



Causeway Coast & Glens  
Policing & Community  
Safety Partnership



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER: Edition 14 – Summer 2019**

# TACKLING RURAL CRIME

**- Make Life difficult for Criminals!**

**CRIME PREVENTION** is at the heart of the neighbourhood watch network ethos where it is acknowledged that marking your property is one of the most simple and effective ways of protecting your property.

Recognising this, the PCSP rural crime working group, in partnership with the PSNI, decided to use advanced technology to try and tackle machinery and equipment theft within the farming and rural community. They decided

that to complement, the very successful trailer marking scheme (by the PSNI) throughout the Causeway Coast & Glens council area, Selecta DNA would be used to mark equipment. The rural working group felt that this DNA marking programme should be made available, not just for trailers but also smaller items of machinery such as chainsaws, power washers etc.

The fact that the kit can then be taken home and used to mark other equipment is a bonus, with each kit registered to that individual, making any recovered theft of equipment



easily identifiable. Warning stickers and additional crime prevention equipment are also included.

Stocks are limited and will be distributed at PSNI Trailer Marking and PCSP events (such as the neighbourhood watch conference) over the coming year. To find out more, contact [pcsp@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk](mailto:pcsp@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk) or the **Crime Prevention Officer on 101.**

## Interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?



- Any member of the Causeway Coast & Glens Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)
- A PSNI Officer

PCSP and PSNI contact details can be found on the back of this Newsletter.

## MESSAGE

from the Policing and  
Community Safety Partnership  
Chair, Alderman George Duddy

I would like to take this opportunity as the new Chairperson of the Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP to welcome you to the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP Neighbourhood watch Newsletter.

In this summer edition we would like to extend a warm welcome to all the visitors to this beautiful area and its local attractions. We recognise that more visitors means more traffic on our roads, so we are reminding residents and visitors alike to respect everyone's journey to make our roads safer by following the advice issued by PSNI.

In this issue, we would like to remind you that opportunistic criminals can strike anywhere – even in car parks, tourist attractions and caravans – so we have included advice on how to keep your vehicles and belongings safe.

Increased awareness in crime prevention practices and the growth of the neighbourhood watch network all helps to ensure that the Causeway Coast and Glens area remains one of the safest areas in Northern Ireland.

We are delighted to launch a joint rural crime prevention initiative which complements the successful PSNI's trailer marking events. The distribution of Selecta DNA property marking kits not only enables larger vehicles to be marked at such events but also smaller items such as tools and small items of machinery. Trailer marking events will be advertised locally in the coming months so keep up to date via the PCSP Facebook page.

Finally, please take time to adopt the tips and advice within this edition to help keep yourselves, your property and your communities safer.

Best wishes

*Alderman George Duddy*

## PCSP MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

As a result of the local council elections which took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May the membership of the PCSP has changed. To keep up to date with the local PCSP representatives you can log onto the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council website and click the Policing and Community Safety Partnership link. <https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/policing-and-community-safety-partnership>

## STAY SCAM AWARE

**It seems like a new scam is being highlighted every day but the good news is that more and more people are now recognising the signs.**

Police are part of the ScamwiseNI Partnership which aims to raise awareness on the issue and there is now a dedicated Facebook page where people can read up on the latest scams and get advice and information.

The latest initiative from the partnership encourages Post Office customers to ask counter staff if they are concerned they are falling victims to a scam. The Post Office counter staff can advise if they think the request is unusual or if it is a scam they have come across before.

Chief Superintendent Simon Walls says: "Scams are not simply an issue for older or vulnerable people within our society; they can happen to anyone regardless of age and unfortunately there is a scam out there with each of our names on it.

"Fraudsters will go to any length to scam people out of money and you might think it might never

happen to you, but it can. Our advice is simple. If something sounds too good to be true, it usually is. No matter how good the offer is, or how convincing these cold callers sound or emails seem, be wary of any contact out of the blue.

"If you have any suspicions at all about a call you receive, hang up and phone the organisation the person is claiming to represent to check their authenticity. Ideally, make the call from another telephone so you can be sure the original caller has not remained on the line. Never be pressured into making a transaction over the phone.

"If you have had an experience like this or require any further advice and information call us on 101, visit [nidirect.gov.uk/scamwiseNI](http://nidirect.gov.uk/scamwiseNI) or checkout the ScamwiseNI Facebook page."

The ScamwiseNI Partnership includes the Police Service of Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Policing Board, Department of Justice, Commissioner for Older Persons, the Consumer Council, Trading Standards, Age Sector Platform, Royal Mail and a number of faith and youth groups.

## Stay vigilant to suspicious activity

Police fully understand the impact on a community, and the cost to a business, targeted by criminals who go to considerable lengths to steal ATMs.

Not only does this type of crime have a considerable impact on communities, but there is also a significant price to be paid by the business targeted.

A dedicated team of Criminal Investigation Department detectives across Northern Ireland continue to investigate these incidents, and is proactively progressing enquiries, to identify and apprehend those responsible.

Police continue to work alongside retailers and banks and would encourage businesses to regularly review their crime prevention measures to minimise their risk of becoming a victim of crime.

We encourage those either using or storing heavy lifting machinery like telescopic handlers and diggers on sites or facilities

near commercial premises to ensure that these machines are kept locked, secured and immobilised to prevent theft.

More generally, we would also encourage people who live close to businesses like filling stations and local shops to contact police immediately if they see any unusual activity or people in the area. For example, if you hear machinery late at night or in the early hours please let us know.

Report any power outages close to commercial premises during the hours of darkness via 101. Also, if you see people or vehicles appearing to pay particular attention to certain premises, call police on 101. In an emergency or if you suspect a crime is in progress, dial 999.

Alternatively, information can also be provided to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 which is 100% anonymous and gives people the power to speak and stop crime.



# DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF ROAD SAFETY

**AS WE HEAD INTO THE SUMMER SEASON** the public are being warned to stop speeding, pay greater attention to the road and their surroundings, and to leave their mobile phone alone, whether driving, cycling or even crossing the road.

Inspector Davy Burns explains: "Inattention and speed, or more accurately, excessive speed for the conditions and drink or drug driving, are consistently the principal causes of the most serious road traffic collisions in which people are killed or seriously injured on roads across Northern Ireland.

"With many young people enjoying the holidays, road users should also keep an eye out for increased numbers of children using or

crossing roads, particularly close to parks and leisure amenities, in addition to junctions and bus stops.

"Pedestrians must pay attention to their environment, whether that means not getting distracted by friends or mobile devices, and being especially careful when walking on country roads by walking against the traffic flow or by wearing highly visible clothing.

"With the better weather we are also particularly mindful of more motorcyclists taking to the roads, so we're encouraging bikers to ensure their motorcycles and safety equipment are in good working order, that they ride defensively and that if they haven't already done so, consider booking an assessment session on our Bikesafe programme. In addition, all road users need to

be conscious of greater numbers of motorcyclists using the road network.

"Cyclists need to remember they are amongst the most vulnerable road users, so must ensure they're wearing a helmet, using front and rear lights and not listening to music players. At the same time, I've witnessed some drivers who have narrowly avoided injuring cyclists by driving too close, or through frustration, attempted downright dangerous overtaking manoeuvres putting themselves and others at huge risk.

"We make no excuse for robustly enforcing the law to make Northern Ireland's roads safer, and that's exactly what we will be doing in the months ahead, but our role is very much secondary. All road users must share the responsibility to prevent deaths and injuries on our roads."

## Make it a Safer Summer with these tips from PSNI

### CARAVAN SECURITY ADVICE

**With the vast majority of caravan parks open for the summer season, police are advising anyone who owns or uses a caravan to take steps to protect their property and valuables.**

Crime Prevention Officer Judith Lavery says: "Caravans may be more vulnerable than houses but that doesn't mean you can't make your property secure. Many people will make the most of their caravans over the coming months and when they do, they may take equipment like televisions, and games consoles with them. There are a number of steps you can take to reduce your chances of being a victim of crime."

#### LOCK UP

Always close doors, windows and any skylights whenever you leave your caravan, even if it's only for a short time. Always lock your caravan and take the keys with you.

#### DON'T LEAVE ANYTHING VALUABLE ON DISPLAY

Take all your smaller valuables with you when you leave the caravan or at least put them out of sight.

#### LEAVE YOUR CURTAINS OPEN

Possible intruders can see there are no valuables

lying about. Site security can also check out your caravan easily. Even open cupboard doors can help deter a thief.

#### USE AN ALARM

Have a reliable alarm fitted and turn it on when you leave your caravan.

#### USE SECURITY MARKINGS

Where possible, valuable items such as laptops and televisions should be marked with your postcode and house number using a UV marker - this helps police identify the owner of the recovered property.

#### GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Keep an eye on each other's caravans when they are vacant. Don't be afraid to report anything suspicious to the site manager or police immediately.

If you notice anything untoward in your caravan park, note down any important details such as a description or vehicle registration and contact police immediately. Officers will follow up on your call and your prompt information could prevent a crime from occurring.

Anyone who would like further crime prevention advice on this or any other subject can contact police on the 101 non-emergency number.



### Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP Grant Programme - OPENING SOON!

- Grants available for projects which aim to address local community safety issues.
- Grants of up to £5000 will be available.
- To keep up to date on the opening date and application process please visit the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council website & click on Grants/Funding. <https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/grantsandfunding>

## SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONFERENCE Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> SEPT 2019.

If you are involved in a current NW scheme or are interested in finding out more about neighbourhood watch you can register your interest in attending the annual neighbourhood watch conference please email: [pcsp@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk](mailto:pcsp@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk)

NW Coordinators will receive invitations to attend. Please note spaces are limited.

# USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

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### OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

In an emergency call 999

PSNI non-emergency number is 101

- Victim Support **028 256 30784**
- Crimestoppers **0800 555 111**
- 24 hour Domestic & Sexual Violence Helpline:  
**0808 802 1414**
- Causeway Women's Aid  
**028 703 56573**
- Foyle Women's Aid  
**028 7141 6800**
- Crime Prevention Officer  
**101**

### CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS PCSP CONTACT DETAILS

Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP would like to hear your views on any aspect of Policing and Community Safety.

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