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Meet Anita and Luke!

Following parking and driving issues identified by schools in the Borough, Armagh, **Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP** decided now was the time to strike up a new partnership - with Anita Stop and Luke Listen!

Anita and Luke, who are fulltime parking signs placed in key areas around schools, are there to remind drivers that there are likely to be children around their car, and they need to stay alert and drive carefully.



Luke and Anita ready to get to work

As well as Luke and Anita, P3 pupils also got a visit from local PSNI officers, who gave them a talk on road safety.



Road Safety Week

Did you know that Fermanagh and Omagh has the highest per capita figures for road users being killed or seriously injured? The PCSP, in partnership with PSNI and NIFRS are working to try and reduce the numbers of road traffic incidents in the Borough, and used this Road Safety Week to really drive home the message.

The PCSP, PSNI, NIFRS and Order of Malta facilitated a number of reconstructions of road traffic collisions at secondary schools across the Borough, targeting year 14 pupils who are about to take their first steps to being independent adults. As well as seeing what a crash would look like, the PCSP also arranged for an undertaker to bring home the reality of what happens when you make the wrong choices while driving.





Pupils watching emergency services at the reconstructed collision





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"Involvement in sport and particularly in this programme has the capacity to provide young people with the skills they need to direct and influence other young people and the wider community towards positive futures and away from ASB. As a professional involved in sport as well as being the chair of the PCSP I am delighted to be able to support this programme."

Cllr David Chambers, Chair of Ards & North Down PCSP

Sports Interventions

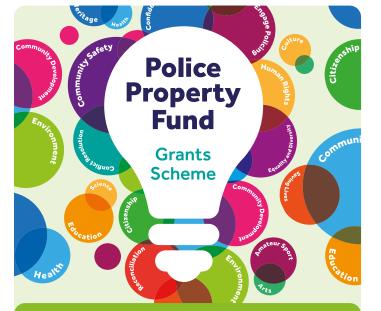
Ards & North Down PCSP, working in partnership with Ards & North Down Leisure Services have launched a programme to work with young people through sport, to support them in making positive choices and diverting them from anti-social behaviour.

Led by Ards & North Down Leisure services, the intervention project will also link with the Education Authority, PSNI, Council and community youth-based programmes to improve life skills and address anti-social behaviour in targeted hotspots around the Borough.

This is the 2nd year of this popular programme and last year it delivered 8 sessions of diversionary and detached youth work with 65 support partners to 51 participants from 29 different areas of the Borough.

A series of courses are being held both online and in person and if you want to find out more or express an interest please contact johnnymcc@ communitysportsnetwork.org





Police Property Fund Grant Schemes

Have you got a project that needs funding?

The Police Property Fund Small Grants Scheme 2nd Call opens on the 17th of February for eligible projects grants of between £1000 and £10,000.

What is the Fund?

The Police Property Fund is made up of assets recovered by the PSNI as a result of criminal investigations, and administered by the Board in line with the Police (Property) Regulations NI 1997.

Is my project eligible?

Applications for funding will need to demonstrate that the project:

- Engages with local police;
- Contributes to building community safety and/or confidence in the police in your area; and
- Is aligned to a charitable purpose.





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Rural Crime Prevention

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP has a number of team members who are trained Crime Prevention Officers and recently have not only been working to promote local rural crime prevention, but also working in partnership to enhance crime prevention in a much wider area.

The PCSP are working with a locally-based trainer from the Police Crime Prevention Academy (PCPA) to take farming images and information that will be used in the development of a farm crime prevention advice document. The Academy provide crime prevention and designing out crime training for police officers, council staff and partners agencies right across Great Britain & Ireland.

PCSP Chairperson, Cllr Jill Macauley and her family volunteered their farm for the day, allowing for PCPA Learning & Development Manager Amanda Mulholland full access.



PCSP Chairperson Cllr Jill Macauley and PCPA Learning & Development Manager Amanda Mulholland



A community safety stall hosted by the PCSP in Castle Mall

Consulting on Community Safety

Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP have combined consultations on their Action and 3 Year Strategic Plans with educating people on how to keep safe in a variety of ways.

As well as encouraging people to give their views online for the chance to win a prize, the PCSP took to shopping centres to reach out to people while giving them advice on personal safety and scams.

Pedestrian Pavements

Over the years, Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP have received many complaints from pedestrians and shop owners in Portadown about cyclists using footpaths in Portadown town centre, with even a few minor casualties.

As well as working with PSNI to raise awareness of this issue, the PCSP has been working with PSNI and Department for Infrastructure Roads to find new ways to reduce cycling on the pavements. No cycling signs have been rolled out successfully in other areas in the Borough, and so the PCSP took to the streets with their stencil and spray!

The campaign has been promoted by the PSNI and PCSP on Facebook, and while out spraying the PCSP received great feedback from passers-by and traders.







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The Wheels on the Bus...





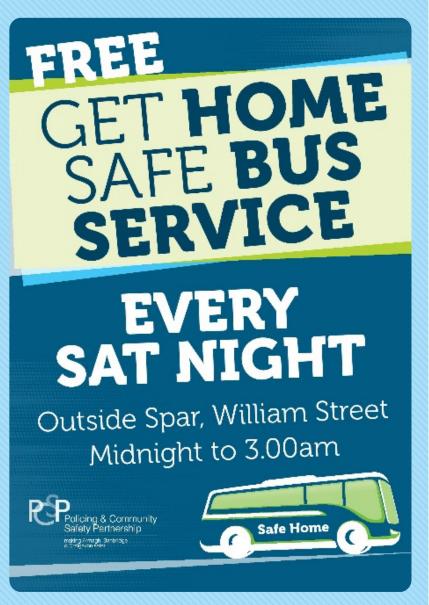


185 SERVICE USERS

As venues reopen across the country, many of us have been working on plans to get home safe and well from a night on the town.

To help patrons of the many pubs on William Street in Lurgan stay away from getting behind the wheel, Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP have got their Get Home Safe Bus back on the road, offering free lifts home to key areas of Lurgan, Craigavon and Portadown.

The project aims to tackle not only drink and drug driving, but also assaults, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. This in turn will create a decrease in fear of crime in the area, and build trust between residents and the PCSP.



Tackling sexual harassment

Crimestoppers UK are running a campaign designed to tackle public sexual harassment across their social media channels, opening a survey encouraging people to talk about their experiences of public sexual harassment.

Working with the University of Suffolk the campaign encourages people to #ChallengeltToChangelt, collecting date on people's experience of sexual harassment in public spaces, how people think we should talk about these behaviours and how people think we should respond to these behaviours to make public spaces more safe and accessible.









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CONSULTATIONS

Consultation on Children and Young People's Strategy initial 3-year Delivery Plan 2021 – 2024

Consultation - New Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy

Consultation on Policing Oversight stocktake and OPONI review

Consultation on Hate Crime Legislation in Northern Ireland

Consultation on the principle of introducing body worn video (BWV) for the purposes of violence prevention & reduction against staff – NIAS

PUBLICATIONS

Human Rights Annual Report

The report of the Independent Human Rights Advisor to the Northern Ireland Policing Board, with 21 recommendations for PSNI.

Rehabilitation of Offenders Summary of Responses

Consultation Report and Summary of Responses from the consultation on Proposals to Reform Rehabilitation Periods in Northern Ireland.

Chief Constable's report to the Board

Personal Safety: Findings from the 2019 Young Persons' Behaviour and Attitudes Survey

This publication presents findings from a Personal Safety module contained within the 2019 Young Persons' Behaviour and Attitudes Survey.

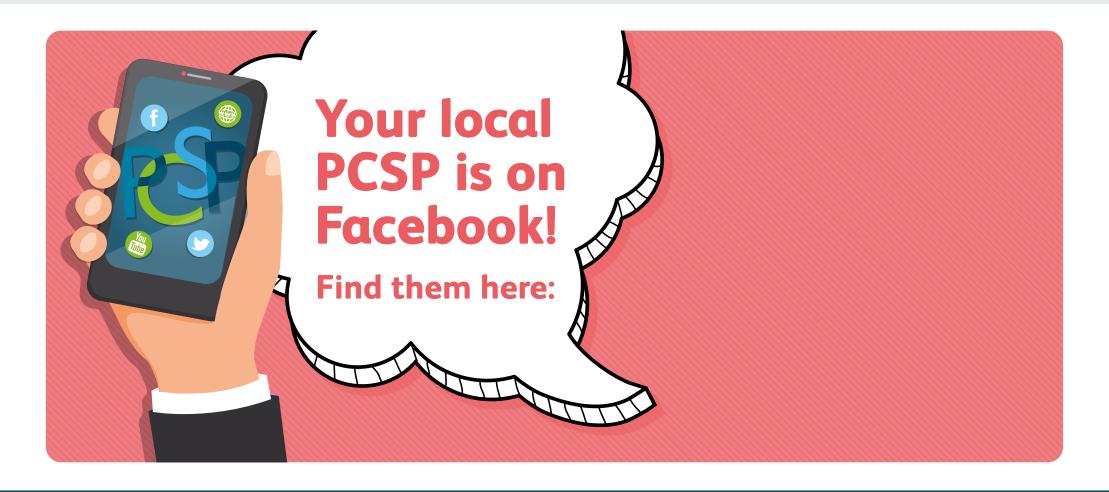




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