



What exactly is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is a partnership between local communities, Police and Policing & Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs) which aims to help people protect themselves and their property, and to reduce the fear of crime. Neighbourhood Watch can make a real difference to people's lives!

86% of people who live in a Neighbourhood Watch area expressed that they feel very or quite safe in the local community and almost all schemes reported that crime and antisocial behaviour had decreased since the establishment of the scheme.

(source: Neighbourhood Watch Evaluation Survey, July 2012, commissioned by NIPB & DOJ & PSNI)

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

-  Provides a visible sign that members of a community are looking out for each other.
-  Offers regular, accessible and timely sharing of information and concerns with police and other relevant agencies to allow actions to be taken when problems arise.
-  Builds community spirit and confidence to deal collectively with problems.
-  Provides opportunities to get relevant home security advice and information.
-  Prevents crime and reduces the fear of crime.
-  Gives a better quality of life – communities feel safer.
-  Some insurance companies offer discounts to householders within a Neighbourhood Watch area.



How does the scheme work?

The desire and need for the establishment of Neighbourhood Watch areas is identified and developed by local communities who are supported by each of the partners, this process starts with a community meeting.

When community support for the establishment of a scheme has been obtained, the community identifies at least one Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for the area to be covered by the scheme. All residents within the designated area should be notified of the proposal and asked to register their interest particularly as everyone within a Neighbourhood Watch area plays an important part in making their neighbourhood a safer, more friendly and pleasant place to live.

The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators act as a link between the community and local police. Their main role is to:

-  Act as first point of contact for all members of the scheme; and
-  Receive and distribute information.

How can I get involved?

If you do not have a Neighbourhood Watch scheme where you live, why not start one? The process is not difficult and there are many benefits. To find out more, please contact the PCSP, and you can also find out more about the scheme by contacting the PSNI. You will find contact details on the back page of this publication, or you can go online to: www.nidirect.gov.uk/neighbourhood-watch





WELCOME

From Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP Chair, Councillor James McCorkell

This first edition of the Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnership's Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter has been issued to coincide with the Christmas and New Year period. You'll notice we've added some crime prevention advice which is particularly relevant at this time of year.

The Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP was established in June 2015 and replaces the legacy PCSPs in Coleraine, Limavady, Moyle and Ballymoney under which many of the current Neighbourhood Watch schemes developed. Such schemes bring great value to the local area and it is our aim to encourage and support the further growth of Neighbourhood Watch, as it is a very effective way of making a real difference to levels of crime and fear of crime within local communities. I would like to take this opportunity to urge anyone who may be interested in starting a scheme in their local area to get in touch for more information.

Much of this edition has been dedicated to ensuring that you have up to date local information and contact numbers in relation to Policing & Community Safety, including details of who you can contact should you have any community safety or Policing concerns in your area. Additionally we have provided contact details for a number of organisations who can provide expert advice should you or someone you know need it.

Whatever your resolutions as we approach the New Year, we hope that the tips, advice and contact details provided in this issue will help you to become more vigilant and proactive at keeping yourselves, your property and your communities safer.

Wishing you a happy and safe Christmas and 2016!



Your PCSP members

What is Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP?

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.

-  **What do we do?** Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP aims to make our community safer for all. We do this by focusing on the Policing and community safety issues that matter most across the area.
-  **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 and the Policing Board on Policing matters.

-  **Identify & Prioritise** – the issues and 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 in preventing crime.
-  **Deliver** – A reduction in crime and enhanced community safety in our district, directly through our own interventions, through work of our delivery groups or through support for the work of others.

YOUR PCSP MEMBERS

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

REMEMBER

-  **IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999**
 -  **Non-emergency crimes can be reported by calling 101**
- If you want to report a crime but don't want to be identified to the police, call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111



Bogus Callers or "Distraction Burglary"

Crime Prevention Officer Judith Lavery has provided this advice so you can spot the signs if a caller at your door is genuine or not.

- 🕒 If you're not sure who is at your door, don't open it.
- 🕒 Check their ID carefully and if you are unsure at all use the Quickcheck Scheme by calling free on 0800 013 2290. They can check for you if the caller is genuine.
- 🕒 Make sure your door chain is used when answering the door and keep it on until you have verified the official identification.
- 🕒 Always make sure before you answer your front door that the back door is locked. These people can work in pairs, with one distracting you while the other slips in the back door unnoticed.
- 🕒 Don't keep large amounts of money in your house.
- 🕒 Only allow the persons to come in once you have double checked that they are a genuine caller.



- 🕒 If you think that you have been the target of a distraction burglary tell a friend, neighbour, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator and the Police.
- 🕒 Always follow the LOCK, STOP CHAIN and CHECK procedure.

But **REMEMBER** that most callers who do come to your door are genuine. **BUT** it's always best to check, so if you do not have a door chain think about having one - or a spy hole - fitted. If you were not expecting someone to call, a genuine caller will not mind waiting outside until you check either by using the Quickcheck scheme or directly with the company who employs them.

ROAD SAFETY Winter Driving

Road safety Education Officer Constable Sydney Henry has provided the following tips to keep safe on the roads this winter.

Before you set off on your journey:

- 🕒 Check your planned route is clear of delays and listen to weather reports.
- 🕒 Make sure the mirrors are clear and windows are demisted fully.
- 🕒 Remove all snow that might fall into the path of other road users.
- 🕒 You **MUST** be able to see so clear all snow and ice from windows.
- 🕒 You **MUST** ensure that lights are clean and number plates are clearly visible and legible.

Speed is a crucial factor in difficult and adverse weather conditions, so you should drive slower than in fine weather.

In winter conditions, make sure you maintain a safe distance behind other vehicles in case you have to take sudden evasive action. Remember, a good driver always takes into account the weather conditions and drives accordingly.

Celebrate a Crime Free Christmas!

With Christmas and the January Sales, shopping takes up a lot of time during the winter months. Shoppers are often so busy thinking about things that need to be done that they can fall victim to criminals. Remember, remain alert and follow these few useful tips!

ONLINE

- 🕒 Use common sense when shopping online – remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!
- 🕒 Use secure websites. Look for https:// and the padlock image.
- 🕒 Use secure payment such as Paypal or a pre-paid credit card for all online purchases.
- 🕒 Sponsored links are not always reliable and can be used by criminals.

- 🕒 Never use your bank passwords for any other website.
- 🕒 Banks and financial institutions don't send e-mails asking you to verify your bank details.
- 🕒 Be cautious using social media such as Facebook – never advertise that your home is empty by showing you are somewhere else, your purchases or a countdown to your holidays.

PERSONAL & HOME SAFETY

- 🕒 Never leave any valuables on view in the car or at home – like everyone else, thieves like to window shop before obtaining their goods.
- 🕒 Always cover the keypad when entering your cards PIN and be aware of who's around you.
- 🕒 Park in a busy, well-lit area you feel



safe walking back to. Take into account that it gets darker much earlier in the winter months.

- 🕒 If you will be away from home for a few days, use light timers or ask a neighbour to turn your lights on and off to ensure it's not obvious the house is empty.
- 🕒 Lock all windows and doors – even if you are only away for a few minutes.
- 🕒 Never leave your keys in the ignition when your vehicle is unattended.



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
Tony Boyce	T/Inspector	Neighbourhood Policing Team	Ballycastle	078 0173 8598	tony.boyce@psni.pnn.police.uk
Donna Bowden	Inspector	Neighbourhood Policing Team	Coleraine	078 0173 8181	donna.bowden@psni.pnn.police.uk
Peter Duncan	Inspector	Local Policing Team - A	Coleraine/Limavady	075 5726 1921	peter.duncan@psni.pnn.police.uk
Ian Armour	T/Inspector	Local Policing Team - B	Coleraine/Limavady	075 5726 1941	ian.armour@psni.pnn.police.uk
Colin Shaw	Inspector	Local Policing Team - C	Coleraine/Limavady	077 9515 2784	colin.shaw@psni.pnn.police.uk
Michael McDonnell	T/Inspector	Local Policing Team - D	Coleraine/Limavady	077 9599 9491	michael.mcdonnell@psni.pnn.police.uk
David Burns	T/Inspector	Local Policing Team - E	Coleraine/Limavady	075 5726 1940	david.burns2@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
- 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 Co-ordinators Area Meeting	Tuesday 1 st Dec 2015 at 2pm	Council Offices, Sheskburn House, 7 Mary Street, Ballycastle
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Area Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd Dec 2015 at 10.30am	Council Offices, Riada House, 14 Charles Street, Ballymoney
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Area Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd Dec 2015 at 7pm	Council Offices, Cloonavin, Portstewart Rd Coleraine



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