



Tackling Crime

**Ards Area
C District**

District Policing Partnership

6 Month Report

Figures extracted [15/10/09]



Area Commander's Introduction

Policing is not an exact science and is affected by the pervading social environment in which it finds itself. That is particularly true this year as we focus on building on the significant reductions in crime and anti-social behavior experienced during 08/09. The current financial and economic situation affecting all members of our community is impacting on local crime.

Burglary and other dishonesty related crime have increased as has local violent crime. The violent crime increases have specifically related to an increase in local domestic violence crimes although the overall number of domestic incidents has actually reduced. This could be an indicator of victim confidence in police service delivery but this area will be subject to specific focus throughout the rest of the year.

The local control strategies relating to burglary and criminal damage are having an impact as we have seen improvement in the 2nd quarter of the year after a difficult 1st quarter.

On a positive note an increase in local crime has been accompanied by an increase in local clearance rates and such enforcement activity continues to be our priority as we endeavour to have a positive impact on local community confidence. Police are working harder in enforcement and preventative strategies to deliver for our local community and we will continue to do so. Policing with the Community with a Neighbourhood and citizen focus continues to underpin Service Delivery in the Area. Neighbourhood Teams continue to review all aspects of policing in their respective Areas with a view to identifying long term sustainable solutions. Police Officers at all levels are encouraged to work in partnership and we are continue to receive significant support from Ards District Policing Partnership, Ards Borough Council and other statutory and voluntary agencies in respect of joint initiatives. An outline of current initiatives are set out in Section One.

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Area Commander
Ards Area



Section 1) Policing with the Community

Review of Policing with the Community activities within the [Name] Area

Neighbourhood Policing Implementation Update

During the past year Ards Police implemented a review of neighbourhood policing structures as preparation for establishment of a PACT model of engagement and problem solving. The early consultation involved our statutory partners and local community groups and related to geography and resource coverage. Neighbourhood geography was agreed and Neighbourhood Profiles prepared, these have been published on the PSNI Website.

A review of police resources and allocation of officers to beat areas has taken place. Unfortunately this is constantly changing as officers move on and are replaced by new Neighbourhood Officers. This has included a rationalisation of Neighbourhood Commanders from 3 to 2. Comber and Peninsula Neighbourhoods are now the responsibility of one Inspector.

Significant engagement and consultation took place in public and behind the scenes to prepare the groundwork required to implement PACT structures in each Neighbourhood. Newtownards in particular was lacking a joined up police community engagement forum. In line with the requirement of partnership each of these forums have been moving at a different pace depending upon community involvement. Meetings were held with ABC, NIHE and Youth Justice to confirm agreement for participation. Letters were sent to all elected reps and community groups within the Borough advising of our intentions.

A PACT panel has been established in Comber Neighbourhood and a number of PACT meetings have taken now place identifying a number of local problems for prioritisation. This is moving ahead and proving to be very successful

A PACT panel has also been established in Newtownards Neighbourhood and a couple of initial public meetings convened. Difficulty remains re chairing the meeting and full community buy in. Focus will remain on this area with a next meeting planned after the summer break. Community tensions re recent funding issues have added additional problems.

Three community groups within the Peninsula Neighbourhood already exist and it is clear that one PACT for that Neighbourhood would not be acceptable to the community. Discussions have taken place with the chairpersons and initial discussions re a



collaborative model have been positive. A further meeting of the chairs with the Area Commander is being scheduled to consider a more co-ordinated approach.

Training has been sourced through MNI and funding identified to run a Chairpersons course for PACT members. Ards have taken the lead on this with the other Areas in the District showing an interest to become involved. This will progress once we have finalised nominees from each neighbourhood.

Active Citizen Networks in each Neighbourhood have been established.

A number of community communication initiatives are underway to improve local police visibility and familiarity including local policing contact leaflets.

A Neighbourhood policing Newsletter has now been published (1st within the District) providing information on the work ongoing within Ards Area. This has been circulated electronically and in hard copy, it is also on the Police Internet Site. 2nd edition almost finalised.

A dedicated Neighbourhood Noticeboard has been placed in the Station to ensure all officers aware of ongoing work and can support and buy in.

A schedule of regular Police Surgeries within each Neighbourhood is now in place. In pursuance of the Area Community Engagement Strategy, Ards Neighbourhood Police actively engage with members of the five estates through regular Police surgeries. Comber Neighbourhood Team operates regular surgeries in both Comber and Ballygowan. The Peninsula Neighbourhood Team has launched a police surgery rota to provide greater accessibility and visibility across the Neighbourhood. This will involve static locations throughout the Peninsula. Surgeries are essential in allowing the community to have easy access to local police but are also an opportunity for police to brief the community on ongoing initiatives and concerns. As rationalisation of the police estate continues the accessibility through regular surgeries will become more important.

Neighbourhood engagement and diversionary initiatives are ongoing and the Teams have implemented and been involved in significant number of projects. These are outlined elsewhere in the report.

Media engagement continues with meetings with local press, appointment of a local press liaison officer.

Area Commander working towards implementing a project involving Social Media. This aspect of public reassurance and confidence



building cannot be underestimated and is an area in which our DPP have a major part to play. A pilot project for PSNI re this aspect will be run in Ards using Facebook and Twitter.

Community Initiatives

Operation Snapper (underage drinking and ASB Op)

PSNI Officers across C District continue to focus on the seizure of alcoholic drinks from underage drinkers as part of Operation Snapper. The operation was intended to reduce anti-social behaviour associated with under-age drinking, complaints of which tend to increase dramatically during the school holidays. The concerted effort toward tackling under-age drinking has impacted upon anti-social behaviour reports and criminal damage, resulting in a positive impact on public reassurance and the quality of life of local residents. The operation was so successful that it has remained a key tactic as we continued to tackle ASB through Easter and into the recent summer holidays. Additional funding from Regional resources was specifically allocated to assist with this enforcement initiative.

ASB Forum and 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 continue meet monthly to consider issues pertinent to each partner and consider and implement joint problem solving enforcement and preventative strategies aimed at reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

Late Night Football

The late night soccer scheme in Comber continues to be a major success. The scheme aimed at 13-18 year-olds, and in conjunction with Comber Youth for Christ, runs from 7.30pm to 11.00pm every Friday night at the Presbyterian Church during school holiday periods. The scheme has attracted upwards of 50 local youths and takes them off the streets during problematic periods. The scheme is a significant aspect of the tactical engagement methods used to build relationships with young people in the Neighbourhood.



Building on this success each NPT Team has begun to implement this initiative across the Area.

Ards NPT has introduced night time football in Bowtown Estate as a diversionary activity for the youth in the area. This has proved to be a great success with a reduction of reported incidents of ASB/YCA in the area. The project initial involved police but has been driven by the community within the estate freeing officers to focus on enforcement and visibility.

Donaghadee is also running an evening football project in conjunction with the local community and the DPP.

Ganaway Youth Club

This initiative engages 13 yrs+ in various diversionary activities and runs Monday and Thursday evenings involving officers from the Peninsula NPT. There are currently 28 kids involved who are otherwise disengaged from organised youth activity. This hard to reach demographic is a specific target for police community engagement.

Donaghadee Youth Forum

Following on from the Tri-partite initiative a Youth Forum has been established with DPP and local youth workers. Peninsula Neighbourhood Officers are directly involved in developing police community engagement with young people living in the Ards Area. This initiative has potential to develop a youth advisory group within the Area aimed at ascertaining the policing needs of young people, directly from young people, within Ards.

NRG

Collaborative initiative with Peninsula Healthy Living, South Eastern Health Trust, Ards Borough Council, North Down YMCA, FASA and the South Eastern Education and Library Board Youth Services. Involves an exciting programme including soccer, gaelic games, tennis, sailing, dance etc. This event ran early in the year and continued throughout the summer holidays as a diversionary activity. Funding has been applied through the Policing with The Community Fund to maintain the project into holiday periods throughout the year.

Licensees Education Initiative (July 08 – ongoing)

Through Ards Community Forum, this initiative involves local Neighbourhood Officers and Ards Council Officers visiting local Off-licensees on Friday and Saturday evenings and regularly reminding staff of their obligations. An education seminar for licensees was



jointly organised by ABC and PSNI during February 09 to raise awareness of the new test purchasing legislation and to work towards establishment of a local vintners forum. The first meeting of a new local licensing forum took place during April 09. The second meeting took place in Sept 09 although the turn out was disappointing. A training package has been sourced for licensed premises staff and funding approved with ABC, CSP and PSNI PWCF to offer this innovative package to licensee staff during Oct 09. This is an exciting project that brings statutory agencies and our local business community together in partnership with the aim of reducing alcohol associated disorder and underage drinking. Various options being considered to focus licensed premises buy-in and commitment to this new Forum.

Party in the Park

Comber NPT participated in Party in the Park Comber in conjunction with Comber Youth for Christ.

Cherryvalley Community Forum

Comber NPT have been working with Community Reps in Cherryvalley and De Wind and are striving to establish a Community Forum. This is progressing well with discussions re establish a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Discussions with residents of Carrickmannon, Ballygowan re a NWS are also underway.

With a lack of engagement with young people in Ballygowan Comber NPT are developing relationships and are discussing establishment of a Cultural Forum and youth activities. The NPT Officer is at the advanced stages of planning a youth club at the 'Time is Short' building in Ballygowan and any success in this area will be a major advantage in providing diversionary activity in the Ballygowan area. This has been sadly lacking in recent times. Significant resources have been deployed to enforce ASB legislation and a number of local residents have been prosecuted with ASBOs being progressed.

Anti-Social Behaviour Team and PACT Response Officer

A Partnership approach with Ards Borough Council with team of three wardens focused on ASB enforcement and joint operations throughout the Area. Tasking of the team is co-ordinated through Area TCG and the ASB Forum. Using analyst reports and niche access to assist in directing the activities of the council funded anti-social behaviour team to target intelligently areas of concern. A new role of PACT Response Officer is being funded by CSU following a joint application by Ards PSNI and Ards BC to support PACTs



throughout Ards and problem solve local Community Priorities. New technology has been introduced with the use of push to talk mobile phones that essentially have become radios for the ASBT. A handset is provided to each of the members, as well as Call Management and CCTV operator in Bangor. This allows the team to be immediately deployed to incidents and deal with them effectively. It also frees up valuable police time, otherwise spent at these calls.

Road Safety and Community Concern Initiative

Ards Police have been maximising use of the Community Concern Initiative to increase speed enforcement throughout the Area. This initiative works in response to community concerns re speeding at specific locations and joint approval from Area Commander and DPP. Ards are using this scheme more than any other Area in Northern Ireland with approximately 45 locations having been identified. The next most prevalent Area in NI has 7 identified locations. An increase in dedicated police patrols has complimented the monitoring of traffic speed throughout the area in preparation for LASER enforcement operations. Police have also commenced to use the Speed Indication Device (SID) in problem areas within this sector as a deterrent to speeders. There have been positive comments from local residents particularly in relation to problem areas such as Killinchy Road, Comber and Belfast Road Ballygowan. The Peninsula Road Safety Committee continues to organize community events in association with the local NPT. A Road Safety event and competition attracted many young drivers from the Area. A number of Scrambler/Road Safety enforcement Operations have taken place with more planned for Oct. The Cycling Helmet Watch 09 initiative is ongoing and plans in place for a Cycle to HQ event involving local young people and Police.

Briefing of migrant workers –Killinchy

Willowbrook foods between Killinchy and Whiterock employ migrant workers in the majority of its roles. Comber NPT continue to attend regularly for information and education days relating to legislative responsibilities which the workers may not be aware of. Information is provided on Policing processes in NI with particular emphasis on dealing with hate crime. The company supply interpreters for several languages at their factories including the new premises in Newtownards.

Delivery of CASE lessons to schools

NPT and Community Safety Officers continue to deliver CASE LESSONS to class 7 pupils at local schools. Education programs are



also ran in conjunction with cub and scout groups in relation to safety and responsibilities.

Susan Falkingham Memorial Trophy School Quiz

Peninsula NPT have again been involved in a Schools quiz that targeted P7 groups throughout the peninsula, six primary schools are involved. The winning school received the Susan Falkingham Memorial Trophy; the event was funded by Portaferry CSF, Greyabbey CPLC and Ards DPP.

Greyabbey Police Station Closure

An extensive consultation process took place during the period September to November 08 relating to the closure and disposal of Greyabbey PSNI Station. The disposal of the site was recently approved by the Policing Board. Consultation will shortly commence on the future estate arrangements within C District.

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

Ongoing engagement and development of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes throughout the Area. C District has the services of a dedicated Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator funded through the PWCF. This has recently been taken forward by David Patterson.

Portaferry Mud Team

Joint public safety initiative between Portaferry Coastguard Unit and local NPT in order to provide additional training and capability regarding the rescue of persons stranded in wet ground and Mud. Team trains regularly on Strangford Lough.

Social Services Protocol

Following a significant increase in crime and ASB associated with residents of local Childrens Care premises a number of joint actions and initiatives are being progressed. A local Strategic Forum has been established involving senior management from Social Services and each of the C Dist Policing Areas to implement a partnership approach. The Forum 1st met in September and will continue to meet bimonthly. Locally the initiatives focus on Ashgrove and William St Assessment Centres. Social Services have agreed to provide local Police with a brief resume regarding problematic and potentially problematic resident's behavioural traits, tendencies and offending background. It is anticipated that this will allow local Police to prioritise and address any matters proactively and allows officers to gain greater knowledge of who they could encounter, associates and local areas they tend to frequent. Joint tactical



training re social services staff and Police supervisors is being organized to provide better understanding of processes and risk assessment methods relating to missing vulnerable persons. Regular Police attendance at the premises is being built into patrol patterns, Police will be invited to diversionary programs being ran by Social Services and a CASE program will be delivered specially focused on the residents of the homes. This programme of engagement with young people in the assessment centre/secure accommodation will educate about the impact that they have on the local resident community and highlight how they too are part of N'Ards community. This takes the form of introducing FASA and CASE projects into the centres over a 3 night basis with a reward of an outdoors adventure day at the end. Subjects to be covered are, impact of ASB, effects of underage sex, illegal drugs, drinking and also suicide awareness.

Youth Drop In Centre

West Winds Summer Splash allocation was used to complete funding of the Youth Drop In Centre in Dakota Avenue which formally opened in June with much publicity. The Centre continues to be a great success with 20-25 young persons aged 11-16 attending on three nights per week. Neighbourhood Police have provided informative presentations on drugs and antisocial behaviour at the venue which have been well received and attracted positive comments from parents.

KEEP SAFE Initiative rebranded

Both Bowtown and West Winds have agreed to progress the Kilcooley Keep Safe drugs drop safe initiative piloted by Bangor Neighbourhood Police. Meetings have taken place between Police and the Community and sites identified and agreed. Discussions are ongoing to finalise procedures and processes and it is hoped that this will go 'live' later in the year. An educational program aimed at drugs and alcohol is being delivered through FASA as a lead in to this initiative. An innovative leaflet drop also took place highlighting that Drug Pushers were operating in the area and asking residents to provide specific information to Police.

Neighbourhood Watch

The neighbourhood watch scheme rolled out with several presentations in the West Winds estate taking place in May and June. To date there have been over 200 sign ups to the scheme. Presentations are planned for Lansdowne, Ten Acre and Ravenhill areas.

West Winds Police Notice Board



This initiative affords Police their own space in the community centre to use as deemed appropriate. At the moment, Crime prevention advice leaflets and Officer Contact details are on display but it is hoped to expand this to include topical and seasonal issues and specific localised appeals etc. An envelope has also been included entitled "P D S A !" or 'Please do something about ' which affords locals the opportunity to anonymously draw Police attention to particular problems in the area. Police surgeries continue to afford personal contact in the Estate on the first Tuesday of each month.

Ards Rugby Club Diversionary Youth Activities

Given the proximity of the club to the West Winds Estate and Lansdowne areas and in an attempt to address ASB problems, discussions have recently taken place with a view to providing some form of Diversionary activities in conjunction with Ards Rugby Club. A meeting held with the Council was most productive and suggested that funding would be available. It is also hope to source assistance from the Community Safety Fund and Council Sports Development Officer.

Burglaries Bangor road/ Rosevale areas.

Following a spate of burglaries in the Area NPT Officer increased proactive high visibility footpatrols and leaflet dropped all homes in an attempt to educate the public in relation to home security. This included maximizing available resources including crime prevention officer and neighbourhood watch.

Link Team Co-ordinator

An NPT Officer was invited by The Link Family and Community Centre to sit on a selection panel interviewing for the post of Team Co-ordinator during June 2009. This post was created to strengthen the ongoing working relationship between The Link and Ards NPT/ PSNI to address addiction issues within the area.

The successful applicant, Joan Fitzsimmons has been employed since July 09 and has brought a wealth of experience and fresh ideas to the table.

This appointment has enhanced the ongoing work between both organisations and we are currently looking at several new initiatives to address the addiction issues within the Ards area.

Forgotten Garden Project



The community garden has been transformed by a small team of Link members (with the support of Conservation Volunteers) into a peaceful and relaxing area in the middle of the town. This project has offered the persistent on street drinkers a distraction from their usual activities and helped develop good relations with local Police. It officially opens on Thursday 1st October 2009.

YCA Lenamore Park

Police have worked closely with East End Residents Committee and Housing Executive to address the long-term ongoing problem of YCA in the Lenamore Park and Moyne Gardens area. This involved numerous multi-agency meetings and site visits over recent months to highlight the issues regarding rowdy youths taking shelter under what is known locally as " The Flying Bedrooms". This problem was solved early September 2009 with the installation of alley gates which are locked at a pre-arranged time by community reps, this simple but effective measure has eradicated the problem and with increased Hi-visibility patrolling seems to have prevented the youths from congregating elsewhere within the vicinity.

Local Drugs Awareness

NPT Officers have completed several drugs courses combining both East End and Glen Estate youth. Police arranged several activity weekends for the participants at Ballykinler Army Camp working alongside Army Recruiting Branch although unfortunately due to the security situation these were cancelled at short notice. To show our appreciation for the willingness and attentive responses from the participants Police organised a trip to the Giants Causeway.

Two further courses have been provisionally agreed for October 2009.

Ards Arena

Police have been working closely with the East End Youth and assisted in securing funding from Ards Arena. Police provided a letter of appreciation to the funders outlining how the donation was spent and furthermore how it has greatly reduced incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area. This was possible due to the robust approach and working in partnership with the residents committee.

Bonfire Committee

Bonfire Forum – Led by Ards Borough Council with PSNI engagement. The Forum proved its worth again this year with few problems being associated with bonfire sites. One major problem did arise but was managed and plans will move forward to deal with this issue



is future years.

Post Bonfire Clean up Initiative - Again run in conjunction with the Council, local youths in the Bowtown and West Winds Estate agreed to an 'Estate Clean up' Initiative in August. The Council will provide necessary equipment and in conjunction with Police will engage with local youths on two evenings to address the excess litter in the area created during July. Another clean - up operation involving the clampers has also been organised to coincide with the events and will receive much publicity.

Marching Season

NPT Officer actively involved themselves in the preparations for the marching season, liaising with local reps and participating in the Bonfire Committee to control levels of ASB/YCA and alcohol at both sites and at parades within the town. Again the marching season within Ards passed peacefully and without major disruption or problems.

Ards Intercultural Forum

An umbrella group formed to ensure persons representing a diverse cultural background and people from ethnic minorities had a voice in the running of the community in Ards and influence in the decisions being made. There are a number of individual groups concerned with the forum, each of which covers a particular ethnic minority background. Examples of this are, Dr Chris Stange from the Afro Community Support Organisation Northern Ireland, a body primarily formed for people from African/Caribbean backgrounds, and Kit Tupas, Filipino Association, for those from the Filipino community. Also represented on this forum is PSNI, court service, housing executive, council and so on. This is an important group for police as it provides a platform for communities in the area to interact with PSNI, ask questions and hopefully build confidence.

Age Concern/Ards Over 50's Forum

Group of persons concerned with inclusion of the views of the over 50 community in Ards and providing support to them. This support organisation runs various event such as Senior's Safety Road shows and gives a voice to older persons who sometimes feel left out of the community, and that their needs go unnoticed. Although no formal agreement exists PSNI meet monthly with the group to provide information and listen to concerns. PSNI can then use this platform to reassure and build confidence in our older residents.

BEE-SAFE



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. 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.

Empowering parents

The Ards Community Safety Team are working on the basis that PSNI cannot solve all problems without the community's help. A programme has been designed to empower parents with knowledge about the effects of drink, drugs and internet safety on younger people. Police are working with FASA, an external organisation specialising in educating young people about these matters, and will be rolling information nights out across the district over the next 6 to 8 months. Participants will be given access to FASA information and a DVD of the presentation.

Vulnerable People/Domestic Violence

In view of recent increase in local Domestic Violence reports Police have been liaising with women's aid, PPS, DPP, CSP, NIHEtc and are putting together a regular forum of interested parties to discuss and address issues of domestic violence and increase the standard of investigation and response to such incidents. Plans are progressing to launch a local media awareness campaign and to consider a one stop shop initiative to provide support and information.

CASE

The Schools liaison Officer delivered CASE classes on 40 visits to schools throughout the Area. The classes covered Knife Crime, Rules and Laws, ASB, Theft, Bullying, Role of Police, Vandalism, Bike and Road Safety, Drugs and Solvent Abuse, Personal Safety and Internet Safety. CASE training continues into the new school terms.



Section 2) Progress towards achieving targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2009/2010^{1,2}

Objective 1: In partnership with the community and other agencies, to make communities and neighbourhoods safe and feel safe					
Local Policing Plan Target	Apr - Sept 2008	Apr - Sept 2009	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met	Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance
1.2.2 To reduce the level of assaults.	276	342	+66	✗	40% reductions over last 3 years placed significant pressure on continued reductions. No identified hotspot activity. Significant Increase in Domestic related crimes suggesting people socialising at home more often in current economic climate. Rise in MSVC although numbers very low last year. Clearance rate increased by 3.5%.
1.3.2 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries in line with service targets.	87	98	+11	✗	Ards targeted during May and June. Current economic situation creates environment that can lead to increase in dishonesty related crime. 4.8% increase in clearance rate
1.5.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31/03/2011.	1842 (07/08)	1525	-317	✓	Op Snapper, diversionary programmes, robust enforcement policy with ASB and NIHE. Full use of Youth Diversion system and reports of offenders. Use of POPT to target anti-social behaviour. Analytical product to identify specific problem locations. ABC ASB Team. Media reassurance messages.

¹ The Local Policing Plan targets are shown for example purposes only and are taken from Ards Local Policing Plan 2009/2010.

² When comparing % changes between two time periods (e.g. this year and last year), the change should be displayed as a % point change.



1.6.2 To reduce the number of crimes of criminal damage recorded in line with service targets.	445	449	+4	✗	Op Snapper, diversionary programmes, robust partnership enforcement policy. Youth Diversion system and reports of offenders. POPT to target anti-social behaviour. Analytical product to identify specific problem locations. ABC ASB Team. Media reassurance messages. Sustaining the major reductions delivered during 08/09 with very minimal increase (16%)
1.7.1 To contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.	17	16	-1	✓	Ongoing enforcement activity. 2 persons killed this year compared to 1 last year. Community Concern Initiative ongoing success
1.9.1 To reduce the number of commercial burglaries.	68	78	+10	✗	Ards targeted during May and June. Current economic situation creates environment that can lead to increase in dishonesty related crime. Overall burglary clearance rate up 5.2%. Seeing uprising pressure after last years reductions.

Additional comments, including any 'control strategies' and their impact on Local Policing Plan targets

Burglary –

- Maximum use of District and Regional resources on both preventative and proactive intelligence led operations.
- Default patrolling in analysed 'hot spot' crime locations.
- Policy of intrusive monitoring of specifically identified prolific offenders including intensive bail checks.
- Extension of ASBO provisions to local prolific criminals
- Policy of CID and CSI attendance at all burglaries (Domestic and Commercial)
- CSI and District Forensic Manager now co-located in Newtownards Station – local knowledge and ownership.
- Op Converter Team to maximise and prioritise returns on FP and DNA hits.
- Daily review of all incidents/patterns of reported crime. Full use made of Analysts in order to analyse particular problems and identify trends/patterns



and locations of crime. Monthly Area and District tactical assessment meetings to identify priority areas and trends and support Sector Inspectors with actioning interventions.

- Maximum use of Media to advise members of the public of recurring crime, to offer crime prevention advice and to provide reassurance.
- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme co-ordinator funded via PWCF.

Anti-social behaviour/Criminal Damage –

- Op Snapper alcohol enforcement,
- ASB Partnership Forum with ABC and NIHE to focus multi-agency strategy at all aspects of ASB
- Stringent Enforcement Policy ASB Collation and YDO warning letters to parents – First ASBO in place.
- Maximum use of Police Officers Part Time to tackle anti-social behaviour and provide reassurance by high-visibility patrolling.
- Neighbourhood Team Diversionary Programmes with partners
- Licensees Forum

Road Safety –

- Focus on the known causes of road deaths and injuries, tasking RPU resources to priority locations within Area for enforcement operations. Maximising use of the Community Concern initiative to direct safety camera activity with DPP (Ards has the largest number of targeted operations within Northern Ireland as a result of this initiative).
- Review of Collision Remedial Schemes ongoing
- Road Safety Education with Schools - Corporate Road Safety Awareness Media Campaigns



Objective 3: To ensure that Policing with the Community is at the core of delivery of the policing service

Local Policing Plan Target	Apr - Sept 2008	Apr - Sept 2009	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met	Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance
3.1.4 The Area Commander to update the DPP on a quarterly basis on progress being made towards Neighbourhood Policing implementation in the Ards Area.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Report Attached
Additional comments, including any 'control strategies' and their impact on Local Policing Plan targets					



Section 3) Additional information [OPTIONAL]

Crime Classes	Recorded Apr– Sept 08/09	Recorded Apr-Sept 09/10	% Change	Cleared Apr-Sept 08/09	% Cleared Apr-Sept 08/09	Cleared Apr-Sept 09/10	% Cleared Apr-Sept 09/10
1. Offences against the person	342	457	33.6%	96	28.1%	149	32.6%
2. Sexual Offences	27	30	11.1%	8	29.6%	8	26.7%
1. Burglary	158	178	12.7%	16	10.1%	28	15.7%
(Domestic Burglary)	87	98	12.6%	12	13.8%	12	12.2%
4. Robbery	7	7	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	14.3%
5. Theft	339	347	2.4%	49	14.5%	109	31.4%
(Theft from vehicles)	52	30	-42.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
(Theft of Vehicles)	39	46	17.9%	10	25.6%	23	50.0%
6. Fraud and Forgery	66	61	-7.6%	23	34.8%	7	11.5%
7. Criminal Damage	445	449	.09%	33	7.4%	55	12.2%
8. Offences against the state	12	14	16.7%	7	58.3%	4	28.6%
9. Other notifiable offences	50	51	2.0%	37	74.0%	37	72.5%
Violent Crime (1,2 & 4)	376	494	31.4%	104	27.7%	158	32.0%
Total Crime	1446	1595	10.3%	269	18.6%	399	25.0%



Section 4) Trend data for Local Policing Plan targets 2009/2010³

Local Policing Plan Targets for 2009/2010	Apr - Jun 2009	Target on course to be met	Apr - Sep 2009	Target on course to be met	Apr - Dec 2009	Target on course to be met	Apr 2009 - Mar 2010	Target on course to be met
1.2.2 To reduce the level of assaults.	+47	✗	+66	✗				
1.3.2 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries in line with service targets.	+6	✗	+11	✗				
1.5.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31/3/2011.	-30	✓	-317	✓				
1.6.2 To reduce the number of crimes of criminal damage recorded in line with service targets.	+60	✗	+4	✗				
1.7.1 To contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.	0	✓	-1	✓				
1.9.1 To reduce the number of commercial burglaries.	+16	✗	+10	✗				
3.1.4 The Area Commander to update the DPP on a quarterly basis on progress being made towards Neighbourhood Policing implementation in the Ards Area.		✓		✓				

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Section 5) Area's Progress towards achieving targets in the Northern Ireland Policing Plan for 2009/2010⁴

Objective 1: In partnership with the community and other agencies, to make communities and neighbourhoods safe and feel safe						
Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target	Area Contribution Apr 2008 – Sep 2008	Area Contribution Apr 2009 – Sep 2009	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met (including % change)		
				Area	District	Northern Ireland
1.1.1 To ensure that by 2010/2011, there are fewer than 100,000 crimes recorded.	1533	1690	+157	+10.2%	+7.4%	+3.6%
1.2.1 To reduce the level of more serious violent crime.	10	35	+25	+250%	+26.2%	+19.4%
1.3.1 To ensure that by 2010/2011, there are fewer than 6,000 domestic burglaries recorded.	88	103	15	17%	0.6%	7.6%
1.4.1 To increase the number of drugs supply gangs frustrated, disrupted or dismantled.						
1.5.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31/3/2011.	1524	1658	-317 (target 07/08)	-17%	-0.9%	-2.6%
1.6.1 To ensure that by 2010/2011, there are fewer than 27,000 crimes of criminal damage recorded. (1)	467	471	4	0.9%	4.8%	-2.1%
1.7.1 To contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.	17	16	-1			
1.7.2 To contribute to reducing the number of children killed or seriously injured on the road.	0	3	+3			
Additional comments, including any 'control strategies' and their impact on Northern Ireland Policing Plan targets						

⁴ Local PSNI only need to provide information on targets that can be measured locally. Therefore not all Annual Policing Plan targets are shown in this table, for example, Omnibus Survey targets are not shown.



Objective 2: To continue to build, broaden and sustain confidence in the police

Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target	Area Contribution Apr 2008 – Sep 2008	Area Contribution Apr 2009 – Sep 2009	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met (including % change)		
				Area	District	Northern Ireland
2.4.1 To increase the clearance rate by 3% pts.	19.3%	24.5%	1.7%	+1.7%	+2.5%	+0.7%
2.4.2 To increase the clearance rate for racist crimes.	16.7%	42.9%	31.7%	+31.7%	-0.7%	+2.4%
2.4.3 To increase the clearance rate for homophobic crimes.	100%	/0	/0	/0	+6.7%	-10.9%
2.4.4 To increase the clearance rate for sectarian crimes.	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-6.9%	-2.2%
Additional comments, including any 'control strategies' and their impact on Northern Ireland Policing Plan targets						

Objective 3: To ensure that Policing with the Community is at the core of delivery of the policing service

Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target	Area Contribution Apr 2008 – Sep 2008	Area Contribution Apr 2009 – Sep 2009	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met (including % change)		
				Area	District	Northern Ireland
3.1.3 To ensure that Neighbourhood Officers work at least 80% of their duty hours on neighbourhood policing duties.						
Additional comments, including any 'control strategies' and their impact on Northern Ireland Policing Plan targets						

