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PCSPs continue to come up with a range of new ways to get the road safety message out to drivers and pedestrians of all ages...

Hit the pitch not the ditch!

Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP hooked up with NIFRS, the PSNI and Ballynahinch Rugby Football Club to underline the importance of road safety. Their target was young people between the ages of 16-24 and their message: **Hit the pitch, not the ditch!**

A huge number of local young people with an interest in Gaelic football, rugby and soccer turned out to watch a re-enactment of what really happens after a collision and how the emergency services cope with injuries and deaths on the roads.



Some of the people taking part in the Hit the pitch, not the ditch! event.

Front Cover Caption:
Hit the pitch, not the ditch! flyer

Road Safety Awards

Do you know anyone who you think has helped improve road safety in your community? If so, now is the time to try and get their work recognised. Each year, Crash Services organise Road Safety Awards designed to acknowledge a range of people from driving instructors to lollipop people to emergency services who help keep people safe on the roads.

The closing date for entries is Friday 27th October and details of how to enter can be found at www.crashservices.com/nroadsafetyawards.



Launching this year's Road Safety Awards are (l-r): Radio Presenter Frank Mitchell, Davy Jackson Road Safe NI, Sales and Marketing Director at CRASH Services Tony McKeown and Insp Rosie Leech.

Keeping safe on the roads

Over 60s on the road

Over in Newry, Mourne & Down, the PCSP and its partners have rolled out the over 60s Safer Driving Programme. The clue is in the title – the programme is open to anyone over 60 who wants to unlearn any bad habits or just get confirmation about what a great driver they are!

Handing out certificates, PCSP Chair Cllr Harry Harvey: “Road Safety is a key theme of the work the PCSP carries out with our partners and we are delighted to be working together to ensure this brilliant initiative not only got off the ground but is developed and rolled out again in the near future.”



Some of the over 60s who took part in the PCSP Safer Driving Programme in Newry, Mourne & Down.



Tony McKeown, Sales and Marketing Director at CRASH Services and PCSP Manager Siobhan Fearon with some of the P5s entering the road safety competition.

Road Art

Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP are supporting the Road Safe NI road safety competition with P5s. The aim is fairly straightforward – to help prompt children to think of ways to keep safe on the roads.

Children from across the district have the chance to design posters relating to key road safety themes:

- the importance of ‘Stop, Look and Listen’ and being seen when out walking
- wearing a seatbelt when in the car
- encouraging drivers not to use mobile phones

Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP Manager Siobhan Fearon said the PCSP are delighted to sponsor the initiative: “It’s a fun way of getting the pupils to think about road safety and helps make children more aware of the importance of being alert and careful when they are crossing or are near roads.”

Support Hubs – how do they work?

Mid & East Antrim PCSP is part of the newly launched Support Hub for the area which allows agencies to share information and work together to help people solve problems.

Support hubs are where different agencies come together to share information and work out a plan for helping vulnerable people improve their situation. The Support Hub can help ensure people get the right services at the right time from the right agency.

Mid & East Antrim PCSP say they're delighted to be part of the Support Hub and look forward to working together with all agencies to improve the lives of local people for the better.

Derry and Strabane PCSP run a similar Concern Hub – to find out more about how they work

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Front Cover Caption:
Getting involved with the Support Hub.



Launching the multi agency Support Hub in Mid & East Antrim are (l-r): Supt Darrin Jones, Mid and East Antrim Council Chief Executive Anne Donaghy, PCSP Chair Cllr Brian Collins, Mayor Cllr Paul Reid and Head of DoJ Community Safety Division Steven McCourt.



Keeping busy at the football are young people from Castlewellan with (l-r): PCSP Chair, Cllr Harry Harvey, Slieve Croob DEA Co-ordinator, Priscilla McAlinden, Co Down Community Network's Paula Nixon, Cllr Stephen Burns, coach Gareth Keown and Castlewellan Community Partnership Chair, Felix Blaney.

Castlewellan goals

Young people of the lovely Castlewellan had some interesting things to occupy them over the summer. In response to the high incidents of antisocial behaviour in the area, Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP got together with Slieve Croob DEA Forum, Castlewellan Community Partnership, PSNI, and County Down Rural Community Network to roll out some diversionary sports.

Over 80 young people spent their Friday nights at the midnight multi sport programme and spent time at RADAR to learn what they need to know about internet safety, how to deal with bullying, antisocial behaviour and healthy eating.

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Front Row - Cllr Stephen Burns Chair Slieve Croob District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum, coach Gareth Keown

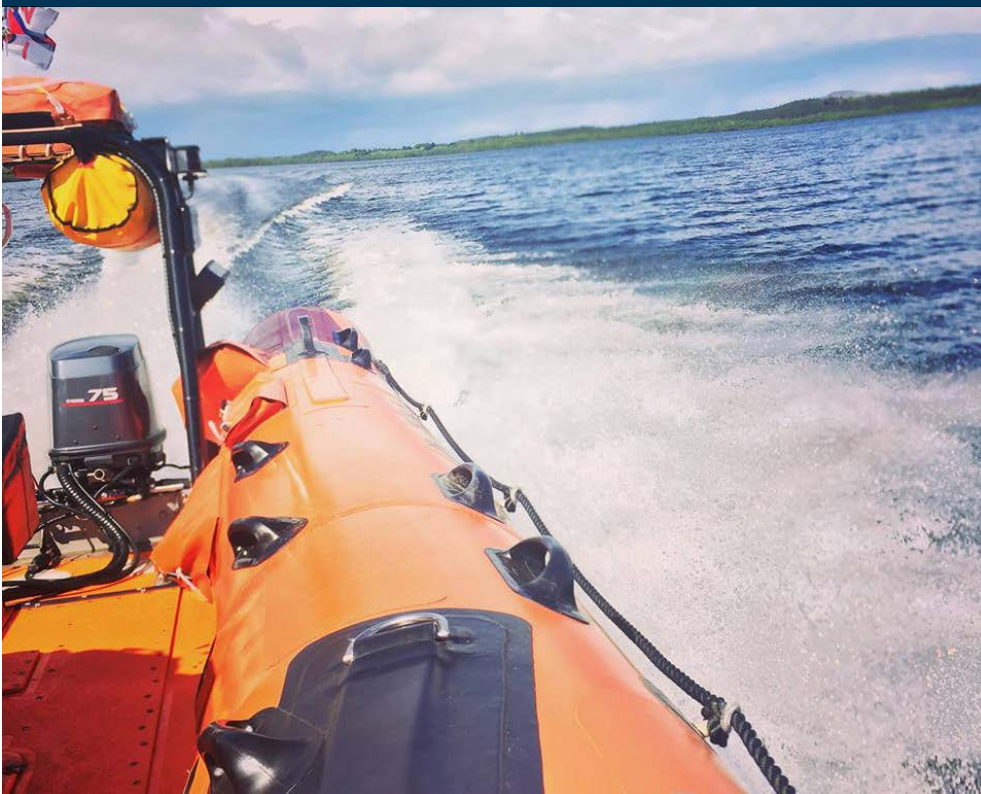
Middle Row (l-r): Paula Nixon County Down Rural Community Network, Priscilla McAlinden Slieve Croob DEA Co-ordinator

Back Row (l-r): Con Karen Thomas, Felix Blaney Chair of Castlewellan Community Partnership, PCSP Chair Cllr Harry Harvey and Con Phil Quinn

At the water's edge

With all the lakes and waterways around Enniskillen, it's not surprising that water safety is a bigger issue in this area than in many others. Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP teamed up with the PSNI and RNLI to increase awareness of the potential dangers on the water with a re-enactment of how the RNLI carry out a rescue and where the PSNI safety boat comes in.

Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP Chair Cllr John Coyle stressed the importance of water safety, saying: **"We want everyone to enjoy the water without putting themselves or others a risk. We are indebted to the RNLI who work very hard to provide a rescue service on the lakes but we need to ensure that as far as possible their work is more education than rescue."**



The launch of the Lifeboat in Enniskillen.

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Pictured at the water's edge are (l-r): Peter Scott and Aidy Kelly RNLI, PCSP Chair Cllr John Coyle, Insp Hoy and Con Cullen.



Solas Moyle staff Stephanie Elder and Rachel Quinney-Mee with PSNI Community Planning Sergeant Terry McKenna at the launch of the PCSP funded 'Building Resilience' project.

Building resilience

One of the ways PCSPs work with communities is through their small grants scheme. This allows local groups to apply for funding for projects which fall into the themes prioritised by the PCSP.

Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP recently ran their grants programme for community based organisations in the area working with drugs and alcohol abuse, early intervention and antisocial behaviour. One of those projects is Solas Moyle's 'Building Resilience' project which is designed to prevent teenagers from getting caught up in antisocial behaviour.

During the six month project, Solas Moyle will work with vulnerable young people to resist negative peer pressure, and will provide them with the life skills to help them make better choices about their health and wellbeing.

Out in the community

Community Safety Wardens from Derry & Strabane were out with pupils from Sion Mills Primary School to talk about the effects of antisocial behaviour. For their good behaviour and great listening, the children got some hi vis road safety kits to help keep them safe on their way to and from school.



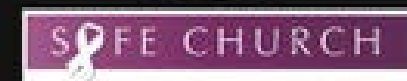
Community Safety Wardens Matt and Naomi engaging with pupils from Sion Mills Primary School.

Safe Churches

Churches in Mid & East Antrim PCSP area got the Safe Place treatment during September with free training sessions from Onus on how to keep their churches places of safety.

The Safe Church Initiative: Empowering Churches to Safeguard Children and Adults trains church communities to empower and protect victims of domestic abuse and work with other organisations to promote the support available to those who need it.

Anyone interested in making their church part of the scheme, can register an interest [here](#).



Be Well

Derry & Strabane PCSP have been working with Ascert and Firstsource promoting drug and alcohol awareness among employees as part of a Be Well event. The PCSP provides free drug and alcohol information boxes to any organisation which wants to deliver drug and alcohol awareness sessions. If that includes you, give the Derry & Strabane Manager a call.

[click here](#)

for details



PCSP Manager Dermot Harrigan, Peter from Ascert and staff from Firstsource promoting drug and alcohol awareness among employees as part of the Be Well event held by the company.

Art against Hate

Mid & East Antrim PCSP and the Inter Ethnic Forum have been working with young people to develop this amazing piece of artwork (right). The PCSP are committed to addressing hate crime, particularly race hate crime, and this engagement is designed to encourage young people from the area to build relations and understanding of those from ethnic minority backgrounds.



The artwork produced by the Inter Ethnic Forum and local young people.



Some of the young people involved in the artwork.

Practical support against abuse

Mid & East Antrim PCSP has teamed up with the Northern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership - a partnership of local organisations which provide services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and abuse - to donate alarms, locks, door braces and other items that can help prevent domestic violence or help vulnerable people.



PCSP Chair Cllr Brian Collins said:

“There have been more than 20,000 domestic abuse incidents reported to police since April last year. Many people who live with domestic or sexual abuse struggle to access the type of service they need. This is something we want to tackle here in Mid & East Antrim and work with partners to do that.”



Pictured at a bike marking event at the Ulster Hospital, Dundonald are (l-r): Con Alan McAteer Lisburn & Castlereagh NPT, a local cyclist and Shelley Grimes, Crime Prevention Officer.

On your bikes

It was the turn of Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP and PSNI to get on their bikes at the Ulster Hospital recently as they teamed up with Halfords to offer free bike marking. Look out for a scheme in your area.

Fire Safety gets a grilling

It was Fire Safety Week at the start of October and NIFRS were pulling out all the stops to get the message out to people about potential dangers of accidental house fires. Last year, 284 house fires were caused by cooking or cooking appliances with nine people dying.

As Assistant Chief Fire Officer Alan Walmsley advises:

“More accidental fires happen in the kitchen than anywhere else in the home. It’s easy to get distracted but our advice is never to leave cooking unattended - it’s a very simple message but it has the potential to be lifesaving.”

Did you know...

if you’re 60 +, disabled or have impaired mobility, or if you receive help from an agency for day to day tasks, you are entitled to a Free Home Fire Safety Check. Click the Home Fire Safety Check button on www.nifrs.org to register.

Find out more [click here](#)



Dame Mary Peters pictured with Assistant Chief Fire & Rescue Officer Alan Walmsley raising awareness of the top causes of accidental fires in the home during Fire Safety Week.

What’s happening in your PCSP?

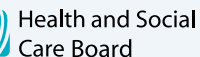
PCSPs hold a variety of meetings and events each month.

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

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