

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

PSNI CONTACT DETAILS

NAME	RANK	ROLE	STATION	MOBILE No.	EMAIL
Michael Simpson	Inspector	Neighbourhood Police Team	Ballymena	07734 580 501	michael.simpson@psni.pnn.police.uk
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Chris O'Flaherty	Sergeant	Neighbourhood Police Team	Carrick	07787 133 250	chris.oflaherty@psni.pnn.police.uk
Chris McIlroy	Sergeant	Neighbourhood Police Team	Carrick	07787 224 732	chris.mcilroy@psni.pnn.police.uk
Michelle McKillop	Sergeant	Neighbourhood Police Team	Ballymena	07917 094 898	michelle.mckillop@psni.pnn.police.uk
Helen Hargy	Sergeant	Community Planning Sergeant	Ballymena	07920 502 825	helen.hargy@psni.pnn.police.uk



PSNI non-emergency number 101

- Victim Support: 028 25 630784
- Crime stoppers: 0800 555 111
- 24 hour Domestic and Sexual Violence helpline: 0808 802 1414
- Antrim, Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Larne and Newtownabbey (ABCLN) Women's Aid: 028 2563 2136
- Crime Prevention Officer Stuart Willkie: 07500036996 or Ext 86008 or phone 101

MID AND EAST ANTRIM PCSP CONTACT DETAILS

Contact the PCSP staff by phone, email or call into the office:

Larne Town Hall
Upper Cross Street
Larne.
BT40 1RZ

Tel: 028 28 262459/60/61

Email: pcsp@midandeantrim.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 info by attending one of the following meetings where Police are in attendance:

Carnlough Village Forum Meeting	Spring/Summer 2018	To be confirmed
Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) Whitehead Meeting Constable Derek Thompson	March 2018	Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7pm in Whitehead Community Centre.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER EDITION 1 – SPRING 2018

What exactly is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is a partnership between local communities, Police and Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs) which aim 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!



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 on crime prevention and reduces the fear of crime
- Gives a better quality of life – communities feel safer
- Some insurance companies offer discounts to households 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 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 of this publication or you can go online to: www.nidirect.gov.uk/neighbourhood-watch



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WELCOME



Mid and East Antrim PCSP Chair, Cllr Brian Collins

The first edition of the Mid and East Antrim Policing and Community Safety Partnership Neighbourhood Watch newsletter has been issued to coincide with the New Year and we hope this will mark a new approach to receiving and distributing community safety information in our Borough.

The Mid and East Antrim PCSP was established in June 2015 and replaces the legacy PCSPs in Larne, Carrickfergus and Ballymena under which may 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 ensure that you have up to date local information and contact numbers in relation to Policing and 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 you with expert advice should you or someone you know need it. Whatever your resolutions this 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 propriety and you communities safer.



What is Mid and East Antrim 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? Mid and East Antrim 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 and Policing. The Policing Committee has a distinct responsibility to provide views to the relevant District Commander and the Policing Board on Policing matters.

- Monitor - A Policing Committee comprising of Elected and Independent members will monitor the performance of the police and work to gain the cooperation of the public with the police in preventing crime
- Deliver - A reduction in crime and enhanced community safety in our Borough, directly through work of our themed sub groups of through support for the work of others.
- Identify and prioritise - the issues and prepare plans of how these can be tackled

YOUR PCSP MEMBERS

ELECTED MEMBERS	INDEPENDENT MEMBERS	STATUTORY PARTNERS
Cllr Brian Collins (Chair)	Mary Watson (Vice Chair)	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Cllr Andrew Wilson	Marjorie Hawkins	Police Service of Northern
Cllr Reuben Glover	Brenda Leslie	Probation Board
Ald Sam Hanna	Jonathan Cooke	Youth Justice Agency
Cllr Cheryl Johnston	Emma McIveen	Northern Health and Social Care Trust
Cllr Lynn McClurg	Wendy Kerr	Education Authority
Ald Gregg McKeen	Ashleigh Perry	Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service
Ald William McNeilly	Rodney Quigley	
Cllr Paul Sinclair	Marian Maguire	
Cllr Patrice Hardy		

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 Stuart Wilkie 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 the 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 person to come in once you have double checked that they are a genuine caller,
- If you think 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.

QUICK CHECK SCHEME

Initiative re-launched in a bid to stop bogus callers

Quick Check 101, an initiative to help stop bogus callers, was re-launched on Monday 15 January by the Utility Regulator and the Police Service of Northern Ireland. Under the scheme, residents can now phone 101, the police non-emergency number, to check the identity of callers to their home who claim to represent an energy or water network company.

The scheme is not only a collaboration between the PSNI and the Utility Regulator, but also includes all of Northern Ireland's energy and water network companies - firmus energy, NIE Networks, Northern Ireland Water, Phoenix Natural Gas and SGN Natural Gas. Supported by the Commissioner for Older People, the initiative is being re-launched in a bid to help people feel safer in their homes.

Callers should always be asked for proof of identity. Genuine callers will be only too happy to provide this information and to wait outside the property until it is verified. No caller should be given access to the property until the householder is sure they are genuine.

- Never leave doors unlocked and do not to leave keys in an unsafe place (such as under doormats or flower pots)



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.

