



Causeway Coast & Glens Policing & Community Safety Partnership



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER: Edition 10 – Spring 2018

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONFERENCE

Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnership members, local police and Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators have attended a Neighbourhood Watch conference in the Magherabuoy Hotel, Portrush.

Neighbourhood Watch is a partnership between local communities; the Police and PCSPs, with the aim of helping people protect themselves and their property and reduce the fear of crime.

The scheme creates effective communication between residents and the police, with local co-ordinators acting as the primary point of contact.

It can make a real difference in local communities and in an evaluation commissioned by Northern Ireland Policing Board, PSNI and Department of Justice, 86% of people who live in a Neighbourhood Watch area expressed that they feel very or quite safe and almost all areas reported that crime and anti-social behaviour had decreased since the establishment of the scheme.

Opening the event, PCSP Vice Chairperson Ashleen Schenning said:

“Neighbourhood Watch is an important initiative that delivers greater vigilance in communities and helps residents to protect themselves, their homes and their properties.

It is of huge benefit to our elderly neighbours and may reduce their fear of crime while increasing community spirit. It is open to everyone and is simple to join and I would encourage you to spread the word and hopefully inspire further schemes throughout the Borough.”

Speaking at the conference Superintendent Jeremy Lindsay said: *“It is encouraging to see the enthusiasm and support for the Neighbourhood Watch service across Causeway Coast and Glens. The partnership approach between communities, police and*



Some of the guest speakers at Neighbourhood Watch Conference, Ashleen Schenning Vice Chair of Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP, Judith Lavery Crime Prevention Officer, Jason Quigley NIFRS, Chief Inspector Ian Magee, Superintendent Jeremy Lindsay, Sergeant David Armour, and PCSP Manager Jonny Donaghy

our partners is at the heart of keeping people safe and initiatives like this provide meaningful and practical support to local people.

I would encourage you to speak positively about your involvement to others and help spread the word on the impact Neighbourhood Watch can have in terms of preventing crime and sharing information.”

Vice Chairperson Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP, Ashleen Schenning, added: *“Events such as this, along with the new*

neighbourhood watch clinics that PCSP and PSNI plan for 2018 provide vital opportunities for local co-ordinators to meet police and discuss issues of concern in their communities”.

In the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area, there are currently 53 schemes covering approximately 2,600 households.

If you are interested in finding out more or wish to start a new scheme don't delay! Contact us today! in an emergency.

Interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?

If you or your local community are interested in setting up a neighbourhood watch Scheme please contact:

- Any member of the Causeway Coast & Glens Community Safety Partnership(PCSP)
- Your local Councillor, or
- A PSNI Officer

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

Alternatively

- Go online to: www.nidirect.gov.uk/neighbourhood-watch





FOREWORD

From Councillor Tony McCaul,
Causeway Coast & Glens
PCSP Chairperson

Welcome to this Spring 2018 edition of our PCSP Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.

We are delighted that despite the bad weather many of our neighbourhood watch coordinators took the opportunity to attend the Neighbourhood Watch conference held in the Magherbuoy House Hotel in December.

The feedback from those who attended was very encouraging, with many citing that they felt safer and their neighbours also reported feeling safer as a result of their membership in the neighbourhood watch network.

We are delighted at the fact that 78% of those in attendance also said that they believed neighbourhood watch gives them the opportunity to voice their concerns and opinions in relation to community safety and policing within their local areas. It is important to know that you can also highlight any concerns through your local PCSP representative (who are listed within this newsletter).

Also in this edition, you will find information on the relaunch of 'Quick Check' whereby you can check the identity of house callers claiming to be from various companies, I would encourage everyone to use this service as it gives you the reassurance that those calling are who they say they are!

Finally as always, we would welcome anyone who is thinking about starting a neighbourhood watch scheme to make contact with our staff. They will be happy to support you through the application process.

Best wishes

Councillor Tony McCaul

DIAL 101 FOR QUICK CHECK

Quick Check 101, an initiative to help stop bogus callers, was re-launched at the start of this year by the Utility Regulator and the Police Service of Northern Ireland. Under the scheme, residents can now phone 101, the police non-emergency number, to check the identity of callers to their home who claim to represent an energy or water network company.

The scheme is not only a collaboration between the PSNI and the Utility Regulator, but also includes all of Northern Ireland's energy and water network companies - firmus energy, NIE Networks, Northern Ireland Water, Phoenix Natural Gas and SGN Natural Gas. Supported by the Commissioner for Older People, the initiative is being re-launched in a bid to help people feel safer in their homes.

District Commander Superintendent Jeremy Lindsay said: "The Quick Check scheme provides reassurance to members of the public about callers to their door claiming to be from network companies. Anyone who wishes to check the identity of someone who says they are calling on the pretext of inspecting gas, electricity or water supplies can now call the police non-emergency 101 number to verify their identity.

"Your call will be answered by a trained police call handler who will take the details of the company which the caller claims to be working for. The call handler will then contact the utility supplier to determine whether the caller is genuine."



QUICK CHECK

Call the police on 101 for quick check



Some top tips when dealing with unexpected visitors to your home:

- Never leave doors unlocked and do not to leave keys in an unsafe place (such as under doormats or flower pots)
- Before answering the front door, make sure the back door is locked.
- If you have a door chain, remember to use it before opening the door. If not, we recommend you get one installed.
- Ask the caller for their identification and check it carefully.
- Ask them to wait outside and close the door - genuine callers will not mind.
- Ring Quick Check on 101. The call will be answered personally and promptly by a trained police call handler. They will check with the company that the person at the door is genuine. If they are not or they think that there is something suspicious, the operator will be able to send the police to you.
- Do not let anyone into the property until you are satisfied as to who they are.

Calls to the Quick Check 101 number from landlines or mobile phones* cost 15 pence, regardless of the length of time you are on the phone or the time of the day you call. Members of the public should dial 028 9065 0222 if they are unable to dial 101.

Some mobile providers or contracts do not permit you to dial 101 - please check with your provider.

The use of the PSNI's non-emergency 101 number replaces the old Quick Check number, 0800 013 2290. All calls to the 0800 number will be diverted to the 101 number.

DANGEROUS DRUGS SEIZED IN LIMAVADY SEARCH

Police are continuing to crack down on the sale and supply of illegal and dangerous drugs with more than £200,000 worth seized in the Limavady and Derry areas at the start of the year.

Detective Inspector Tom McClure of PSNI's Organised Crime Unit said: "On Tuesday 16 January we carried out planned searches of two houses in the Glens area of Limavady. A quantity of suspected Class C drugs was seized along with a number of mobile phones and cash. A short time later, as part of this planned operation, police intercepted a Honda Civic car at Clooney Road, Campsie. Five blocks of suspected cocaine with a potential street value of £75,000 were located by officers within the vehicle.

"In a follow-up search of a property in the Roemill area of Limavady police uncovered £120,000 worth of suspected amphetamine, £3,500 of suspected cannabis resin and suspected heroin with an estimated value of £2,000.

"This operation has struck a significant blow to a drugs distribution network operating in the Limavady and wider North West area. The removal of these



illegal and dangerous drugs from circulation has undoubtedly prevented real harm in our communities and will have potentially saved lives.

"Those who involve themselves in the trafficking, supply and sale of any illegal substance should be under no illusion as to the commitment and determination of PSNI officers to identify, pursue and arrest anyone suspected of involvement in this criminality and see them convicted for their crimes."

Two women, aged 36 and 45, appeared at court on January 18th charged with a number of drugs offences, including Possession of a Class A drug, namely cocaine, with intent to supply, and Possession of a Class B Drug, namely amphetamine, with intent to supply.

DON'T ASSUME WE KNOW - PICK UP THE PHONE

Police would like to take this opportunity to warn those who involve themselves in the supply and sale of any illegal substance should be under no illusion as to the commitment and determination of PSNI officers to identify, pursue and arrest anyone suspected of involvement in this criminality and see them convicted for their crimes. Police continue to work to keep people and communities safe and this includes taking drugs and drug dealers off our streets.

Do you know the address of the property where you suspect drug dealing is taking place? What vehicles do you see coming and going and at what times - licence plate details are key. At what times do you notice increased activity around the property and are you aware of what types of drugs are being sold? Help us take drugs out of circulation by reporting any suspicious activity at houses or street corners in the area where you live. Noisy parties, callers at unusual hours and windows that are always covered up can be an indication of suspicious activity.

If you have information about drug dealing, or any form of criminality, you can contact police on 101. Alternatively information can be provided to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 which is 100% anonymous and gives people the power to speak up and stop crime.

POLICE APPEAL FOR INFO ON DANGEROUS DRIVERS

Police are aware of reports of dangerous driving in the wider Causeway Coast & Glens area in recent weeks however we need good information to be able to identify those involved. Sergeant Terry McKenna says: "Note down details such as the make, model and registration of the vehicle and if you can give us a good description of the driver or any other passengers that would also be helpful. Don't wait until later or the next day to contact us - ring us straightaway as the sooner we know the more we can do."

DON'T BE A PARKING PAIN

Police and the PCSP are reminding members of the public to please show consideration to pedestrians and local residents when parking and to ensure that driveways and other access routes are kept clear.

Police will always work with the community around local issues and are keen to remind drivers that any illegal parking will be dealt with in an appropriate manner. Any vehicles found to be illegally parked or causing an obstruction to local residents, emergency vehicles or traffic may be removed at considerable expense to the owner, a Fixed Penalty Notice and penalty points may be given to the driver of the vehicle, or the owner of the vehicle could be taken to court. Show consideration for others by making sure you park your vehicle leaving enough room for pedestrians, pram and wheelchair users to safely pass by on the footpath.

How do I join the Text Alert scheme?

It is quick and easy to join the new free SMS based Community Safety Information Service called Text Alert.

As a service user you will avail of community safety information sent by PSNI or PCSP via SMS text message specific to your area or specific area of interest (ie: business, rural crime, neighbourhood watch)

Here's how:

Complete a short registration form and provide the mobile number through which you would like to receive community safety messages. Registration forms are available from PCSP staff at any of the Council offices listed at the back of this newsletter or download from the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council website at:

<https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/policing-and-community-safety-partnership>

Please note: The Text alert scheme is fully compliant with the 1998 Data Protection Act. Contact information will not be used for any other purposes aside from receiving community safety messages from PSNI/PCSP.



USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

PSNI CONTACT DETAILS



NAME	RANK	ROLE	STATION	MOBILE No.	EMAIL
Jeremy Lindsay	Superintendent	District Commander	Coleraine	078 2727 9444	jeremy.lindsay@psni.pnn.police.uk
Mark McClarence	Chief Inspector	Chief Inspector	Coleraine	078 0173 8336	mark.mcclarence@psni.pnn.police.uk
Ian Magee	Chief Inspector	Chief Inspector	Coleraine	078 0173 8790	ian.magee@psni.pnn.police.uk
David Burns	T/Inspector	Neighbourhood Policing Team	Ballycastle	078 6856 6771	david.burns2@psni.pnn.police.uk
Donna Bowden	Inspector	Neighbourhood Policing Team	Coleraine	078 0173 8181	donna.bowden@psni.pnn.police.uk
Sam McConnell	Inspector	Local Policing Team - A	Coleraine/Limavady	079 2018 6765	samuel.mcconnell@psni.pnn.police.uk
Yvonne McManus	Inspector	Local Policing Team - B	Coleraine/Limavady	079 2018 6765	yvonne.mcmanus@psni.pnn.police.uk
Colin Shaw	Inspector	Local Policing Team - C	Coleraine/Limavady	079 2018 6765	colin.shaw@psni.pnn.police.uk
Colin Reeves	Inspector	Local Policing Team - D	Coleraine/Limavady	079 2018 6765	colin.reeves@psni.pnn.police.uk
Bjorn O'Brien	Inspector	Local Policing Team - E	Coleraine/Limavady	079 2018 6765	bjorn.obrien@psni.pnn.police.uk
Terry McKenna	Sergeant	Community Planning	Coleraine	079 0597 8497	terence.mckenna@psni.pnn.police.uk
Michael O'Loan	Sergeant	Neighbourhood Policing Team	Coleraine	077 6600 2961	michael.o'loan@psni.pnn.police.uk
Tim McCullough	Sergeant	Neighbourhood Policing Team	Ballycastle	075 5726 1948	timothy.mccullough@psni.pnn.police.uk
Michael Gallagher	Sergeant	District Support Team	Coleraine	077 4744 0278	michael.gallagher4@psni.pnn.police.uk

The District Secretariat office can be contacted by emailing CCGDistrictSecretariat@psni.pnn.police.uk or by calling 028 7028 0912 Or 028 7028 0975.

CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS PCSP CONTACT DETAILS

Contact the PCSP Staff by phone, email or call into the offices:

Limavady: Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, BT49 0HA. Tel: 028 777 60304

Coleraine: Cloonavin, 66 Portstewart Rd, BT52 1EY. Tel: 028 703 47031

Ballymoney: Riada House, 14 Charles Street, BT53 6DZ. Tel: 028 276 60254

Ballycastle: Sheskburn House, 7 Mary Street, BT54 6QH. Tel: 028 207 62225

Email: pcsp@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Did you know you can contact your local or Independent PCSP representatives to raise any policing or community safety concerns you have in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area?

WHO ARE YOUR PCSP MEMBERS?

ELECTED	INDEPENDENT	STATUTORY PARTNERS
Councillor Tony McCaul (Chair)	Leanne Abernethy	Education Authority
Councillor William Blair	Jason Balmer	Health and Social Care Trust
Councillor George Duddy	Stuart Plant	Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service
Councillor Brenda Chivers	Sharon Burnett	Housing Executive
Alderman Sam Cole	Rory Donaghy	Police Service of Northern Ireland
Councillor Sandra Hunter	Ann McNickle	Probation Board for Northern Ireland
Alderman William King	Anthony McPeake	Youth Justice Agency
Councillor James McCorkell	Ashleen Schenning (Vice-Chair)	
Alderman Tom McKeown	Caroline White	
Councillor Margaret-Anne McKillop		



IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999

PSNI non-emergency number 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:
028 714 16800

PSNI Crime Prevention Officer – Judith Lavery:
028 702 80915 Ext 63915 or phone 101



THIS NEWSLETTER IS SUPPORTED BY THE NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

With thanks to PSNI, Crimestoppers and Neighbourhood Watch for providing information in this leaflet

