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Lynda Kennedy from Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP enjoys a chat with one of the local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Coffee with the cops

If you are interested in coffee, chatting and cops, you might want to look out for the regular 'Coffee with a Cop' arranged by PCSPs across the country. The most recent was held in Antrim to give people the opportunity to meet and chat with members of the neighbourhood team in a relaxed and neutral environment. The events are sponsored by coffee houses Costa Coffee and Starbucks and we're sure that they would also stretch to an alternative beverage if coffee's not your cup of tea!

Front Cover Picture: Pictured by the FASA Street Safe bus is PCSP Officer Lois Kilpatrick with Chris Deconink and Wade Graham from FASA.

All aboard the FASA bus

PCSPs continue to find new and inventive ways to get messages out to young people about their safety while they're out at night. Over the summer, Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP funded a pilot programme which brought the Street Safe Initiative out onto the streets of Glengormley. The initiative, operated by FASA – the Forum Against Substance Abuse - aims to have open discussions with young people about drug and alcohol misuse and how anti-social behaviour can impact on the community.

The bus is kitted out with a TV, Wii, hot drinks and music to help people feel relaxed and welcome.

Staff on the bus can communicate, if they need to, with the PSNI neighbourhood policing teams and Newtownabbey Street Pastors, who work out on the streets.

Find out more about FASA

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In the Youth Zone

Over 100 young people in Antrim and Newtownabbey have been honing their circus, climbing and craft skills at a PCSP funded activity scheme over the summer.

Working with the Valley Leisure Centre, the Youth Zone Scheme is designed to create positive activities for young people with a spot of learning thrown in from FASA.

PCSP Officer Debbie Taylor said the scheme has become really popular with young people in the Newtownabbey area:

“Activities this summer have included a climbing wall, circus skills, bubble football, arts/crafts and educational sessions from FASA. The scheme is staffed entirely by youth volunteers who give up their Saturday evenings to volunteer at the scheme. A huge thanks to everyone involved.”



Pictured with Rachel McCourt and Molly Acheson who took part in the summer activities, are Valley Leisure Centre Manager Stephen Bartley, PCSP Officer Debbie Taylor and Lead Volunteer Ryan Keery.

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Rachel McCourt and Molly Acheson hone their circus skills at the Youth Zone summer scheme.

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Sandra Holden, PCSP Officer for Derry and Strabane presents Message in a Bottle to Helena Phelan, Respiratory Nurse Specialist for the Western Trust, for distribution to members of the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Group.

Message in a bottle

Derry and Strabane PCSP have been taking forward the Message in a bottle scheme which provides handy containers for people to store important information about their health. The idea is that emergency services will have immediate access to information on any illnesses or allergies the person may have, medication they are on and emergency contact details.



Pictured are Sandra Holden, PCSP Officer for Derry and Strabane, Helena Phelan, Respiratory Nurse Specialist for the Western Trust and members of the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Group.

Jump to the BEAT

Where could you get kick boxing, t-shirt making, skin care advice and a chat with your local police all in the one place? Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP delivered that and more with the BEAT programme this summer.

Funded by the PCSP, the Good Relations Programme and the Education Authority, the programme got 180 young people involved in a range of sport, education and art projects over the summer. The project is designed to signpost activities to engage young people who are at risk or detached from their community. There was loads of sport on offer, cultural arts and crafts with practical information on e-safety and drug and alcohol awareness.



Front Cover Picture:

Some of the young people who took part in the Beat programme over the summer.



PCSP Chair Cllr Mickey Larkin pictured with members of the transgender support group SAIL at Newry Pride.

Newry Pride

PCSP Members were among the thousands who joined in Newry Pride this summer, showing their support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues with PCSP Chair Mickey Larkin lending particular support to the families of transgender children.

Term time road safety

It's back to school time which means lots more traffic on the roads and the PSNI have been reminding road users and pedestrians to keep this in mind.

ACC Alan Todd explains that, over the summer, we benefit from lower levels of traffic and shorter journey times but "As the new academic term begins, it is essential that all road users remain focused on their driving, plan their journey and leave plenty of time as there will be delays. Most importantly, drivers should keep an eye out for children and young people on bicycles or on foot, particularly when close to schools, junctions and at bus stops."

Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly said the Board supports the police and other agencies in tackling this serious issue and welcomes the PSNI's planned activity on the roads around school areas in the coming weeks.

She said: **"Too many people are being killed and seriously injured through road traffic collisions and we need to be much more aware of what we can all do to prevent these tragedies from happening."**



Some of the new PCSP members hearing more about their role at an induction event in the Policing Board.

New PCSP Members in place

The Policing Board has appointed the final independent members to Lisburn and Castlereagh; Antrim and Newtownabbey and Belfast PCSPs.

From solicitors and students to youth and community workers, the independent Members appointed to the PCSP areas come from a range of jobs and backgrounds and bring the total number of Independent Members to 118.

Welcoming the new members, Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly said: **"These final appointments complete the constitution process for PCSPs and I welcome all the appointees to their new role.**

The new members bring a wide range of skills and experience to this important element of policing accountability and community safety. All those appointed have demonstrated the ability to engage effectively and have shown a commitment to ensuring that the voice of their community is heard.

The new look Councils and streamlined structure for PCSPs bring fresh challenges and opportunities for the partnerships. Members will work together

with elected colleagues, the community and representatives of the statutory and voluntary sector to provide oversight of police locally and deliver initiatives to help improve community safety.

I look forward to working with the partnerships and their members in the time ahead."

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Here are just some of the new faces appointed:



East Belfast DPCSP

Jonny Currie is from Newtownards and works for East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA). He applied to the PCSP as he believes it's an effective mechanism "to advise and monitor local policing and community safety issues in a way that will hopefully build community confidence in the work of the police and other related agencies."

He says: "There's a greater need for stronger working relationships between communities and statutory agencies to create a safer East Belfast. I applied to become a member of the DPCSP to help build those relationships."

I hope to work with East Belfast DPCSP in a way that ensures local people are more directly involved in shaping how to address policing and community safety issues in their neighbourhoods."



South Belfast DPCSP

Aleksandra Lojek moved from Poland to South Belfast in 2009 and works as a Restorative Justice Community Support worker. As a foreign national, she has mixed feelings about Belfast yet considers it her duty to "contribute to the development of the city."

She says: "I hope to be able to help create a safer and more inclusive Belfast. I think it is crucial for all possible reasons, chiefly because you cannot create a safe place without a tight cooperation with the communities based on mutual respect and understanding the real issues."

I hope to be, as an ethnic minority, of practical assistance as well. Belfast is a post-conflict society in a process of transition and coming here, I have become a part of this process."



Belfast PCSP

Carmel McKinney OBE is a former school principal from South Belfast and is currently Chair of the Governing Body of the Northern Regional College and the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Board. She has a firm belief that the PCSP is the voice of the man and woman on the street, with a vital role to play in policing and justice.

She says: "I believe that citizens have a key role to play in policing matters and it is their voices working and collaborating with government and statutory agencies that add much value to the discussions and debate. Citizens are key stakeholders in policing and their informed input must, be part and parcel of the discussion and decision making."

The PCSP is well placed having on its membership both elected representatives and independent members who have a firm grasp of the issues and can bring a new understanding to how policing can be taken forward to meet needs as well as ever mindful of budgetary pressures."

The PSNI have begun to roll out their new look Local Policing Teams. To see how this will look in your area

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Safe Shop Scheme

The PSNI are training shopkeepers to recognise how shoplifters and the laws that deal with them operate.

T/ACC Chris Noble says shoplifting is a very real issue for businesses and with shoplifting accounting for 6.5% of overall crime, the PSNI have been looking at new ways to work with retailers to tackle the problem.

T/ACC Noble said: **“The Safe Shop Scheme was developed and piloted by officers in Belfast City Centre’s Neighbourhood Policing Team. It provided staff in retail outlets with information on the techniques that shoplifters use while also explaining the law around intervening and detaining someone suspected of shoplifting.**

“Feedback from retailers and staff was very positive and their increased confidence and vigilance not only led to a reduction in reported instances of shoplifting but it also helped achieve better evidence. This meant that more of the people that were detected shoplifting were brought before the courts.”

If you run a retail business and feel that you and your staff could benefit from the training scheme, you can book a session by phoning the Police on 101 and asking to speak to your local Crime Prevention Officer.

[click here](#) to find out more about the scheme.



Belfast PCSP’s Lorna Somers highlights the Safe Shop Scheme with T/ACC Chris Noble and C/Insp Robert Murdie.

To find out more about PCSP meetings and events in your area

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