

DRUGS DISPOSAL BINS LAUNCHED in Causeway Coast and Glens



An initiative known as RAPID (Remove All Prescription and Illegal Drugs), which is helping to remove prescription and illegal drugs from our streets by providing drug disposal bins, has been launched in the Causeway Coast and Glens area at CRUN (Causeway Rural and Urban Network), Coleraine and LCDI (Limavady Community Development Initiative), Limavady.

The installation of these bins are the first drug disposal bins to be located in the Causeway Coast and Glens Council Area with further locations in the area also being explored.

RAPID was initially piloted in 2010 and due to the success of the joint health and community safety initiative, further bins have been installed throughout Northern Ireland in partnership with key statutory, community and voluntary groups. Since 2010, over 100,000 tablets have been deposited in Belfast RAPID bins alone. Ninety per cent of the drugs handed in are prescription or over the counter medicines but illegal drugs have also been deposited.

Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and PSNI have been working closely with the Public Health Agency (PHA) and the local Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team (DACT) to identify and work with communities and businesses within their catchment areas to benefit from taking part in the

initiative and having a RAPID drug disposal bin installed.

For more information on existing RAPID bins and/or how to contact your local Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team (DACT) and/or Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) to express an interest, visit www.drugsandalcoholni.info/RAPID

- 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.



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MESSAGE

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

Welcome to this Spring edition of the Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter, which I hope you find informative.

The impact of the internet/social media on safety and wellbeing is an issue that members of the public often tell the Policing and Community Safety Partnership they are concerned about. The PCSP take these concerns extremely seriously which is why we have been working closely with our partners (NSPCC, Northern and Western Health Trusts, PSNI and Education Authority) to develop projects aimed to help you and your families, particularly children/young people, to stay safe.

In February 2019 we welcomed over 1000 first year pupils throughout the Council area to our award winning Digital Safety and Wellbeing Conference (Don't Worry Be#Appy). The aim of the conference was to help educate young people to keep them safe, well and healthy online whilst also respecting that the digital world is important to them, their lives and future careers. The conference included a range of speakers who have influence in the digital world and highlighted the positives and pitfalls online. In partnership with NSPCC 02 guru's security settings on devices were highlighted and ChildLine vetted bloggers provided information on how to protect yourself online.

This year in a holistic approach, we are concentrating our efforts on supporting teachers/youth practitioners, as well as parents/guardians on how they can help.

It is our pleasure to host teacher/youth practitioner training on 3rd March, which every primary and post primary school across the Borough has been invited to participate and we are delighted to see the commitment from local schools.

Furthermore we invite all interested parents/guardians to one of our training/awareness raising events, which will take place at the end of March. Details of the events and how to book are included within this issue.

Make road safety a priority for your family

At this time of year the weather can be unpredictable with bright skies one day and snow and ice the next. Inspector Davy Burns is reminding everyone to play their part to make our roads safer.

"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," he said.

"Road users should keep an eye out for children using or crossing roads close to schools, 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.

"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 our roads safer and that's exactly what we do every day but our role is very much secondary – all road users must share the responsibility to prevent deaths and injuries on our roads."

Have you seen these happy/sad faces throughout the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area??

Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP in partnership with PSNI developed an initiative which deploys Speed Identification Devices (SIDS) throughout the Borough. SIDs are mobile units rather than fixed, to allow maximum flexibility in responding to need and complaints of speeding.

The units are available on request from anyone within the local community and can be placed for a period of 2 to 3 weeks, allowing a firm baseline of data on which to be built. The units act as a speed awareness raising source as the devices notify drivers of their speed whilst recording the data but not punishing any offences, educating road users to slow down.



The recorded data also allows intelligence led, police speed enforcement operations at evidence based peak times, which in turn will show the community that the Police are doing their jobs effectively with the aim of helping to increase confidence in Policing. The data collected is also used to inform Road Service on the need for road calming measures where necessary.

So the next time you are on the road we hope SID always gives you a smile 😊

The simple message is: We want to stop you speeding not catch you speeding!



Police encourage public to be online savvy

Police in Causeway Coast and Glens are reminding everyone to stay safe online and think carefully about online interactions with others. Here are some top tips that we offer to social media users, to help keep them safe.

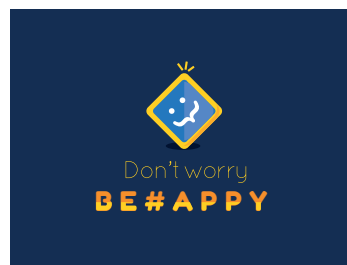
- Don't share personal information or images with people who you don't know.
- Don't accept a friend request from someone you don't know - not everyone online is who they say they are.
- Set privacy settings on all devices so that only people you know can view your account.
- Don't post anything online that you are not happy to be shared, particularly nude or nearly nude images or videos. It may seem like a bit of fun with friends at the time but there is always a chance those images could be shared or get into the wrong hands and could lead to harmful situations such as stalking, abuse or blackmail.
- If someone has made you feel uncomfortable or you have had disturbing interaction online, tell police or a trusted adult. You can ring the police on 101 or for help and advice ring Childline on 0800 1111 or Lifeline on 0808 808 8000.
- If you receive any inappropriate images or links, it is important that you do not forward it to anyone else. Contact police or tell a trusted adult immediately. By doing this you could help prevent further such incidents.

For parents worried about their children using the internet, our advice is to become net-savvy. The best safeguard against online dangers is being informed. Learn the basics of the internet and find out more about social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat - read articles, take a class and talk to other parents. You don't have to be an expert to have a handle on your child's online world.

But the most important thing is to have conversations with your children - talk to them about the benefits and dangers of the internet and social media - so that you can empower them to use both safely. Get to know what they're interested in online and keep an eye on what they are doing. Find out what their favourite websites or social media platforms are and what online games they play.

Don't be afraid to ask your children who they are talking to either online or on social media and what they are talking about. Remind them how important it is to tell a trusted adult if something happens online that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried.

Our School Liaison Officer Constable Paul Creith has been visiting schools right across the District speaking to children and parents about the importance of staying safe online. If you would like Paul to visit your school then please get in touch through the 101 number.



Digital Wellbeing Training and Awareness Events for Parents/Guardians

The internet has become part of our daily lives with children/young people spending a great deal of time online - searching for information, playing games, sharing images and videos, contacting friends and making new ones. It can be a great way for them to learn, socialise and have fun - but it can also present risks to their welfare, safety and mental health.

NSPCC Research 2016 "What should I do?" indicated that:

- Children and young people are worried about seeing inappropriate content, being contacted by strangers, bullying, fake users, lack of control of what you see and privacy.
- Many felt under pressure to share pictures of themselves
- Many young people were reluctant to tell anyone about the online abuse they had suffered because they were worried about others finding out or felt to blame for what had happened.
- Young people felt that support from friends had helped them to reach out for help.

The Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnership in partnership with the NSPCC, Western Health and Social Care Trust, Northern Health and Social Care Trust and Education Authority (Youth Service) are delighted to be working in partnership to provide support, training and advice on digital safety and wellbeing to parents/guardians throughout the Borough Council area. They will be offering lots of useful advice on how to help keep your child and yourselves safe online.

Come and join them for **any** of the **FREE Digital Wellbeing Training and Awareness Raising Events**

On:

- **Tuesday 24th March 2020 (7-9pm) Roe Valley Art Centre, Limavady**
- **Wednesday 25th March 2020 (7-9pm) The Lodge Hotel, Coleraine**
- **Thursday 26th March 2020 (7-9pm) The Marine Hotel, Ballycastle**

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- Safety settings
- Grooming, Cyberbullying "Sexting"
- Inappropriate content
- Online reputation and parent-created footprints
- Mental Health and emotional wellbeing
- Signposting to support

Including practical support provided from O2 specialists

Those wishing to attend can book directly onto one of the following Eventbrite links.

Tuesday 24th March - Limavady Roe Valley Arts Centre 7-9pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digital-wellbeing-training-and-awareness-raising-event-tickets-89563634241>

Wednesday 25th March The Lodge Hotel Coleraine 7-9pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/digital-wellbeing-training-and-awareness-raising-event-tickets-89565381467>

Thursday 26th March - Marine Hotel Ballycastle 7-9pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/digital-wellbeing-training-and-awareness-raising-event-tickets-89565935123>

PLEASE NOTE: BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL



USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

PSNI CONTACT DETAILS



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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 **028 7028 0915 Ext 63915** or 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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Hate Crime Legislation Review

Hate Crime violates equality between members of society

Hate Crime normally falls into two main categories:

- A criminal offence committed with a prejudice, hostile, or hateful motivation towards a victim
- An incitement offence where certain actions are intended, or likely to stir-up hatred or arouse fear

The independent Hate Crime Legislation Review team, led by Judge Desmond Marrinan will be working until April 2020 to:

- Define an agreed definition of Hate Crime
- Determine if the current enhanced sentencing approach in Northern Ireland is appropriate
- Review and if necessary expand the current protected categories of Hate Crime
- Examine and review the current legislative framework for incitement offences
- Identify any gaps in our current legal system and recommend improvements to guarantee everyone's human rights are protected
- Examine the potential for alternative or mutually supportive restorative approaches for dealing with hate motivated offending

We can't do this alone

Contact us now and help us find better ways of dealing with Hate Crime by confidentially sharing your views, your experiences and your aspirations with us.

All contributions are dealt with confidentially

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