



Play it Safe this Halloween

Halloween might be a few weeks away yet, but this can be a busy time for police and other emergency services and it is not uncommon to see increased reports of criminal damage and calls in relation to anti-social behaviour. Most people are responsible, but we need to be considerate and mindful of others when it comes to marking the Halloween festivities and bear in mind the current guidelines and regulations relating to Covid-19.

Parents need to make sure they know the whereabouts of their children and to make sure that they are not

engaging in any criminal activity or criminal damage to property. Individuals are also being urged to pay close attention to their own personal safety if they intend to be in the vicinity of fireworks, sparklers or bonfires. Fireworks contain explosive, flammable substances, which can cause serious injury to an individual or damage to property. Children using sparklers should also be closely supervised.

The safety advice below can help make Halloween a safe, enjoyable time for everyone.

FIREWORKS AND SPARKLERS

- Fireworks require a licence - except indoor fireworks and sparklers.
- It is illegal to possess, purchase, sell, handle or use fireworks except under licence.
- Only adults should light or handle fireworks.
- Never ever go back to a firework once lit - even if it does not go off.
- When watching fireworks, stand well back.
- It is an offence to throw fireworks in the street or other public places.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Never give sparklers to children under the age of five.
- Light sparklers one at a time and always wear gloves.
- Keep a bucket of water close by and put sparklers in it when they go out.
- You can be fined up to £5,000 for breaking the law in relation to fireworks.

The law clearly states that fireworks must be bought from a licensed dealer who is required to keep sales records. Fireworks bought from other sources could be of a sub-standard quality, with the potential to cause serious injury.

- **Fireworks that do not have instructions printed in English are ILLEGAL.**
- **All bangers are ILLEGAL.**
- **The purchase, possession or use of fireworks without a licence is an OFFENCE.**

We would also appeal to the community to help us stamp out illegal trading and misuse of fireworks by contacting local police on 101. You can also submit a report online using our non-emergency reporting form via <http://www.psni.police.uk/makeareport/>. You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at <http://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

WE ALL MUST DO IT TO GET THROUGH IT

STAY HOME KEEP DISTANCE WASH HANDS

For further information and guidance about coronavirus go to the Public Health Agency or NI Direct.



MESSAGE

from PCSP Chairperson
Councillor Oliver McMullan

Over the last few months we at the PCSP, have not underestimated the challenges facing our neighbourhood watch coordinators and we thank each and every one of you for your continued commitment. It is extremely heart-warming to see the vital and positive role you have played in supporting local communities and helping to prevent crime.

We at the PCSP, recognise that you have adapted your communication methods, with many schemes choosing to adopt social media, Whatsapp messaging service and virtual meetings, in order to distribute those essential safety messages on crime prevention, scams and how to protect yourself and your property. For this we thank you.

As we approach Halloween and Christmas, we are appealing to everyone in the community to play your role in keeping you and all our communities safe by adhering to PHA and government guidelines, and being considerate and caring of others, as this continues to be a difficult time for many.

Finally, you will see at the back of this edition are useful contacts, including a list of the new PCSP membership. Please do not hesitate to make contact if and when required.

Best Wishes and Stay Safe!
Oliver



MAKE UNI DAYS THE BEST DAYS

If you are a parent or guardian with a son or daughter at university you might want to consider sharing with them the following advice.

For some students, this will be the first time they will be living away from home however with this new found freedom comes responsibility. A responsibility to keep themselves and their belongings safe, a responsibility to get on with their neighbours, and a responsibility to get home safe at the end of the evening.

Encourage them to arrange transport home in advance when planning a night out. Ask them to stick with their mates, and to avoid drinking to the

point where they are incapable of looking after themselves.

Encourage your son or daughter to show respect for their neighbours and to recognise the negative impact drunken, noisy and irresponsible behaviour could have for residential communities.

Finally reassure them that wherever they go there are support services available on campus to help them out in those first weeks and throughout the university term.

Find out more on the Police Service website: https://www.psnl.police.uk/advice_information/advice-for-students/

BEAT THE BURGLAR

The darker evenings can often act as a cover for criminals who are intent on making off with your personal possessions.

Crime Prevention Officer Judith Lavery explains some of the simple steps you can take to make your home safer this autumn.

"Don't make it easy for anyone to get access to your home. The simplest step you can take is to make sure doors and windows are closed and locked. So many burglaries happen because the criminal was able to walk in through an unlocked door or climb through an open window and the first you know about it is when you wake up in the morning or return home to find your TV, laptop, tablet or wallet is missing.

"Before you leave the house run through this checklist:

- **Did I lock all the doors?**
- **Did I close and lock all the windows?**
- **Is the garage door secure?**
- **Did I leave a light on?**
- **If I go out will the house look unoccupied?**
- **Can valuable items be seen through the windows?**
- **Should I close the blinds/curtains or ask a neighbour to keep an eye on my house?**
- **Did I set the house alarm?**

"All valuables, including jewellery, should be permanently marked with the house number and postcode so that items will be more difficult to sell. Jewellery should be properly valued and itemised for insurance purposes, photographed against ruler for easy identification, and placed in a safe that is secured to the fabric of the building.

"If you are out shopping in the car, anything valuable should be kept in the boot or out of sight of passers-by. Make these home security steps part of your everyday routine and you will significantly reduce the chances of becoming a burglary victim."



TECHNOLOGY TO BEAT THE CAR THIEF

Being the victim of vehicle theft can be costly, therefore you want to take every precaution to ensure your mode of transport is well protected. More and more manufacturers these days are using apps that enable the car owner to perform certain functions remotely, including locating and immobilising the vehicle. It could be worth checking with your dealership or manufacturer to see if there is an app available for your vehicle. Should the worst happen, you might just increase your chances of getting your car back.

ANY ALCOHOL OR DRUG CONCERNS?

Your local NIDACT Connection Team can help!

Over the last few months, The Northern Connections Service have had to do things a bit differently due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we are **STILL HERE!** and continuing to work with local communities and stakeholders throughout the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough, addressing Drugs & Alcohol together.

OFFERING GUIDANCE AROUND LOCAL ISSUES

Taking a multi-agency approach allows us to address any alcohol and drug issues within your community.

SIGNPOSTING TO ALCOHOL AND DRUG SUPPORT SERVICES

If you are looking help, support or advice about anything, particularly drug and alcohol mis-use, we can help get you sign posted on to the relevant service that can give the best support.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?

EDUCATE BY DELIVERING GROUP AWARENESS RAISING SESSIONS.

We provide educational awareness raising sessions around the short and long term effects of drugs and alcohol misuse and current trends to groups such as young people, staff teams, community groups etc with our sessions tailored to meet the needs of each group.

RAPID

Our RAPID Bin scheme stands for the Removal of All Prescription and Illegal Drugs and is run in partnership with the local PSNI and PCSP teams. Your local bins are located in CRUN Coleraine and LCDI Limavady.



June 2020 saw our Alcohol Awareness Campaign, and the Northern team had to adapt our original plans due to lockdown. We came together with the other Regional Connections Teams and worked on putting together a strong social media campaign and creating an Alcohol Awareness Raising video. The PHA NIAAW posts reached over 25,500 on Facebook, and social media and our blog article reached over 24,600 & the Awareness video reached over 5,275 people.

NIDACTS Website:
www.drugsandalcoholni.info



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<https://www.facebook.com/NIDACTS>

DRUG & ALCOHOL SERVICE PROVIDERS STEERING GROUP MEETING

Northern Connections hosted our latest Drug and Alcohol Providers Steering Group Meeting online in June. We had representatives from Connections, Daisy, Voices, PCSP, Extern and Ascertain attend.

If you or someone from your organisation is interested in becoming a member of our local steering group. Please Contact: Connections@ndact.info for more information.

CONNECTORS & RESPONDERS

The Public Health Agency (PHA) and the five local Drug and Alcohol Coordination Teams (DACTs) across Northern Ireland, recognise the important role that those working in wider support services can, and should, play in relation to supporting people to become more aware of their issues in relation to alcohol and/or drug misuse and, most importantly, how to seek help.

We developed our two-day accredited Drug and Alcohol Responder course because we know that with the right information, training and support people will have the confidence to ask the right questions and to help signpost people in the right direction.



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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

PSNI CONTACT DETAILS



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Robert Ennis	Sergeant	Neighbourhood Policing Team	Ballycastle	07771357656	Robert.Ennis@psni.pnn.police.uk

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

Coleraine: Cloonavin, 66 Portstewart Road, BT52 1EY

Ballymoney: Riada House, 14 Charles Street, BT53 6DZ

Ballycastle: Sheskburn House 7 Mary Street, BT54 6QH

pcsp@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS IN AN EMERGENCY CALL - 999

PSNI non emergency number is **101**

Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111

**24 Hours Domestic & Sexual Violence Helpline -
0808 802 1414**

Causeway & Mid Ulster Women's Aid - 028 703 56573

Foyle Women's Aid - 028 714 16800

Crime Prevention Officer - 07764638397

COVID-19 COMMUNITY HELPLINE 0800 802 0020

Childline - 0800 1111

Action Fraud - 0300 123 2040

Trading Standards - 0300 123 6262

All information stated is correct at time of print and is subject to change.

**DID YOU KNOW THE CAUSEWAY COAST AND
GLENS PCSP WAS RECONSTITUTED IN JULY
2020 AND HAS NEW MEMBERS?**

YOUR CURRENT PCSP MEMBERS ARE:

Elected Members

Cllr Oliver McMullan (Chair)

Ald George Duddy

Cllr Darryl Wilson

Cllr Ashleen Schenning

Cllr Sandra Hunter

Cllr Brenda Chivers

Cllr Leanne Peacock

Cllr Adrian McQuillan

Cllr Philip Anderson

Cllr Ivor Wallace

Independent Members

Ann McNickle

Steven Chambers

Sam McGregor

Leanne Abernethy

Lee Kane

Patricia McQuillan

Adele Tomb

Derek McDonald

Caroline White

Designated Organisations

PSNI

NIFRS

Education Authority

NI Probation Board

Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Western Health and Social Care Trust

Youth Justice Agency

Housing Executive

Further information on the PCSP can be found:
[https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/
live/policing-and-community-safety-partnership](https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/policing-and-community-safety-partnership)

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