



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER: Edition 4 - Autumn 2016

### **Policing Board Chair commends** the work of Watch Co-ordinators

Mrs Anne Connolly, Chairperson of the Northern Ireland Policing Board met with local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators from across the Causeway Coast and Glen's area at a public meeting on police performance on 9th June 2016 in Coleraine.

Speaking at the meeting, Mrs Connolly highlighted the importance of Neighbourhood Watch in keeping local communities safe. She highlighted that a partnership approach where the community, PSNI and partner agencies work together is the only way to ensure issues are being addressed and said she was very impressed at the large number of schemes in operation across the council area.

Reporting on the PSNI crime statistics, PSNI District Commander John Magill stated that the total recorded crime for

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Neighbourhood Watch began in the United States in 1964. The movement made its way across the Atlantic in 1982 when the first group started in Cheshire.



Above: PSNI Area Commander, Superintendent John Magill, Mrs Anne Connolly Chair of Northern Ireland Policing Board, Alderman William King Chair of Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP pictured with Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators from across the Borough

the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough has fallen by 3.6% in the past year which is the biggest recorded drop recorded in crime in Northern Ireland. The number of burglaries has reduced by 6.3%, a figure down from 504 in previous financial year to 472 for 2015/16.

The PCSP acknowledges that often crime statistics and the fear of crime disconnect which can often be disproportionate and wishes to support the further development of Neighbourhood Watch schemes throughout the Borough.

Neighbourhood Watch fights the isolation and separation that crime creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among residents and businesses, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the communities they serve.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Neighbourhood watch is one of the UK's largest voluntary movements, covering around 3.8 million households. Don't be left out... Join today!

**Causeway Coast and Glens** share experiences with each **PCSP** have established quarterly co-ordinator networking meetings which aim to provide co-ordinators with an opportunity for meaningful two way engagement with PCSP, PSNI and other relevant agencies. Co-ordinators also have the opportunity to network and

other which has proved to be invaluable. If any individuals or community groups are interested in setting up a scheme in their local area

- Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)
- The local PCSP elected or independent representative
- Speak to PSNI
- Go online to: www. nidirect.gov.uk/ neighbourhood-watch

All relevant contact details can be found on the back of this Newsletter.



### **FOREWORD**

From Alderman William King, Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP Chairperson

As the new Chairperson for the Policing and Community Safety Partnership I would like to welcome you to the 4th edition of the Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnership's Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter. In this edition we are updating you on the changes within the membership within the PCSP. These individuals make up a Partnership which has been established by law in each council area to engage and consult with the community to identify priorities and create action plans to address the public concerns on policing and community safety. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the members of the Partnership via the contact details provided. We welcome your views and comments and the opportunity to support you, whatever your concerns may be.

Finally, as we enter into the darker evenings I would like to remind you to look out for the older and more vulnerable members of our community and I would encourage you to think about setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area. It is well documented in research that the establishment of Neighbourhood Watch significantly deters crime and antisocial behaviour. Schemes help individuals feel more confident and safer and are a tremendous support to rural, isolated and vulnerable residents. We hope the growth of Neighbourhood Watch and fall in crime and anti-social behaviour across the Causeway Coast and Glen's area helps reassure anyone who is currently living in fear. We, in the PCSP, are committed to working together to make sure our area remains one of the safest places to reside in Northern Ireland.

I hope you find our newsletter interesting and helpful & I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year ahead.

Will Y. King

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# BONFIRE & FIREWORK SAFETY

The following safety advice, provided by Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) should be applied for anyone building or attending **BONFIRES**:

- Site the bonfire well away from houses, garages, sheds, fences, overhead cables, trees and shrubs;
- As a guide allow a ratio of 1:5, i.e. the distance from the bonfire to the nearest property should be 5 times the height of the bonfire;
- Build the stack so that it is stable and will not collapse;
- Never build a hut or den inside the bonfire;
- Do not burn foam-filled furniture, tyres, aerosols, tins of paint or bottles;
- Responsible adults should look after lighting the bonfire. Before lighting the fire check that no children or pets are hiding inside it;
- Never use flammable liquids (petrol or paraffin) to light the fire – use domestic firelighters;
- Keep everyone away from the fire especially children who must be supervised at all times;
- For an emergency keep buckets of water, a garden hose or a fire extinguisher ready;

At any sign of danger or in the event of an emergency ring Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service on 999 for assistance.

#### **FIREWORKS:**

- It is compulsory for anyone wishing to buy or use fireworks to obtain a Licence.

  Application forms can be obtained from www.nidirect.gov.uk (search Fireworks).
- Only buy fireworks with a CE mark this shows they meet European Safety Standards
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box when not in use and keep away from ignition sources.
- Follow the manufacturer's advice on each firework and use them one at a time.
- Light them at arm's length using a taper. Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit, even if it hasn't gone off: it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Keep pets and animals indoors the flames and noise upset them.
- Don't set off noisy fireworks late at night and never after 11pm.



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### Speak Up and Speak Out!

Why do we need to report Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in our Community?

- Agencies can only deal with problems they know about.
- Communities/individuals demonstrate they are not prepared to tolerate criminal or anti-social activities in their area.
- Criminals/those causing the problems are more likely to be caught and dealt with.
- Policing resources are directed towards areas most

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at need and if crime or anti-social behaviour is not reported then resources may not be used to best effect.

If you've been a victim of crime or think you have witnessed a crime, you should report it to the police straight away. Your information could be used to prevent other crimes and help keep you and other people safe.

WHAT CAN THE POLICE DO?

IT IS IMPORTANT EVERYONE TAKES RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS CRIMINAL OR ANTI-SOCIAL ACTIVITIES THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF

WHAT IS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR? It is a variety of behaviour covering selfish and unacceptable activity that can blight the quality of community life. How to report it:

Rowdy, noise behaviour including shouting and yelling. Misuse of fireworks. Underage drinking. Being drunk or rowdy in a public place. Vehicle nuisance. Graffiti. Malicious use of texts and social media.	The Police have a range of powers from warnings to prosecution. They can also address the issue of persistent offenders of ASB through Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) and Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs)
HOUSING EXECUTIVE - 0344 8920 900	WHAT CAN THE HOUSING EXECUTIVE DO?
Noisy/Disruptive Tenants. Neglected Dwellings/Gardens. Disputes involving neighbours. Use of premises for business or for illegal purposes. Dog nuisance.	If anti-social behaviour involves a Housing Executive property or its tenant/s, complaints will be fully investigated and resolved as promptly as possible. Verbal and written warnings can be issued. In persistent or serious cases, the Housing Executive will initiate legal action for the possession of the property.
CC&G BOROUGH COUNCIL - 028 703 47034	WHAT CAN THE COUNCIL DO?
Abandoned vehicles. Vermin. Waste Dumping/Fly- Tipping. Loud Noise/Music. Problems with Private Landlords. Housing Condition (Public Health). Litter. Dog fouling/Straying/Attacks.	The Council can provide advice and guidance on any of these issues or on any other environmental matter affecting your quality of life. They have a variety of enforcement options available from Fixed Penalties to issuing Abatement Notices for noise and waste. Failure to respond to the initial enforcement action may result in prosecution.



### How should I report a crime?

In an emergency always call 999:

- If you have been mugged, badly hurt or attacked in any way
- If you have seen a serious crime being committed
- If there is a crime currently in progress

#### Call 101 for non-emergencies

- If you want to report a minor crime, such as a stolen mobile phone
- If you have suffered theft from, or damage to, vehicles
- Pickpocketing
- Burglary of non-domestic or commercial premises, e.g. sheds and outbuildings.

If you want to report a crime but don't want to be identified to the police, call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

Crimestoppers is an independent charity providing a vital service to the public, enabling them to pass on information in relation to crime anonymously in order to make neighbourhoods and communities safer.



## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS



### **PSNI CONTACT DETAILS**

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#### **IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999**

**PSNI non-emergency number 101** 

- Victim Support: 028 2563 0784
- Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111
- 24 hour Domestic & Sexual **Violence Helpline:** 0808 802 1414
- Causeway Women's Aid: 028 7035 6573
- Foyle Women's Aid: 028 7141 6800
- PSNI Crime Prevention Officer - Judith Lavery: 07764638397 or 028 7028 0915 Ext 63915 or phone 101

### CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS PCSP CONTACT DETAILS

Contact your local or Independent PCSP Representatives to raise your concerns. A list of members can be accessed on the Causeway Coast and Glens Council website.

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

### **HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN YOUR AREA**

If you are interested in starting a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area, you can find out more information by attending one of the following:

Neighbourhood Watch	14th September 2016	Council Offices, Riada House,	
Co-ordinators Area Meeting	at 10am	14 Charles Street, Ballymoney	
Neighbourhood Watch	14th September 2016	Council Offices, Sheskburn House,	
Co-ordinators Area Meeting	at 2.30pm	7 Mary St, Ballycastle	
Neighbourhood Watch	15th September 2016	Council Offices, Cloonavin,	
Co-ordinators Area Meeting	at at 7pm	Portstewart Rd, Coleraine	



CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111



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