



**Tackling Crime**

**Ards Area**

# **District Policing Partnerships**

## **12-Month Report**

Figures Extracted 14 May 2009



## Section 1) Progress towards achieving targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2008/2009

<b>Domain: Tackling Crime</b>					
LPP Target	PFYTD	FYTD	Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
3.2.1 To reduce the total number of assaults	701	573	-128	✓	Overall violent crime down 17.2% within Area. Sexual Offences down 27.4% in Area
3.3.1 To reduce the total number of domestic burglaries	163	185	+22	✗	Total burglaries up 0.6% (+2) due to overall reductions in commercial burglaries. Significant increase in domestic burglaries during last quarter. Burglary clearance rate 17.8% increase on 2007/2008 figure of 10.4% (2 <sup>nd</sup> highest in Service – Service Clearance rate – 11.96%).
4.2.2 To increase the number of drugs seizures	38	44	+6	✓	Increase in drug seizures during last quarter.
<b>Strategy &amp; Impact</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum use of District and Regional resources on both preventative and proactive intelligence led operations.</li> <li>• Regional 'Op Heartbreak' aimed at disrupting and frustrating those involved in creeper and domestic burglaries has had impact within District during last quarter. A number of criminals from without the District have been arrested for burglary in Ards during this period.</li> <li>• Default patrolling in analysed 'hot spot' crime locations.</li> <li>• A new policy of intrusive monitoring of specifically identified prolific offenders including bail checks.</li> <li>• Policy of CID and CSI attendance at all burglaries.</li> <li>• Op Converter to maximise return on FP and DNA hits.</li> <li>• 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. Introduction of monthly tactical assessment meeting to identify priority areas and trends and support Sector Inspectors with actioning interventions.</li> <li>• Maximum use of Media to advise members of the public of recurring crime trends and to offer crime prevention advice.</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Watch Scheme co-ordinator funded via PWCF.</li> </ul>					

<b>Domain: Promoting Community Safety</b>					
<b>LPP Target</b>	<b>PFYTD</b>	<b>FYTD</b>	<b>Change (Raw Data)</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Comment on reasons for change in performance</b>
5.1.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour.	3565	2632	-933	✓	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
5.2.1 To reduce the number of crimes of criminal damage	968	788	-180	✓	Proactive patrolling of main Hotspot areas. Forensic opportunities are explored and exploited as appropriate. Impacted by ASB Strategy
8.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road	52	52	0	✗	No change in KSIs (Road Deaths reduced from 6 to 1)
8.1.2 To reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured on the road	3	3	0	✗	No change in KSIs (Road Deaths reduced from 1 to 0)
<b>Strategy &amp; Impact</b>					
<p><b>Anti-social behaviour –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Op Snapper alcohol enforcement,</li> <li>• Establishment of ASB Forum with ABC and NIHE</li> <li>• New Enforcement Policy ASB Collation and YDO warning letters to parents (350+ names collated).</li> <li>• Maximum use of Police Officers Part Time to tackle anti-social behaviour and provide reassurance by high-visibility patrolling.</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Team Diversionary Programmes with partners</li> </ul> <p><b>Road Safety –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ards continues to focus on the known causes of road deaths and injuries such as speed, careless and dangerous driving and drink driving. Tasking RPU resources to priority locations within Area for enforcement operations.</li> <li>• Maximising use of the Community Concern initiative to direct safety camera activity with DPP.</li> <li>• Review of Collision Remedial Schemes ongoing (e.g work on Portaferry Rd).</li> <li>• Road Safety Education with Schools (Road Safe At Regent)</li> </ul>					

## Section 2) Trend data for Local Policing Plan targets 2008/2009

Local Policing Plan Targets for 2008/2009								
Local Policing Plan Targets for 2008 / 2009	Apr - Jun 08/09	Target	Apr - Sept 08/09	Target	Apr – Dec 08/09	Target	Apr – Mar 08/09	Target
3.2.1 To reduce the total number of assaults	167	✓	279	✓	443	✓	573	✓
3.3.1 To reduce the total number of domestic burglaries	53	✗	73	✗	129	✗	185	✗
4.2.2 To increase the number of drugs seizures	8	✓	23	✓	36	✓	44	✓
5.1.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour.	878	✓	1445	✓	2104	✓	2632	✓
5.2.1 To reduce the number of crimes of criminal damage	197	✗	438	✗	614	✓	788	✓
8.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road	11	✗	23	✗	N/A	N/A	52	✗
8.1.2 To reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured on the road	0	✗	0	✗	N/A	N/A	3	✗

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

Crime Classes	Recorded 07/08	Recorded 08/09	% Change	Cleared 07/08	% Cleared 07/08	Cleared 08/09	% Cleared 08/09
1. Offences against the person	824	686	-16.7%	249	30.2%	186	27.1%
2. Sexual Offences	73	53	-27.4%	11	15.1%	16	30.2%
<b>1. Burglary</b>	318	320	0.6%	33	10.4%	57	17.8%
(Domestic Burglary)	163	185	13.5%	23	14.1%	22	11.9%
4. Robbery	16	17	6.3%	1	6.3%	5	29.4%
5. Theft	663	687	3.6%	154	23.2%	125	18.2%
(Theft from vehicles)	83	98	18.1%	7	8.4%	3	3.1%
(Theft of Vehicles)	89	76	-14.6%	26	29.2%	23	30.3%
6. Fraud and Forgery	67	116	73.1%	20	29.9%	37	31.9%
7. Criminal Damage	968	788	-18.6%	89	9.2%	120	15.2%
8. Offences against the state	26	19	-26.9%	13	50.0%	12	63.2%
9. Other notifiable offences	118	94	-20.3%	85	72.0%	78	83.0%
<b>Violent Crime (1,2 &amp; 4)</b>	913	756	-17.2%	261	28.6%	207	27.4%
<b>Total Crime</b>	3073	2780	-9.5%	655	21.3%	636	22.9%

**A breakdown of crime types as shown in the table above**

<p><b>Offences against the person (class 1)</b>  Murder  Infanticide  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><b>Sexual offences (class 2)</b>  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><b>Burglary (class 3)</b>  Domestic burglary  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burglary in a dwelling</li> <li>• Aggravated burglary in a dwelling</li> </ul> Non domestic burglary  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burglary in a building other than in a dwelling</li> <li>• Aggravated burglary other than in a dwelling</li> </ul> Going equipped</p>
<p><b>Robbery (class 4)</b>  Robbery  Armed robbery  Hijacking</p>	<p><b>Theft (class 5)</b>  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"> <li>• Theft from motor vehicles</li> <li>• Theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicles</li> </ul> Vehicle tampering/interference  Handling of stolen goods  Other thefts</p>	<p><b>Fraud and forgery (class 6)</b>  Deception  Forgery and counterfeiting  Making off without payment  Other frauds</p>
<p><b>Criminal damage (class 7)</b>  Arson  Petrol bombing offences  Explosive offences  Criminal damage/malicious damage offences  Other criminal damage offences</p>	<p><b>Offences against the state (class 8)</b>  Offences under anti-terrorism legislation  Firearms offences  Offences under Public Order (NI) Order  Other offences against the public order</p>	<p><b>Other notifiable offences (class 9)</b>  Blackmail  Kidnapping and false imprisonment  Drug offences – trafficking and non-trafficking offences  Dangerous driving  Breach of orders  Other notifiable offences</p>

<p><b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b></p> <p><b>ASB Incidents</b> are a group of non-crime incidents that are reported to the police (i.e. they do not result in a notifiable offence). These are recorded by the PSNI on their Command &amp; Control system and are classified as ASB in accordance with the National Standard for Incident Recording (NSIR). ASB incidents consist of the following incident types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abandoned Vehicles - (Not Stolen Or Causing An Obstruction)</li> <li>• Animal Problems</li> <li>• Begging / Vagrancy</li> <li>• Hoax Calls To Emergency Services</li> <li>• Inappropriate Use / Sale / Possession Of Fireworks</li> <li>• Noise</li> <li>• Malicious Communications</li> <li>• Prostitution Related Activity</li> <li>• Rowdy / Nuisance - Environmental Damage / Littering</li> <li>• Rowdy / Nuisance - Neighbours</li> <li>• Rowdy / Nuisance - Rowdy or Inconsiderate Behaviour</li> <li>• Street Drinking</li> <li>• Substance Misuse</li> <li>• Trespass</li> <li>• Vehicle Nuisance / Inappropriate Vehicle Use</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sanction / Non-Sanction Clearance rates</b></p> <p>Clearances (or detections as they may alternatively be known) are, broadly speaking, those crimes that have been 'cleared up' by the police. Crimes are counted as 'cleared or detected' in accordance with strict counting rules issued by the Home Office.</p> <p><b>Sanction clearances</b> refer to clearances where a 'sanction' is taken against the accused person. The following methods of clearance involve a formal sanction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charging or issuing a summons to an offender (this will not necessarily result in a subsequent conviction at court)</li> <li>• Issuing a caution to the offender</li> <li>• Having the offence accepted for consideration in court</li> <li>• The offender is a juvenile who is dealt with by means of an informed warning, restorative caution or prosecutorial diversion</li> </ul> <p>The use of <b>non sanction clearances</b> are limited to specified offences and circumstances and include the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Public Prosecution Service (PPS) directs no prosecution for an 'indictable only' offence</li> <li>• The offence is an 'indictable only' offence and the case cannot proceed because the offender has died.</li> <li>• 'Indictable only' offences are the most serious types of offences and are those which must be tried in the Crown Court.</li> </ul>
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## Section 4) Policing with the Community

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

#### **Operation Snowflake**

Increased resource deployment of response and neighbourhood police officers and POPT during the December run up to Christmas. The operation involves high visibility overt patrolling aimed at reducing seasonal crime increases, increasing community confidence, reducing disorder and road safety enforcement.

#### **Operation Blitzen**

Cross District anti-crime operation aimed at reducing a seasonal hike in burglaries and focussing on District prolific offenders. A dedicated team of officers abstracted from all four areas to compliment District Crime Team resources deployed during peak times in hot spot areas utilising overt and covert patrols. An increase in the no of bail checks was used to curtail and disrupt offenders. The Operation ran from early December until midway through January.

#### **Operation Snapper (underage drinking and ASB Op)**

PSNI Officers across C District seized in excess of 1393 alcoholic drinks from underage drinkers during July and August as part of Operation Snapper. The operation was 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. The concerted effort toward tackling under-age drinking has reduced reports 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. The operation was so successful that it has remained a key tactic as we continue to tackle ASB and ran again during Christmas and Easter school holidays.

### **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 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 permits each of the statutory bodies to share information. The ASB Forum meets monthly to consider issues pertinent to each partner and consider joint problem solving strategies aimed at preventing and detecting crime and anti-social behaviour.

### **Summer Splash**

Police in Ards were involved in diversionary activities aimed at providing children and young persons with an alternative to underage drinking and associated anti-social behaviour during the summer holidays. Seven schemes ran throughout the Ards area: These included 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.

### **Late Night Football**

The late night soccer scheme in Comber was a huge success during the summer. The scheme aimed at 13-18 year-olds, and in conjunction with Comber Youth for Christ, ran from 7.30pm to 11.00pm every Friday night at the Presbyterian Church. The scheme attracted upwards of 50 local youths and took them off the streets during problematic periods. The scheme ran again successfully during the Halloween period. Ards NPT has recently conducted nighttime football in Bowtown Estate as a diversionary activity for the youth in the area. This proved to be a great success with a reduction of reported incidents of ASB/YCA in the area.

### **Bowtown Estate 11<sup>th</sup> night Beacon Initiative**

The Bowtown Estate agreed to forgo the traditional 11<sup>th</sup> night Bonfire in favour of an innovative Gas Beacon and Fireworks Display Family Evening. The Bonfire Committee is already working with the local communities to expand this initiative this year.

### **Post Bonfire Clean-up Initiative (July – September 08)**

Ards Neighbourhood Police in conjunction with Community Representatives from the West Winds Estate and Ards Borough Council organised a structured post bonfire clean up operation. 35 local youths participated and were rewarded by a 10 pin-bowling event in Dundonald.

### **Police Surgeries**

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.

### **Inter Estate Indoor Winter Soccer League (October – December)**

In conjunction with the Ards Borough Council Football Development Officer, Ards Neighbourhood Police co-ordinated an inter estate football league on Friday evenings at Ards Leisure Centre. Representatives from all five estates have agreed to participate with 15-17 year olds being the target age group. This has led to evening football now taking place in Bowtown Estate each Friday night co-ordinated by local community.

### **Licensees Education Initiative (July 08 – ongoing)**

Through Ards Community Forum, this initiative involves local Neighbourhood Officers and Ards Council Officers visiting local Off-licences on Friday and Saturday evenings and regularly reminding staff of their obligations. Area Commander and ASB met with Chief Exec of Retail Licence Trade to discuss options for better communication between local licensees and police. 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. A training package has been sourced for licensed premises staff and applications for funding made with CSP and

PWCF to offer this innovative package. 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.

### **Cross Community Project (September – Ongoing)**

Ards Neighbourhood Police continue to deliver the CASE Programme and respect for diversity education to St Finian's and West Winds Primary Schools together at alternating venues.

### **Halloween and Fireworks Strategy (September – October)**

Ards Neighbourhood Police in conjunction with the Schools Liaison Officer were involved in delivering Fireworks Safety Education in local Schools and participated in an organised Fireworks Convention where targeted age groups from local schools attended. This was followed up by a two-week pre Halloween increased High Visibility Patrolling Operation of areas identified as problematic using information provided by the Police analyst. Intelligence led searches led to a number of firework seizures. Portaferry Neighbourhood officers delivered Fireworks Safety Education in 8 local Portaferry area Primary Schools and gave presentation at Ards Fire Safety Building for local Ards Primary Schools.

A very successful strategy that led to significant reductions in firework related reports.

### **Tackling ASB In Comber**

An area convenient to a residential home/fold 'Stepping Stones' is a location where reports of youth associated ASB emanate. Police, local councillors and engineers have discussed reengineering the area to prevent youths congregating. It was also agreed to have the area cleaned up. Police and 'The Net' have involved local youths in the clean up. The area was cleaned up by the council and overgrown shrubbery removed to prevent persons being concealed from view. Further work may be carried out as necessary. As a result of targeted patrolling ASB was reduced and only a handful of reports made in relation to this area.

### **Comber Intergenerational Scheme**

Comber NPT in partnership with BIH housing and Comber Youth for Christ have initiated a scheme to bring youth and elderly together as a way of reducing ASB and the fear of crime. It is hoped involve residents from The Stepping Stones and Weir Court Homes in a number of joint activities with young people from The Net.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour Team and PACT Response Officer**

A Partnership approach with Ards Borough Council with team of three wardens focussed 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.

### **Ballygowan ASB Strategy**

As a result of increased complaints of ASB local NPT, community Assoc and local residents have formulated an action plan to reduce crime and the fear of crime in the Estate. A flyer was posted to all houses in development entitled 'Do you know where your children are?' and asking residents to report any incidents witnessed. High visibility patrols have been increased, alcohol seizures made and a number of ASB Warning letters sent to specific residents. Ongoing planning for diversionary activity involving local youth and residents group. Five young persons were identified as prolific offenders and Police subsequently visited them to deliver the ASB letters. One was visited jointly with the Housing executive who reinforced the danger that their tenancy was at risk. Since the delivery of these letters there has been a remarked absence of the identified persons. There was also a problem with graffiti on the local band hall and this was an area where youths tended to congregate, drink and cause a nuisance. Representations were made to representatives of the hall to have it repainted and kept clear of youths not involved directly with the hall. This has been completed and we are now negotiating to make additional use of the hall for diversionary activities. We are awaiting a decision from the representatives.

### **School Road Safety - Comber**

Andrews Memorial Primary School in Comber contacted local police re road safety concerns. Police agreed a joint action plan with

school and letters were sent home with pupils asking parents to be considerate of parking and speeding when attending the school. An increase in police patrols was complimented by monitoring of traffic speed in 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 and in addition to Road Policing Enforcement and our own Laser detections. There have been positive comments from locals particularly in relation to problem areas such as Killinchy Road, Comber and Belfast Road Ballygowan.

### **Briefing of migrant workers –Killinchy**

Willowbrook foods between Killinchy and Whiterock employ migrant workers in the majority of its roles. A new manager has taken over recently at the premises. Comber NPT had previously gave a briefing in relation to Road Traffic responsibilities and other legal responsibilities which the workers may not have been aware of. We also gave information on the process of investigating offences or of dealing with hate crime. The company has agreed to work in partnership again to progress this initiative to include a new factory in Newtownards. They will supply interpreters for several languages and presentations including PowerPoint will be given by Comber NPT Throughout May and June 2009. We have found in the past that when there has been a better understanding of legislation and responsibilities the number of offences has reduced.

### **Delivery of CASE lessons to schools**

Comber NPT have been progressing CASE LESSONS to class 7 pupils at 9 local schools over the past months and will continue to do so on a rolling basis. They are also giving talks to cub and scout groups in relation to safety and responsibilities. We intend to participate in summer events organised by schools and youth groups such as the 'party in the park' comber run by Youth for Christ with other community input. We have now identified contacts whereby we are hoping to organise some trips for young people. This will hopefully be progressed over the coming months.

### **Donaghadee Rugby Coaching**

A summer rugby-coaching scheme took place at Donaghadee rugby club. The rugby scheme received funding from Ards Community Safety Partnership, through its 'Summer Splash' initiative, and was organised by Ards Borough Council ASB Team, Donaghadee Police, Donaghadee Rugby Club and Ulster Rugby Development Department. The scheme was aimed at 10 -18 year-

olds and ran from 7pm - 8.30pm Wednesday to Friday and 2pm - 4pm Saturday and Sunday. The innovative event was supported and advertised on the Ulster Branch IRU web site.

### **Susan Falkingham Memorial Trophy School Quiz**

Peninsula NPT held a Schools quiz that targeted P7 groups throughout the peninsula, six primary schools in total attended the event at Greyabbey Primary School, the winning school, Kircubbin integrated to host next years quiz. The winning school received the Susan Falkingham Memorial Trophy; the event was funded by Portaferry CSF, Greyabbey CPLC and Ards DPP.

### **Portaferry Gala week**

Portaferry Gala Week has historically been a source of increased ASB and Assaults. By meeting with several local youth groups, Gala Committee, Local Licences, and discussing the problems at a local level associated with the week, alongside increased patrolling, achieved one of the most successful Galas to date with a significantly reduced number of incidents.

### **Neighbourhood Policing Implementation**

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. Neighbourhoods agreed and Neighbourhood Profiles prepared. Work is ongoing to implement PACT structures in each Neighbourhood before the end of March 09. Meetings have been held with ABC and NIHE to seek participation. Letters were sent to all elected reps and community groups within the Borough advising of our intentions. PACT meetings have taken place in Comber, a PACT panel been established in Ards with plans for a first meeting in June 09. Discussions with CPLCs and Forums on the Peninsula are ongoing. Work to establish Active Citizen Networks in each Neighbourhood has commenced. A number of community communication initiatives are underway to improve local police visibility and familiarity including local policing contact leaflets, a neighbourhood policing Newsletter and improved media use.

### **Greyabbey Police Station Closure**

An extensive consultation process took place during the period September to November relating to the closure and disposal of Greyabbey PSNI Station. Consultation letters were mailed to all community representatives and community groups in the

Greyabbey Area. Posters were placed in public places throughout Greyabbey and media releases issued seeking community. A public meeting took place on 28<sup>th</sup> October aimed at allowing local views on the station to be discussed. 4 written responses were received during the consultation process including the official CPLC and DPP submissions. A closure and disposal recommendation was submitted to PSNI HQ at beginning of January. The matter will be discussed at a future Policing Board meeting along with 15 other disposal recommendations for the 09/10 year.

### **Tripartite DPP/Community/Police MNI Project**

Local Police in Donaghadee are involved in an initiative with DPP and local community, co-ordinated by Mediation NI and funded by NIPB to consider a problem solving partnership project aimed at ASB in Donaghadee. This is one of four similar initiatives presently taking place within NI. The initiative has developed local community relationships, developed useful local partnerships and facilitated improved mutual understanding between the police, DPP members and community reps involved.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Schemes**

Ongoing engagement and development of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes through out the Area. C District has the services of a dedicated Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator funded through the PWCF.

### **Mourne Mountain Challenge**

Joint initiative with ASB and Down District Council - selected pupils from the local Secondary Schools who would benefit the most take part in various individual development challenges and some team building activities that are run by Schools Liaison and assisted by Local Neighbourhood teams.

### **Diversinary Football**

We have been running our second year of late night football in Comber every Friday night over the summer from 7.30pm to 11.00pm. By doing so we have given the youth of Comber a diversionary activity on a Friday night to help reduce underage drinking and the associated ASB. Numbers during the summer and Easter have been between 20-40 each night with kids of both sexes aged between 12-17 years. New Late Night Football projects now being run in Bowtown Estate, West Winds Estate, Donaghadee and Kircubbin.

**Primary School Road Safety Initiative**

Peninsula NPT in association with the local Road Safety Committee – P6 and P7 road safety public speaking competition organized in Millisle PS. Finals of event took place at Stranmillis College.

**Intergenerational Project Ballywalter**

Intergenerational Project in Ballywalter aimed at developing relationships between local young people and elderly residents to encourage mutual understanding and reduce fear of crime. This initiative is funded by the Policing with Community Fund.

Additionally a local initiative aimed at the 13+ age group to encourage local youth to take part in archery, football and to learn social skills on Monday and Thursday evenings in partnership with Ballywalter Community Association.

**Peninsula Primary School Football Competition**

Peninsula NPT in partnership with local schools and DPP organised a football competition for local primary schools at Ards Leisure Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Greyabbey Youth Disco**

Joint local initiative with NPT and Community Association to provide a diversionary Youth Disco for the Greyabbey area.

**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.

**Donaghadee Photo Initiative**

As part of a DPP, PSNI and Community development initiative both young people and older residents in the Moat Area of Donaghadee were provided with cameras to record their weekend evening activities. The aim being to develop intergenerational understanding of what constitutes ASB or what impact it can have. A display of the photographs was launched at the Donaghadee Drop in Centre, attended by media and local councillors and the photos will continue to be displayed in local library.

**Ganaway Project**

Targets 13 years plus kids with a history of ASB. Ganaway is a BB facility that utilises outside youth diversion teams/individuals to engage with the young people. Activities include art, football, drama, team building exercises & various sports.

### **Army Away Days**

NPT organised groups of problematic young people to Ballykinlar Camp. Activities included assault course, paintball and simulated shooting exercises. Plans are underway to expand this to a 2-day and week long residential. Ards NPT has implemented a programme to increase drug and alcohol awareness in the youth. This will involve successful participants completing a course at the end of which they will be taken by the Army to Ballykinlar Camp to complete a 2 day course that will result in a qualification that is recognised by the Army should anyone wish to apply to join.

Fire and Rescue are involved in a similar manner and will bring participants who have successfully completed the course to their training college for familiarisation day.

### **Castaway Day**

"Turn of the Tide" is an annual series of events centred around Strangford Lough. Peninsula NPT are linking in with this initiative with a view to developing further diversionary projects. A Canoe expedition is currently being planned for Strangford Lough with young people 15 -17 targeted for involvement. A Canoe trip and overnight camp planned with the project entitled "Castaway Day".

### **Rugby/Gaelic/Camogie initiative**

A community development and mutual understanding initiative is gathering momentum on the Peninsula. The intention is to bring young people from two communities together with a joint interest albeit slightly compromised on both sides Ballygalget will host Donaghadee RFC for an event whereby young people compete and play Aussie Rules Football.

### **Court Day**

Peninsula NPT took a number of primary school children to Ards Court where their teacher was placed in the dock charged with giving too much homework! An ex PSNI Prosecutor acted as prosecutor for the day and the kids appeared as witnesses. This was a great success and allowed the young people to get an idea of how the criminal justice system operates.

### **COT**

Peninsula NPT took a number of young people from the Peninsula to the PSNI COT facility at Steeple Barracks where they saw the water cannon in operation, took part in self-defence training and CS spray training. The Driving School took the kids out on the skidpan and RPU gave them a tour of all the equipment etc at their disposal.

### **Social Services Protocol**

A system is being created in partnership with social services at Ashgrove and William St Assessment Centres that provides local Police with a brief resume regarding problematic and potentially problematic residents behavioural traits, tendencies and offending background. It is anticipated that this will allow local Police to prioritise and address any matters arising and allows officers to gain greater knowledge of who they could encounter, associates and local areas they tend to frequent. As part of this agreement a method of prioritising missing person from these establishments is being trialled regarding habitual absconders/offenders.

### **Alcohol and Drug Awareness**

Ards NPT are delivering a programme involving local estates whereby identified youth undertake a drink and drugs awareness programme and upon completion they will be invited by the military to an overnight stay at Ballykinler Army Base where they can complete assault course and army activities – this leads to a qualification that is recognised should anyone opt for a career in the armed forces. Fire and Rescue Service are also involved in a similar scheme in partnership with local NPT.

### **Bonfire Committee**

Bonfire Forum – Led by Ards Borough Council with PSNI input, an initiative has been formed to change the mindset of those building bonfires and give them some responsibility in clearing up the resulting debris. This takes the form of a local competition and introducing rules as to what can and cannot be put on the bonfire. In future it is hoped to obtain a regular site for these, in an appropriate area, and to gradually turn the bonfire into a beacon, hopefully making it a more cross community activity.

### **Shack Project**

Ards NPT is actively involved in "The Shack" project in Westwinds Estate. This project is a diversionary programme for the youth in the area. This has attracted favourable media attention recently and "The Chronicle" have ran an article on it.

### **Marching Season**

Ards NPT are actively involved 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

### **Collision Remedial Schemes**

Following the production of the C District KSI Analysis Road Management and Roads Service Traffic Management carried out a route study of the Portaferry Road to identify any physical measures that would assist in reducing injury RTC's.

Below is listed the works to date and work planned once weather conditions improve.

Hopefully this will be one of several studies completed depending on continued funding.

1. New or refreshed markings at junctions.
2. Approximately 10 new/improved bend warning signs.
3. Five new/improved junction warning signs.
4. New trail of approx 50 high reflective studs on kerbs at bends near Mount Stewart Estate due to being unable to attach to estate wall, as it is a listed wall.
5. Approximately 100-125 new reflective marker posts on the whole route at identified areas, mainly bends.
6. Several SLOW warning signs painted on road at appropriate places.

### **Safety Camera Community Concern Initiative**

As part of the drive to maximise use of the Community Concern Safety Camera Initiative Ards PSNI have approved 10 locations during April as highlighted by members of the community or their representatives. 96 road policing enforcement deployments have taken place at these 10 locations during April 09.

### **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.

### **BY-PASS MURAL**

Comber NPT are in the process of working in partnership with 'The Net' youth drop in centre to run a scheme to remove graffiti from the underpass at Cherryvalley Line. Vandals have targeted this area with graffiti, some of which is offensive. We are seeking to work in partnership with the DRD, owners of the underpass, and Comber Youth for Christ in replacing the graffiti with a mural designed and painted by local youths attending 'The Net', drop in centre in Comber. It is hoped that the local youths will take a certain amount of ownership in the scheme and will not want to add further graffiti at a later date. The local youth are proving reluctant to forward the scheme but The Net's youth worker is planning to run a detached youth scheme in the town and include the mural as part of the program.

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

**Section 5) Community Safety Projects**

**Quick Check**

Police in Ards is partnership with NTL:Telewest Business and Fold Telecare have recently launched the 'Quick Check' initiative. Quick Check is a 24hr freephone service which provides the local community with a resource to check the identity of callers. The initiative is aimed to tackle distraction burglaries and provide reassurance for vulnerable persons within our community.

**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 have reduce the fear of crime.

**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.

#### **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 College 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.

Evaluation of the programme demonstrates increased knowledge and attitudes of young people in relation to drugs and alcohol.

It has helped to reduce harm caused to young people via their own drinking of alcohol and also reduced the harm young people suffer due to other people's drinking.

It has also highlighted that young people completing the project are consuming less alcohol.

#### **Road Safety Roadshow**

The Road Safety Roadshow took place Regent House during early part of 09.

#### **COMBER (Autumn –Winter 2008)**

Neighbourhood officers having been CASE (CITIZENSHIP AND SAFETY EDUCATION) trained have given numerous CASE

lessons to local schools and are intending to continue to provide this over the coming months to primary 7 pupils. Comber NPT have attended 7 schools delivering lessons on The Role of Police, Crime and ASB, Stranger Danger and other subjects pertinent to the area.

### **CASE**

The Schools liaison Officer delivered CASE classes on 67 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.

### **Additional Community Safety Presentations**

29.09.08 Ballywalter Presbyterian Church GB - Personal Safety

18.10.08 Ards Arena Youth Club - Fireworks and the Law

12.11.08 Kilmood Nursery - Personal Safety

13.11.08 Carrowdore Presbyterian Church GB - Internet Safety

19.11.08 Movilla Abbey Nursery - Personal Safety,

Nov 2008 Peninsular Community Network - Internet Safety

Nov 2008 Portaferry Community Forum - Internet Safety

25.11.08 West Winds Presbyterian Church - Personal Safety

4.12.08 Country Kids Day Nursery - Personal Safety,

4.12.08 Killinchy Young Farmers - Drugs and the Law

15.1.09 Little Feet Nursery – Personal Safety talk

16.1.09 Ards Beavers – Personal Safety talk KS1-2

21.1.09 Londonderry Primary School – Personal Safety Talk KS1

Jan 09 East End Residents Association – Alcohol and Associated Crime KS3-4 x 3 talks

Jan 09 Movilla Abbey Nursery – Personal Safety Talks x 2

23.2.09 Ards Beavers – Role of Police and Personal Safety talk

3.3.09 2 Scrabo Hall Juniors Group – Role of Police and Personal Safety Talk KS1-2

6.3.09 St Marks Beavers – Personal and Internet Safety talk

11.3.09 Strength 2 Strength Juvenile Justice Programme – Rules and Law, Role of Police, ASB x 3 talks KS3-4

## Section 7) Progress towards achieving targets in the Northern Ireland Policing Plan for 2008–2009

Domain: Tackling Crime				
APP Target	PFYTD	FYTD	% Change	Target
3.1.1 To ensure that by 2010/2011 there are fewer than 100000 crimes recorded (2.6% reduction target 2008/09)	3073	2780	-9.5%	✓
3.2.1 To reduce the level of violent crime.	913	756	-17.2%	✓
3.2.2 To reduce the level of more serious violent crime.	44	23	-47.7%	✓
3.2.3 To reduce the level of violent crime against persons under the age of 18.	225	198	-12.0%	✓
3.3.1 To ensure by 2010/2011 there are fewer than 6000 domestic burglaries recorded (3.5% reduction target for 2008/09)	163	185	+13.5	✗
3.4.1 To reduce the incidence of repeat victimisation of domestic abuse <b>(FYTD most recent 12 months)</b>	27	17	-37.0%	✓
4.1.1 To increase the clearance rate by 5% points.	21.3%	22.9%	+1.6%	✗
4.1.2 To increase the clearance rate for sectarian crime.	0.0%	25.0%	25.0%	✓
4.1.3 To increase the clearance rate for racist crime.	38.9%	11.1%	-27.8%	✗
4.1.4 To increase the clearance rate for homophobic crime.	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	✓
4.2.1 To increase the number of drugs supply crime gangs frustrated, disrupted or dismantled. <b>(Service Figure – Drug Squad)(Q1-Q3 figures)</b>	58	44	-24.1%	✗
4.3.1 To increase the number of assets seized and recovered, and report on their value, in accordance with the Proceeds of Crime Act <b>(Service Figure Q1-Q3 figures)</b>	121	146	20.7%	✓

Domain: Promoting Community Safety				
APP Target	PFYTD	FYTD	% Change	Target
5.1.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31/03/11% [5% reduction target for 2008/09]	3565	2632	-26.2%	✓
5.2.1 To ensure by 2010/2011 there are fewer than 27,000 crimes of criminal damage recorded. <sup>2</sup> [4.2% reduction target for 2008/09]	968	788	-18.6%	✓
7.1.1 To increase the percentage of people who say they feel safe in their community. (NI Omnibus Survey)	Updated	Figures	Not	Available
8.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road. (April – June)	52	52	0	✗
8.1.2 To reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured on the road. (April – June)	3	3	0	✗

Domain: Managing Capability				
APP Target	PFYTD	FYTD	% Change or variation from limit	Target
9.2.1 To reduce average sickness levels to 5 days for police officers by 31 March 2010 (initially reducing to 7 days by 31 March 2009). <b>Service Figure</b>		8.16	+1.74	✗
9.3.1 To increase the percentage of custody cases processed within administrative time limits. <b>(District Figure)</b>	90.3%	78.1%	-12.2%	✗
9.3.2 To increase the percentage of bail cases processed within administrative time limits. <b>(District Figure)</b>	95.8%	83.3%	-12.5%	✗
9.3.3 To process 80% of indictable reported cases within administrative time limits. <b>(District Figure)</b>		57.6%	-22.4%	✗
9.3.4 To process 70% of summary reported cases within administrative time limits. <b>(District Figure)</b>		52.5%	-17.5%	✗

## Glossary of Terms

ABC	Acceptable Behaviour Contract	NIACRO	Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders
ABH	Actual Bodily Harm	NICCY	Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People
ANPR	Automatic Number Plate Recognition	NIHRC	Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission
ARA	Assets Recovery Agency	NIM	National Intelligence Model
ASB(O)	Anti-Social Behaviour (Order)	NIO	Northern Ireland Office
CID	Criminal Investigation Department	NIPB	Northern Ireland Policing Board
CJI(NI)	Criminal Justice Inspectorate (NI)	NISRA	Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency
CPLC	Community Police Liaison Committee	NSIR	National Standard for Incident Recording
CRO	Criminal Records Office	OCTF	Organised Crime Task Force
CSI	Crime Scene Investigator	OCU	Operational Command Unit
CSP	Community Safety Partnership	OPONI	The Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland
CSU	Community Safety Unit (NIO)	PACE	Police and Criminal Evidence (Act)
CSU	Central Statistics Unit, PSNI	PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
DCU	District Command Unit	PFNI	Police Federation for Northern Ireland
DPP	District Policing Partnership	PSNI	Police Service of Northern Ireland
FTC	Fatal Traffic Collision	PTR	Part Time Reserve
FTR	Full Time Reserve	RTC	Road Traffic Collision
GBH	Grievous Bodily Harm	SNEN	Single Non-Emergency Number
GIS	Geographical Information System	SOC	Scene of Crime
HVP	High Visibility Patrol	SOCA	Serious Organised Crime Agency
KPI	Key Performance Indicator	TSG	Tactical Support Group
KSI	Killed or Seriously Injured	VFM	Value for Money
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender	YCA	Youths Causing Annoyance
MLO	Minority Liaison Officer	YDO	Youth Diversion Officer
NAO	National Audit Office		
NCIS	National Criminal Intelligence Service		

Note: This glossary should be kept under review to ensure that DPP members clearly understand PSNI abbreviations

