

## Fold Housing Association signs up to Neighbourhood Watch



Fold Housing Association recently announced that six schemes for older people within the Fold Housing portfolio have come on board with a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

The schemes will increase awareness of crime prevention among residents living within the Fold developments. It will also allow local officers within each area to give specific crime prevention advice.

Speaking at the launch event Assistant Chief Constable Duncan McCausland said: "Our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is one of the most successful crime prevention initiatives. Crime within Northern Ireland is at its lowest in five years and we want it to stay that way. By working together, we can help reduce crime and the fear of crime. Everyone involved in Neighbourhood Watch schemes plays a vital role in making neighbourhoods safer, more

friendly and pleasant places in which to live."

John McLean, Chief Executive of Fold Housing Association welcomed the initiative and said: "The welfare and security of our tenants is our prime concern. We want to ensure they continue to feel safe and secure in our Folds...."

Paul Goggins MP said: "Neighbourhood Watch schemes play an important role in making people feel safer in their homes, their neighbourhoods, and their communities. This extension to Fold Housing will help all residents, including the vulnerable and the elderly, feel safer in their communities.

### If you are interested in setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme in your area please contact:

**Derry City Council  
Community Safety Partnership  
028 7137 6576**

**Derry District Policing Partnership  
028 7137 6565**

**Or your local Neighbourhood Police Team**

**[www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)  
[www.districtpolicing.com](http://www.districtpolicing.com)  
[www.derrycity.gov.uk](http://www.derrycity.gov.uk)**

### Foyle Waterside Rural Neighbourhood Police Team

Tel: 0845 600 8000

#### Ask for **Foyle Waterside Rural Neighbourhood Police**

Waterside Rural Neighbourhood Police Team is based in the village of Eglinton and is led by Sergeant Frankie Smyth along with Constables John Parke, Adrian McCloskey, Raymond Gray and Mark Cathers, and is supported by nine police officers part time.



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## City's new Community Safety Wardens are here to help

**The city's new community safety wardens are here to help - that is the clear message behind the city's first Community Safety Warden Scheme, which has been operational in Neighbourhood Renewal Areas throughout the city since September.**

Derry City Council has developed the scheme, which aims to address issues of low-level anti-social and nuisance behaviour, in partnership with the PSNI, DSD, NIHE, NIFRS and Community Representatives,

Social Development Minister Margaret Ritchie said: "I want to improve the social conditions for the people who live in the most deprived areas of Derry City. This Community Safety Wardens project will create safer environments and will target key areas of crime and anti-social behaviour..."

Anti-social behaviour has a huge impact on those living within the community, creating a 'fear of crime' and affecting people's quality of life within their own home and neighbourhood. All of the wardens have previous experience working within the community sector through a variety of programmes.

There are six wardens in total and their primary aim is to have a visible presence within neighbourhoods at night-time, which will enable them to not only deal with low-level incidents but also act as a deterrent. The wardens work during the day from Monday to Wednesday and at night (5pm - 3am) from Thursday to Sunday.

The following Neighbourhood Renewal Areas, which are defined by DSD, are covered by the scheme.

- TRIAx** Bogside, Brandywell, Creggan & The Fountain.
- Outer West** Hazelbank, Rosemount, Ballymagroarty & The Glen.
- Outer North** Shantallow, Carnhill & Galliagh.
- Waterside** Top of the Hill, Irish Street, Clooney, Tullyally, Curryneirin and a part of Caw.



Community Wardens on patrol



In an emergency dial 999

## Public encouraged not to 'waste' a chance to protect their homes

To remind householders to **Close it, Lock it, Check it**, Derry District Policing Partnership delivered a bin sticker to every household in the Council area. The promotional sticker ensured that every homeowner had the chance to place the message where all householders have access - their bins!

The bin sticker was delivered to homes over the summer months as a reminder to homeowners to secure their properties, especially when going on holidays. It compliments other crime prevention initiatives such as Neighbourhood Watch, bogus caller identification and home protection equipment available through Council's Community Safety Partnership.

Cllr Elisha McLaughlin, Chairperson of Derry District Policing Partnership said,



"We are fully supportive of the campaign to raise public awareness of the need to keep homes safe. The bin stickers provide a handy reminder of the need to take a few simple steps every day to keep your home secure from criminals."

Foyle Area Commander, Chief Inspector Chris Yates added: "This sticker is a simple way to remind householders to close their doors and windows, lock their doors and windows and check their home is secure."

## New Neighbourhood Watch scheme launched in Eglinton

The number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in Foyle increased recently with the launch of the Eglinton Neighbourhood Watch Scheme at the end of June. The scheme was formally launched on 23rd June in St Canice's Church Hall in the village.

The benefit of Neighbourhood Watch to the area was emphasised by Maurice Simpson, Co-ordinator for the Eglinton Scheme who said,

"Eglinton Village has a well established community spirit with many residents in the area having lived there all their lives. However, as PSNI restructure and reallocate resources there is a growing emphasis on the community taking a level of responsibility for the safety of their neighbourhoods and the people residing there. This has prompted us to establish a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme primarily to 'keep an eye out for each other'. Apart from the obvious home security aspects of the scheme I feel that this initiative will also bring us all closer together and make a real contribution to the safety and well-being of the area."



PSNI Area Commander for Foyle, Chief Inspector Chris Yates commented,

"I am delighted to see another Neighbourhood Watch Scheme being established in Foyle. Policing is more effective when the police and the community work together to create a safer environment for all. We would encourage everyone to take all necessary precautions to protect their home and personal property and to look out for each other."



## Neighbourhood Officers in Your Area

Your Neighbourhood Policing Teams aim to improve quality of life for all local residents, promote community safety and reduce anti-social behaviour. By working closely with you, they can shape local policing to meet your needs.

### Foyle City Centre Neighbourhood Police Team

Tel: 0845 600 8000  
or 028 7121 0756

Email: FoyleCityCentre@psni.pnn.police.uk

#### Ask for Foyle City Centre Neighbourhood Police

City Centre Neighbourhood Police Team covers the areas of the Bogside, Brandywell, Fountain, City Centre, University and Pennyburn. The team is led by Sergeant Sam Young along with Constables Max Cook, Bruce Rhymer and Karen George, and supported by one police officer part-time.

### Foyle City North Neighbourhood Police Team

Tel: 0845 600 8000  
or 028 7121 0747

#### Ask for Foyle City North Neighbourhood Police

City North Neighbourhood Police Team covers the areas of Galliagh, Shantallow, Culmore and Steelstown. The team is led by Sergeant Pamela Ward along with Constables Mark Clarke, Gerry McCrea, Martin Deehan, Andrew McCormick, Joe Austin and Tara Vance, and supported by six police officers part-time.

### Foyle City West Neighbourhood Police Team

Tel: 0845 600 8000  
or 028 7121 0720

Email: FoyleCityWestNPT@psni.pnn.police.uk

#### Ask for Foyle City West Neighbourhood Police

City West Neighbourhood Police Team covers the areas of Creggan, Beechwood, Oakfield, Creevagh, Rosemount, Foyle Springs, Ballymagroarty, Coshquin, Hazelbank and Springtown. The team is led by Sergeant Ray Wilson along with Constables Neville Martin, Gina Henry, Liam Phillips and Paul Burns, & supported by five police officers part-time.

### Foyle Waterside Urban Neighbourhood Police Team

Tel: 0845 600 8000  
or 028 7137 9758

#### Ask for Foyle Waterside Urban Neighbourhood Police

Waterside Urban Neighbourhood Police Team covers the Urban Area of the Waterside. The team is led by Sergeant Cherith Craig along with Constables Jane Carton, Ian McGonigle, Mervin Cochrane and Maria Murphy, and supported by seven police officers part-time.