



Causeway Coast & Glens Policing & Community Safety Partnership



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER: Edition 2 – Spring 2016



What exactly is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is a partnership between local communities, Police and Policing & Community Safety Partnerships (PCSP's). The scheme aims to create effective communication among residents and the police to help

reduce crime and fear of crime in designated community areas, with locally agreed Co-ordinators acting as the primary point of contact.

Neighbourhood Watch can make a real difference to your community and to people's lives.

How can I get involved?

To find out more, please contact your local Council office and ask for the PCSP. You can also find out about the scheme by contacting the PSNI (by using phone or email contact details outlined on back of this newsletter) or you can go online to: www.nidirect.gov.uk/neighbourhood-watch



Frequently asked questions...

Q. What area should a Neighbourhood Watch scheme cover?

A. The proposed area for a scheme should always be clearly defined. The size of a scheme can vary from a very small cul de sac to a small village. Good practice dictates that a NW co-ordinator should not be responsible for more than 50 houses. Rural settings will also differ significantly from urban areas where small numbers are considered reasonable.

Q. How much does it cost to become involved in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme?

A. Absolutely nothing; only a little time and effort. Statutory supporting agencies such as the local PCSP and PSNI will assist and support you. Signs will be provided and erected when a scheme becomes accredited.

Q. Will membership give the impression that I am working for the police?

A. The fact is that you are not. Everything said and written about Neighbourhood Watch shows that you are in effect doing what every responsible citizen should be doing – helping to create and maintain a safe, crime-free community.

Q. Am I expected to patrol the streets?

A. Absolutely not. The police strongly discourage vigilantes and people who seek to take the law into their own hands. Apart from the risk of physical injury, there can be serious legal implications.

Q. Will having Neighbourhood Watch signs create the image that this area is not a safe place to live?

A. Quite the opposite. Many people feel reassured that this is a safe area when they see the signs and that neighbours are actively looking out for one another. Many Neighbourhood Watch schemes exist in areas where no crime has occurred – Crime Prevention is always the focus.



FOREWORD

From Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP Chair, Councillor James McCorkell

Welcome to the second edition of the Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnership's Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Safe 2016.

The Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP have spent the last 6 months developing and implementing a range of projects to help support and enhance safety within our Council boundaries. We have championed a number of initiatives in local schools and out in the community which we believe will positively contribute to the safety of residents and visitors alike and we are committed to continue this positive work within our 2016/17 PSCP Action Plan.

Within this issue, you will have to opportunity to read more about one of our recent initiatives called Safe Place which aims to raise awareness and show how you can get support if you are in an abusive relationship. We recognise that domestic abuse happens here in the Causeway Coast and Glens, as it happens everywhere else. Behind closed doors we know there are people suffering, and we want those families to know that in this area, we will support them. We also want to give a very clear message, that in Causeway Coast and Glens, there is zero tolerance for domestic abuse, and we will challenge those who continue to perpetrate abuse against partners and family members.

I would also encourage you to use and share ALL the tips, advice and contact details provided in this issue to help keep yourselves, your property and your communities safer.

If you are thinking about starting a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area - why not? It's an easy process, doesn't take up much of your time, provides real reassurance and is proven to reduce fear of crime. Please do not hesitate to contact a member of PCSP staff for an information pack. Contact details can be found at the back of this newsletter.



Help stop Bogus Callers through the Nominate A Neighbour Scheme

WHAT IS THE NOMINATED NEIGHBOUR SCHEME?

The scheme seeks the help of neighbours or relatives to check whether unexpected callers are genuine, especially those calling on more vulnerable members of the community.

You will get a card to hold up to the window or door telling the caller that you do not recognise them and to go to your Nominated Neighbour. The Nominated Neighbour will then try to check the caller's identity. A genuine caller will not mind following the instructions on the card.

HOW DO I FIND A NOMINATED NEIGHBOUR?

Arrange with a trusted neighbour or a member of your family who lives nearby to be your Nominated Neighbour.

Ask them if they will be prepared to help you check the identity of any unrecognised callers to your home and if they would be willing to accompany them while they speak to you.

WHY BECOME A NOMINATED NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Essentially it is about being a good neighbour and looking out for the

older and more vulnerable members of the community.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

If an unknown caller attends the address of your neighbour while they are alone in the house, the caller will be shown a card instructing them to contact you, their Nominated Neighbour.

Your name, address and telephone number will be displayed to the stranger if you agree to be a Nominated Neighbour.

This ensures that your vulnerable neighbour does not have to talk to any unknown callers at the door, until you have verified who they are and if necessary have returned with the caller to your neighbour's address.

If you are unsure whether the caller is on legitimate business or you are unable to verify who they are, then politely ask them to make an appointment. If they continue to try and gain entry to your neighbour's home then call the Police.

You can get Nominated Neighbours forms and no cold caller stickers by contacting Judith Lavery, Crime Prevention Officer on 028 7028 0915 Ext 63915 or 101

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



Raising awareness of the need for a safe place

The Safe Place logo indicates that information on services for anyone affected by domestic violence or abuse is available on the premises.

Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP are working in partnership with Onus to raise awareness of domestic abuse and the wide range of support available if you or someone you know has been affected by abuse through the launch of 'Safe Place.'

Onus, a social enterprise specialising in domestic abuse training, have developed a range of Pathways to Participation, for anyone to get information on how to get support. The aim of the project is for the Council area to become a 'Safe Community' starting with the first step, through the launch of 'Safe Place'.

A Safe Community promotes zero tolerance to domestic violence or abuse and recognises that domestic violence or abuse impacts upon many people living or working there, regardless of age, religion, disability, ethnic or cultural background and while the majority of victims are female, domestic violence or abuse can be experienced by men and by people in same sex relationships.

There is excellent support available for anyone experiencing abuse, through services such as Women's Aid, Men's Advisory Project and PSNI, to name but a few. It is recognised that often those in need of support do not go directly to these services, whether they are unaware of them or do not think



that these services can help them.

We hope to raise awareness through the Safe Community initiative of how you can get support if you are in an abusive relationship. If you are not safe at home, then we want to reassure you that this is a Safe Community where you will be able to access the support you need, in confidence and without judgement.

The 24 Hour Domestic & Sexual Violence Helpline is open to all women and men affected by domestic violence. This free phone service (0808 802 1414) is available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

To find out more about Safe Community or other Onus 'Pathways for Participation' on how to support people living with domestic abuse, visit: www.onustraining.co.uk



ROAD SAFETY: REMEMBER!

IN ADVERSE WEATHER 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.

DRIVING ON ICE

One of the most dangerous conditions drivers face is icy roads, particularly 'black ice'. If you become aware of ice on the road surface, avoid harsh turns to remain in control by steering gently. If you must brake use, even applications not heavy sustained pressure which may cause you to skid.

DRIVING IN SNOW

Falling snow reduces visibility so switch on dipped headlights. Drive slowly in snow in the highest gear possible and at low speed as with ice. Steer gently and don't brake harshly. Avoid overtaking but if you must, do so very carefully. When passing through towns and villages be aware of children playing.

YOUR PCSP MEMBERS

ELECTED	INDEPENDENT	STATUTORY PARTNERS
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DID YOU KNOW?

Alcohol guidelines have been revised for the first time in over 20 years by the UK's Chief Medical Officers.

Both men and women are now being told it is best not to consume any more than 14 units a week, which is around six pints of beer, and those should be spread over at least three days.

Pregnant women are now being advised not to drink at all.



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	077 599 9491	michael.mcdonnell@psni.pnn.police.uk
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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
- 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 Co-ordinators Area Meeting	Tuesday 22 nd Mar 2016 at 10.30am	Council Offices, Riada House, 14 Charles Street, Ballymoney
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Area Meeting	Tuesday 22 nd Mar 2016 at 2.30pm	Council Offices, Sheskburn House, 7 Mary St, Ballycastle
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Area Meeting	Wednesday 23 rd Mar 2016 at 7pm	Council Offices, Cloonavin, Portstewart Rd, Coleraine



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