

RURAL CRIME TRACKER SCHEME 2022-23 - Information Notes

What is the Crime Tracker Scheme?

The Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Partnership (PCSP) and PSNI are working in partnership with CanTrack Global Ltd to electronically monitor and assist in the recovery of stolen vehicles in the Causeway Coast and Glens area by providing a significant reduction towards the cost of a tracker unit and subscription (for one year only).

PLEASE NOTE: PCSP have a specific budget towards the crime tracker scheme. This is an extended pilot initiative.

In Oct 2022 based on the results of the initial pilot scheme the PCSP have opened the scheme to any vehicle or item of machinery which may be vulnerable to theft.

Expressions of interest does not guarantee acceptance onto the scheme as the number of devices available are limited.

Background and Purpose of Crime Tracker Scheme

Pilot 2020

The J Policing District in which Causeway Coast and Glens is situated, experienced several quad thefts in 2019/20 and fourth highest reports of agri crime in Northern Ireland according to PSNI statistics between Oct 2019 and Sept 2020 which is why the pilot scheme was introduced specifically for quads only. The extension of the pilot scheme occurred due to the current COVID crisis impacting on the delivery of the pilot and enabled any agri/ all-terrain vehicle to be considered.

In July 2022 one successful applicant of the scheme had a quad amongst other items stolen from a rural area in North Antrim. As a result of having the tracker installed the quad and other items, to the value of £35,000 was recovered and returned to the rightful owner.

Crime prevention/property tracking scheme remains in line with the current rural and urban crime prevention initiative within the PCSP action plan 2022/23.

In anticipation that the cost-of-living crisis may impact on thefts, the PCSP in Oct 2022 decided to open this scheme up to any residents who may feel their property such as vehicle/machine/tool/trailers/caravans is vulnerable to theft and wish to invest in a tracker scheme.

Examples include: Agri or all-terrain vehicles, ride on lawnmowers, mobile homes, caravans, machinery, horseboxes, motorbikes or tools (this list is not exhaustive)

This scheme aims to address the following two strategic themes within the 2022-23 action plan.

Reducing opportunities for crime: Working to achieve a reduction in the opportunities to commit crime in rural and urban communities.



Fear of crime: Working to reduce the fear of crime in rural and urban communities and increase community confidence in policing.

General Principles/Terms and Conditions

To be considered for inclusion on the pilot scheme applicants must:

- Be resident in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area or operate a farm within the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area.
- Fully complete an expression of interest form. (Incomplete forms will not be considered)
- **PLEASE NOTE: This is a rolling scheme, new applications will be assessed on a monthly basis until all available units are allocated.**
- PCSP have a specific budget for applications, once the budget has been exhausted the extension to the scheme will close.
- Be the owner of the vehicles/machinery/equipment/tools (if accepted onto the scheme proof of ownership must be provided to the contractor namely CanTrack Global Ltd prior to the tracker unit installation)
- If accepted onto the pilot scheme you must be in a position to install the tracker device and operational subscription within one month of approval. There is no provision for extending this deadline or withholding funds for scheme participants after this date.
- Be prepared to part-fund the PROTECT unit and running of the tracking device for a minimum of a one year period.
- Applications will be marked against a set criteria including PSNI crime pattern analysis.
- If further selection criteria is required, applications will be considered on a first come first serve basis.
- If proof of ownership cannot be provided as requested by the contractor within the specified timeframe. The offer for inclusion in the scheme will be deemed null and void and the opportunity will be offered to the next prioritised applicant
- Any incident or issue that may bring the reputation of the PCSP into disrepute must be relayed immediately.
- Alterations to the terms of the pilot scheme must not be made without prior consultation and written agreement from the PCSP Manager (for example: removal of tracker and/or placement onto another vehicle).
- The pilot is supported by the Ulster Farmers Union

Outcomes Based Accountability

All successful applicants of the scheme are required to participate in surveys which enable the contractor to provide the PCSP with robust evidence of the difference the scheme activities are making. The data gathering process should begin with a baseline, and at 2 further intervals including at the completion of the project.

What you will be asked:

- Do you feel this service is useful?
- Was the device installed within 2 weeks of acceptance on scheme?
- Are you better off? e.g. reduction in incidents of crime; increased adoption of crime prevention advice, do you feel safer? Do you feel more confident to report a crime. Recovery of items if applicable.

Cost reduction towards Tracker unit and one year subscription

Successful applicants will avail a cost reduction of **up to £200** (two hundred pounds) towards the cost of a tracker unit and associated one year tracking subscription for one vehicle/item of machinery. Figures are based on an already discounted cost of £224 per device (plus VAT) and £119.20 per annum subscription (plus VAT). The total cost to the successful applicant towards the tracker unit and running costs in the first year will be: £143.20 (plus VAT).

Please do not apply for consideration if you cannot fulfil these obligations.

Please note that after one year applicant can review if they wish to continue operating the tracker by renewing their own running cost subscription. The PCSP **will not** provide any further costs towards the cost of the tracker or its subscription.

The unit available is called PROTECT:

- This is a stolen asset recovery product (generically known as a tracker/tracking device)
- is wireless and a self-fit unit,
- it cannot be scanned or jammed,
- it operates on radio frequency as well as GPR which means it can be tracked even if concealed in a lockup/undercover etc which make it more likely to be recovered,
- It also contains a QR code which if scanned can send a IP address back to tracker straight away.
- There is an investigative team as part of tracker who work with PSNI and carry out the recovery aspect of the vehicle/marked property.
- 90% recovery rate on Can tracked vehicles in each of the 15 years in operation.
- This is a copywritten product which has Secure by design status.
- Further Information on the PROTECT unit can be found on www.cantrack.com

Queries regarding the scheme can be directed to pcsp@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk or by calling PCSP officers on 07511046188 or 07523 942166

Expression of Interest forms should be submitted to pcsp@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk
Hard copies can be made available on request by calling 028 207 62225

All questions must be completed as fully and concisely as possible. Please see below for help in completing your application:

Q1 – Q5 Provide contact details and the vehicle or machinery/tools you wish to install a tracker device.

Q6. Indicates the District Electoral Area (DEA) and the Electoral Ward that your vehicle is used; you can identify these from the map below:



Q7 Please state if you have been a victim of property crime in the past (Did you have items stolen or was there an attempted theft?) If yes, please highlight if this was reported to the PSNI. If not, any reasons why?

Q8 Please highlight if you have a fear of crime in your area? If so, why?

Q9 – If accepted onto the pilot scheme are you prepared to part fund costs towards the tracker device and its operational subscription for one year?

Q10 – There is limited availability for inclusion of the pilot scheme.

Q11 – (In the case of applying for a vehicle) If selected to take part in the scheme you will be required to provide proof of ownership of the vehicle stated to the contractor. By ticking you are



agreeing to provide this documentation within a set timeframe by the contractor, Failure to do so will result in the opportunity being offered to the reserve list.

Q12 – If not selected on the scheme we request permission to hold your details for up to one year. In the event of the scheme being offered in a wider capacity in which you may be invited to participate.

What happens if the expression of interest in the pilot scheme is selected?

If an expression of interest application is approved for inclusion on the pilot scheme, the PCSP will pass the contact details to the contractors (representatives of CanTrack Global Ltd) who will contact you directly to proceed with your application. Acceptance on the scheme will be time limited and failing to respond within the designated time may result in the contractor moving to the next prioritised applicant on the list. Please note closure of this pilot scheme will be when all places are filled.

The tracker device available through this pilot scheme is:

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- it cannot be scanned or jammed,
- it operates on radio frequency as well as GPR which means it can be tracked even if concealed in a lockup/undercover etc which make it more likely to be recovered,
- It also contains a QR code which if scanned can send a IP address back to tracker straight away.
- There is an investigative team as part of tracker who work with PSNI and carry out the recovery aspect of the vehicle/marked property.
- The tracker has Secure by design status.

Please note PCSP/PSNI Officers may undertake monitoring and verification visits for pilot scheme recipients. These visits will help both the organisation and the relevant funders to monitor progress against agreed timeframes and milestones. The visits will also be an opportunity to verify the evidence included in reports and financial claims submitted by the contractor.

Council Officers will communicate in advance with the designated contact person for the organisation to arrange a visit at a mutually convenient time and date. Organisations will be expected to prepare for these monitoring visits in advance, including any documentation requested, site visits or meetings with beneficiaries if relevant.

Please see Outcome Based Assessment section (OBA) for examples of the type of information you will be asked to provide as part of the rural crime quad tracker scheme.

With the consent of applicants – should successful expression of interest exceed availability and you are not selected to take part in this pilot scheme. PCSP may hold details (for up to one year) in the event of the scheme being offered on a wider capacity.

4.0 Late Applications

It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that their form is submitted as advertised. Expression of interest forms received after each monthly assessment will not be considered until the next month assessment (In the case that all spaces are allocated applicants will be notified as soon as possible). No exceptions will be made and there is no recourse to appeal.

Appendix 1

Policing and Community Safety Partnerships

Policing and Community Safety Partnerships are statutory bodies established under the Justice Act (NI) 2011. There are 11 throughout Northern Ireland, one in each council area.

Each PCSP has a Policing Committee to take forward specific police monitoring and engagement functions, with the wider PCSP taking forward community safety related functions.

“**Community Safety**” is about developing local solutions to local problems in respect of crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour, enabling a partnership approach to resolving local community safety issues.

Policing and Community Safety Partnerships aim to create safer, shared and confident communities.

What do we do?

Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP aims to make our community safer for all. To achieve this we:

- **Consult and Engage** – with the local community on issues of concern in relation to Community Safety & Policing. The Policing committee has a distinct responsibility to provide views to the relevant District Commander & the Policing Board on policing matters.
- **Identify & Prioritise** – the issues & prepare plans of how these can be tackled.
- **Monitor** – A Policing Committee comprising of Elected and Independent members will monitor the performance of the police and work to gain the co-operation of the public with the police when preventing crime.
- **Deliver** – A reduction in crime and enhance community safety in our Borough directly through our own interventions, through work of our delivery groups or through support for the work of others.

PCSP Priorities & Definitions

The PCSP work is informed by a number of regional and local strategies addressing policing and community safety. They include:



- NI Community Safety Strategy Building Safer, Shared and Confident Communities 2012-2017
- NI Programme for Government
- Local Policing Plan 2019-20
- Policing in the Community 2020

For the 2022/23 Tracker Scheme, PCSP has prioritised a focus on two of the six strategic themes as detailed on pages 2& 3 of the Information Notes.