



Upsurge of Community interest in Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

Neighbourhood Watch information events held throughout the borough have resulted in the establishment of 3 new schemes which have become accredited, and with an increasing number of expressions of interest received from all over the borough, this figure is set to increase.

The newest scheme – with three co-ordinators in the Windyhill road, Drumalief Road, Bolea Road and Bishops Road area of Limavady – has just received its final accreditation from the Department of Justice, and is in the process of getting its signage erected.

Spokesperson for the scheme Mrs Maria Somers said "We in the Windyhill area have a vibrant and active community spirit and we see the development of Neighbourhood Watch as another way of enhancing it. This scheme isn't about being a nosy neighbour, we genuinely care and aim to support the development of community resilience by looking out for each other and ensuring no one feels isolated or afraid in this rural area. It is very early days for our scheme but we are already seeing its benefits. We have been able to avail



of the support of crime prevention advice, Neighbourhood Watch newsletters for every resident and have heard of a number of initiatives through the PCSP which are of particular relevance to our residents. I would encourage anyone thinking about setting up a scheme to contact the PCSP staff and go for it!"

DID YOU KNOW?

Some home insurance companies will offer you a discount on your home contents insurance renewal if you live in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme area.



CO-ORDINATORS

Causeway Coast and Glens 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

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

- 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 Councillor James McCorkell, Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP Chair

We are delighted to be publishing our 3rd edition of the Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnership's Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter. As this edition coincides with the summer season we are aware that we will have more visitors to local attractions and more traffic on our roads, so we are reminding residents and visitors alike to respect everyone's journey to make our road safer with some helpful tips.

In this issue, we would also like to highlight that opportunistic criminals can strike anywhere – even in car parks and popular tourist attractions – so we have issued some advice to help keep your vehicles and belongings safe. Thankfully we enjoy living in one of the safest areas in NI and I have no doubt that the increase in awareness of crime prevention practices and growth of neighbourhood watch will help keep it that way!

As always, we have updated and re-printed 'useful contact numbers' on the back page as a handy reference guide and, on this occasion, we have included details of the next public meeting of the PCSP on the 9th June, which is an ideal opportunity for you to come and hear more about what we do and meet our members. Everyone is welcome and I hope to meet many of you there!

Respect Everyone's Journey

Bicycles are no stranger to the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough with its stunning coastlines and beautiful inlands. With this in mind Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP are urging all road users to exercise greater care as more and more people of all ages take to the pedals. The Highway Code gives good advice for both cyclists and motorists.

CYCLISTS SHOULD:

- Wear appropriate clothing helping them to be easily seen day or night.



- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Give serious consideration to wearing a helmet.
- Make use of designated cycle routes where possible – whilst they are not compulsory, they can make your journey safer.
- Never ride more than two abreast and ride in single file on narrow or busy roads and when riding around bends.

MOTORISTS SHOULD:

- Realise that cyclists have the same rights to the road.
- Cyclists are more vulnerable and therefore greater care and attention is needed when a motorist encounters cyclists.
- Always give cyclists plenty of room at all times, especially if you are a driver of large goods vehicles.
- When turning left, always check your nearside mirror before you turn.

Simple steps to foil car crime

Most thefts from vehicles are opportunistic. If valuable possessions (eg, handbags, laptops, sat navs, iPods, mobiles, cameras) are visible in a vehicle, it is much more likely to be targeted. Even low value items such as bags and clothing may tempt a potential thief to break into the vehicle to see whether they contain anything worth stealing.

- When leaving your car, close all windows and ensure the vehicle is locked.
- Where possible, park your car in an attended car park.
- At home, use your garage. If you don't have a garage, park in a well-lit area.
- Don't leave items on display in your car.
- Take all your personal possessions with you. DO NOT lock handbags/valuables in the car boot when going for a walk – potential thieves may have just witnessed where you have placed your valuables.
- Remove sat nav holders and visible sat nav ring marks from windscreens.
- Leave the glove box open to show there's nothing inside.
- Fit an alarm or immobilizer to your car.
- Do not store car documents in the vehicle.
- Secure wheels using locking wheel nuts.

USE EMERGENCY NUMBERS EFFECTIVELY

USE THE EMERGENCY 999 NUMBER IF:

- Life is at risk
- Offenders are nearby
- A crime is in progress
- Injuries have occurred or are threatened

USE THE NON-EMERGENCY 101 NUMBER TO:

- Report property damage
- Report a minor traffic accident
- Report the theft of a car or bike
- Provide information to the police about a crime

In a non-emergency, if you want to report a crime but don't want to be identified to the police, call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111



SCAMS: Know the SIGNS and PREVENT a CRIME!



DID YOU KNOW?

ALL door to door charity collections MUST be registered with the PSNI?

Should you be suspicious and/or wish to check if a door to door collection in your area is legitimate, you can do this by:

- **Contact Community Planning Sergeant Terry McKenna by calling on 101 extension 83020 or 077 6619 1180.**
- **Call the 101 number and ask for Constable Sharon Cooper.**

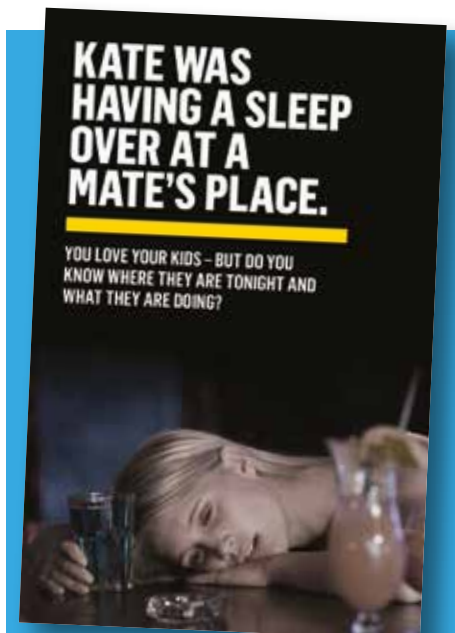
PLEASE NOTE: these numbers can be used for the purpose outlined. They cannot be used for general reporting. Please call 101 or 999 for general emergency and non-emergency calls.

TOP TIPS: HOW TO SPOT A ROGUE TRADER

- 1. Pressure to act quickly:** Rogue traders will often try to pressure people into making quick decisions on the spot, so you don't have time to compare offers.
- 2. Vague about the details:** If a trader doesn't have any official paperwork to show you then be on your guard – it might be that they're a rogue trader and selling an unofficial scheme.
- 3. Pay a lot of money up front:** Rogue traders will try to get as much money from you as possible up front. Don't be pressured into agreeing to anything straight away – if the offer is genuine then traders should be happy for you to have a think about it and get back in touch at a later date.
- 4. No landline number provided:** Traders who only provide a mobile number on marketing material may arouse suspicion as it is easy to get rid of a mobile phone if they do not want to be traced.
- 5. Counterfeit ID cards:** Beware of traders who present an ID card, but will not let you inspect it closely. You should also be cautious of traders who suggest you call a mobile number to validate their identity.

REMEMBER: use the "Quick Check Service" on 0800 013 2290 to see if the doorstep caller is genuine

OR: Use the Nominated Neighbour Scheme to reduce cold callers at your door. For more information contact Judith Lavery, Crime Prevention Officer.



WHERE IS YOUR CHILD TONIGHT?

With the brighter summer nights here at last, many young people are allowed to go out unaccompanied or enjoy more time with their friends. In a bid to keep young people safe, the PCSP are urging all parents to pay attention to their child's whereabouts at all times by asking themselves these questions:

- **Do you know where they are?**
- **Do you know who they're with?**
- **Do you know what they're doing?**

YOUR PCSP MEMBERS

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



USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS



PSNI CONTACT DETAILS

NAME	RANK	ROLE	STATION	MOBILE No.	EMAIL
John Magill	Superintendent	District Commander	Coleraine	078 2539 9539	john.magill@psni.pnn.police.uk
Mark McClarence	Chief Inspector	Chief Inspector	Coleraine	078 0173 8336	mark.mcclarence@psni.pnn.police.uk
Catherine Magee	Chief Inspector	Chief Inspector	Coleraine	077 6463 8371	catherine.magee2@psni.pnn.police.uk
Michael McDonnell	T/Inspector	Neighbourhood Policing Team	Ballycastle	077 9599 9491	michael.mcdonnell@psni.pnn.police.uk
Donna Bowden	Inspector	Neighbourhood Policing Team	Coleraine	078 0173 8181	donna.bowden@psni.pnn.police.uk
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Ian Armour	T/Inspector	Local Policing Team - B	Coleraine/Limavady	075 5726 1941	ian.armour@psni.pnn.police.uk
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Terry McKenna	Sergeant	Community Planning	Coleraine	077 6619 1180	terence.mckenna@psni.pnn.police.uk



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

GET INVOLVED AT THE PCSP PUBLIC MEETING!

Want to know more about the PCSP, what it does, and how it can help you? If so, attend our next public meeting, where you can meet PCSP members, and avail of the opportunity to ask Senior PSNI Officers questions about policing in your area.

WHEN: Thursday 9th June 2016

AT: 7pm

WHERE: Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Offices, 66 Portstewart Road, Coleraine

TOPIC: PSNI Annual Performance Report

WITH: Question & Answer opportunity for the public



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