Ald Jim Speers, Stephanie Rock, PCSP and Cllr Paul Berry.



Lexie Scott, Chair of Broughshane and District Community Association, PCSP member Cllr Reuben Glover, and Broughshane Oil Club Chairman Geoff Aiken at the launch of the Oil Club calendar

Calendar signposts community safety scheme

Mid & East Antrim PCSP recently launched a novel method of communicating its messages to the rural community.

Funded by an 80% grant from the PCSP, Broughshane & District Community Association Ltd has headlined a colourful 2017 calendar with the group's Braid Oil Club as the front cover. Promoting both the existing reduced cost heating oil scheme and a series of important safety messages, the group has now begun to distribute over 2,200 copies of the A3 size publication to every household within the targeted rural area.

Covering the wards of Broughshane and Slemish, the calendar's varied display advertisements offer advice on issues such as Road Safety; Domestic Violence; Drugs and Alcohol; Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour and an overall building of confidence in policing and reducing crime and the fear of crime.

PCSP Member, Cllr Reuben Glover, said: "Each part of the calendar addresses a priority area, with one example being a particular anxiety to the farming and rural community – that of theft from rural properties – by offering advice on prevention, or actions to take in suspicious circumstances.

The support by the PCSP grant was in part to target those in the rural areas who are traditionally more difficult to contact with the calendar posted to each household as well as being available for free distribution from numerous outlets."

What's happening in your PCSP?

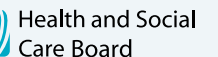
PCSPs hold a variety of meetings and events each month.

For details on what is coming up in your local PCSP [click here](#)

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