



Tackling Crime

Ards Area

District Policing Partnerships

3-Month Report

Figures Extracted 23rd July 2008



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Local people shaping local policing

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Domain: Tackling Crime

LPP Target	Apr-Jun 07/08	Apr-Jun 08/09	Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
3.2.1 To reduce the total number of assaults	209	167	-42	✓	A welcome downward trend.
3.3.1 To reduce the total number of domestic burglaries	41	53	+12	✗	Despite a slight increase Ards has increased the detection rate for Domestic Burglary by 2.4% over same period last year
4.2.2 To increase the number of drugs seizures	6*	7*	+1	✓	Figures shown are from 1/4/08 – 30/5/08

Strategy & Impact

Maximum use of the Area Crime Team on both defensive and proactive intelligence lead operations. Default patrolling in 'hot spots' and Bail enforcement of prolific offenders. Ards Area Crime Team has been working in cooperation with the Crime Teams throughout C District toward reducing domestic burglary. Maximum attendance by CSI to all burglaries will eventually pay dividends by increasing detections

Domain: Promoting Community Safety

LPP Target	Apr-Jun 07/08	Apr-Jun 08/09	Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
5.1.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour.	880	878	-2	✓	The Community Policing Teams continue to work pro-actively toward achieving this target.
5.2.1 To reduce the number of crimes of criminal damage	185`	197	+12	✗	Criminal Damage continues to be problematic due to its sporadic nature, making detection and prevention difficult. It is hoped that Op Snapper and Summer splash will have an impact.
8.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road	N/A	N/A	N/A		
8.1.2 To reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured on the road	N/A	N/A	N/A		

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Section 2) Trend data for Local Policing Plan targets 2007/2008

Local Policing Plan Targets for 2008/09								
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8.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road	N/A	?						
8.1.2 To reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured on the road	N/A	?						
* figures to end of May 08								

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Section 3) Summary of Recorded Crime and Clearance Rates within the Ards Area

Crime Classes	Recorded Apr-Jun 07/08	Recorded Apr-Jun 08/09	% Change	Cleared Apr-Jun 07/08	% Cleared Apr-Jun 08/09	Cleared Apr-Jun 08/09	% Cleared Apr-Jun 08/09
1. Offences against the person	209	167	-20%	48	23%	40	24%
2. Sexual Offences	11	17	54.5%	4	36.4%	1	5.9%
1. Burglary	89	93	4.5%	6	6.7%	8	8.6%
(Domestic Burglary)	41	53	29.3%	3	7.3%	5	9.4%
4. Robbery	5	3	-40%	0	0.0%	0	0%
5. Theft	138	151	9.4%	30	21.7%	21	13.9%
(Theft from vehicles)	15	23	53.3%	0	0.0%	0	0%
(Theft of Vehicles)	16	16	0.0%	6	37.5%	5	31.3%
6. Fraud and Forgery	17	18	5.9%	4	23.5%	8	44.4%
7. Criminal Damage	185	197	6.5%	18	9.7%	12	6.1%
8. Offences against the state	8	2	-75%	2	25.0%	1	50%
9. Other notifiable offences	30	18	-40%	21	70%	11	61.1%
Violent Crime (1,2 & 4)	225	187	-16.9%	52	23.1%	41	21.9%
Total Crime	692	669	-3.3%	133	19.2%	103	15.4%

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A Breakdown of Crime Types as Shown in the Table Above

<p>Offences against the person (class 1) Murder Manslaughter Infanticide Attempted murder Threat or conspiracy to murder Causing death/GBH by dangerous driving or aggravated vehicle taking Wounding with intent/GBH with intent Wounding/GBH AOABH Common assault/aggravated assault Assault on police Intimidation Harassment Explosives offences endangering life Firearms offences endangering life Other offences against the person</p>	<p>Sexual offences (class 2) Rape Attempted rape Unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl under 14 years Unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl 14 and under 17 years Indecent assault on a female Indecent assault on a female child Indecent assault on a male Indecent assault on a male child Indecency between males Indecent exposure Indecent conduct towards a child Other sexual offences</p>	<p>Burglary (class 3) Domestic burglary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglary in a dwelling • Aggravated burglary in a dwelling Non domestic burglary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglary in a building other than in a dwelling • Aggravated burglary other than in a dwelling Going equipped</p>
<p>Robbery (class 4) Robbery Armed robbery Hijacking</p>	<p>Theft (class 5) Theft, one person from another Theft in a dwelling Theft by an employee Theft of pedal cycles Shoplifting Vehicle crime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft from motor vehicles • Theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicles Vehicle tampering/interference Handling of stolen goods Other thefts</p>	<p>Fraud and forgery (class 6) Deception Forgery and counterfeiting Making off without payment Other frauds</p>
<p>Criminal damage (class 7) Arson Petrol bombing offences Explosive offences Criminal damage/malicious damage offences Other criminal damage offences</p>	<p>Offences against the state (class 8) Offences under anti-terrorism legislation Firearms offences Offences under Public Order (NI) Order Other offences against the public order</p>	<p>Other notifiable offences (class 9) Blackmail Kidnapping and false imprisonment Drug offences – trafficking and non-trafficking offences Dangerous driving Breach of orders Other notifiable offences</p>

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Section 4) Policing with the Community

Strategy and/or progress under Policing with the Community including assessed impact

Ards Area Policing Initiatives - Summer 2008

Operation Snapper (underage drinking and ASB Op) and Summer Splash – Youth diversion activities

PSNI Officers across C District have seized in excess of 550 alcoholic drinks from underage drinkers in a two-week period during July as part of Operation Snapper. The operation, which is part of a province wide initiative, is intended to reduce anti-social behaviour associated with under-age drinking, complaints of which have, in previous years, increased dramatically during the school summer holidays. It is hoped that the concerted effort toward tackling under-age drinking will reduce acts of anti-social behaviour such as noise nuisance, causing annoyance, public urination and acts of criminal damage, resulting in a positive impact on public reassurance and the quality of life of local residents.

Police in Ards have also been involved in diversionary activities aimed at providing children and young persons with an alternative to under-age drinking and associated anti-social behaviour. Currently there are seven schemes running throughout the Ards area: These include a summer scheme run in conjunction with the Glen Ward development scheme, a Hip Hop dance academy run in conjunction with the East End residents association and a summer scheme in conjunction with Ballywalter youth club.

The late night soccer scheme in Comber, which was a huge success last year, has also been organised again this summer. The scheme aimed at 13-18 year-olds, and in conjunction with Comber Youth for Christ, has been running since the 18th July and runs from 7.30pm to 11.00pm every Friday night at the Presbyterian Church. The scheme has been expanded this year to include late night soccer in the West Winds estate in Newtownards and it is anticipated that matches will be organised between the two venues.

A summer rugby-coaching scheme at Donaghadee rugby club has also been organised for this summer. The rugby scheme has received funding from Ards Community Safety Partnership, through its 'Summer Splash' initiative, and is being organised by Ards Borough Council, Donaghadee Police, Donaghadee Rugby Club and Ulster Rugby Development Department. The scheme, which runs 6th to 10 August, is aimed at 10 -18 year-olds and runs from 7pm - 8.30pm Wednesday to Friday and 2pm - 4pm Saturday

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and Sunday. The event, which is supported and advertised on the Ulster Branch IRU web site, has already proved to be a success.

Ards Anti-social Behaviour Strategy 08/09

Ards Area Command is committed to a 15% reduction in the incidences of anti-social behaviour by 15% by 31st March 2011. This effectively provides a year on year target of 5% reduction during the next 3 years. This amounts to a reduction in 2 incidents per day across the District over the next 3 years. In order to achieve this goal Ards will work in partnership to deliver sustainable reductions in anti-social behaviour in line with Policing Plan targets and to provide greater public reassurance. The Strategy can be summarised as follows:

Intelligence

- Identify hot spot and potential hot spot locations
- Identifying and sharing of best practice
- Identify regular offenders
- Enhancing protocols for information exchange with partners
- Develop and maintain effective links within the community

Prevention

- High visibility patrols in hot spot areas
- Neighbourhood Watch Schemes
- Develop innovative projects with statutory bodies (DPP, CSP, Councils, NIHE, Councillors etc) to reduce Anti Social Behaviour:
 - Promote mid-night soccer scheme across the District
 - Development of Youth outreach programmes
 - Engagement with Bonfire Committees in conjunction with NIHE and Councils
 - Development of legitimate Quad and scrambler sites
- Develop educational partnerships with Education and Library Boards
 - CASE programme

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- Bee Safe
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme

- Reducing availability of alcohol to young persons
- Door Staff registration schemes in partnership with District Councils.
- Full use of 'Policing with Community Fund' to develop diversionary programmes.
- Seasonal planning - Summer Holidays and Halloween
- Proactive management of CCTV systems

Enforcement

- Pre planned operations with relevant partners to target specific anti-social behaviour problems
- Enforcement of Council Bye Law
- Seizure of alcohol from minors and reporting of juveniles for Underage Drinking
- Noise nuisance reporting to Councils
- Incremental enforcement through use of warnings, ABCs, ASBOs, Restorative Cautions and prosecution
- Use of RIPA and covert operations where appropriate

Reassurance

- Media Strategy
- Improve visibility and accessibility of Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- Engagement with CPLCs and Community Forums and development of Police and Community Together (PACT) Groups
- Engagement with minority communities
- Vulnerable or repeat victims to be visited by Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Crime Prevention Officer
- Reports of anti-social behaviour to be given an appropriate priority and delays in response communicated to complainants

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Joint protocol for information sharing between Ards PSNI, Ards Borough Council and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)

Ards PSNI along with Ards Borough Council and the local NIHE have recently formalised an information sharing joint protocol enabling the sharing of personal information. The agreement which is fully compliant with the Data Protection Act 1988, and which is strictly controlled and monitored, now permits each of the above named statutory bodies to share information held by them which heretofore could not have been revealed. It is anticipated that the protocol will prove to be useful in preventing and detecting crime and anti-social behaviour.

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Section 5) Community Safety Projects

**Strategy and/or contribution towards
Community Safety Projects including assessed impact**

Good citizenship diversionary initiative – April – June 2008

Tackling Hate Crime, Community Safety, Crime Prevention and Anti-Social Behaviour issues. This included talks on under-age drinking and knife crime to all Year 10 pupils.

Ards and Down Councils funded this project, aimed at 4 Ards and 4 Down Policing District secondary level schools Year 10 pupils.

PSNI Community Safety, Crime Prevention, Community Policing Officer and Council Anti-Social Behaviour Officers took part in an educational, outdoor pursuits and residential programme with the pupils.

The initiative established active partnerships between young people, Police and Council Officers.

Last year, a Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour analysis for the areas involved over the period of the initiative showed a decline in reported incidents.

A participant and staff evaluation shows increased awareness and support for Police and the production of positive young citizens, assisting communities to improve their quality of life and, in doing so, reduce the fear of crime.

BEE-SAFE May – June 2008 involving all 33 Primary Schools within the Borough.

A proactive, multi-agency community safety initiative aimed at P7 children, organised by Ards Police Community Safety Branch. Eighteen primary schools took part. The remaining 15 schools received the education in their classrooms.

Personal safety, crime prevention and Internet safety education delivered.

Staff and pupil evaluation shows increased knowledge and sense of responsibility reflected by the children.

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Each participating child was given a parents' guide to Internet safety in an attempt to encourage parents to take responsibility for their children's Internet safety.

Hate Crime Education Program – Regent House Grammar – June 2008

Community Safety Police Partnership Education Programme with Good Relations Officer, Ards Borough Council, delivered to all Year 11 pupils, Regent House Grammar.

Topics Covered – What is hate crime? Hate crime figures and what young people can do to prevent hate crime.

The Prince's Trust Program – Ards Collage April 2008

Citizenship and Safety Education, with a focus on underage drinking, associated behaviour, hate crime and knife crime.

Twelve young people, 16-22 years, from a disadvantaged or marginalised background, participated as part of their 12-week Prince's Trust Programme.

Joint drugs/alcohol and associated behaviour education program April – June 2008

Partnership education with staff from the SHAHRP Project (Schools Health and Alcohol Harm Reduction Project) in Regent House Grammar, Movilla High, Donaghadee High, Glastry College and St Columbas.

Partnership working to help prevent and reduce alcohol and drug-related behaviour.

Road Safety Roadshow

At the request of the DPP enquiries have been made in the hope of securing a further visit by the Road Safety Roadshow to Ards during 2008/09.