

DPP Chair goes on patrol

New Chairman of the Derry District Policing Partnership, Alderman Joe Miller, delivered on a long standing promise when he spent a day on patrol with a PSNI Neighbourhood Police Team.

Speaking after a day on the beat Alderman Miller said, "One of the primary roles of District Policing Partnerships is to facilitate positive interaction between the police and the community and to do this we need to understand the job of police and the environment and constraints they operate under. What better way to understand this difficult role than to spend a day working alongside one of their teams? When I took over the Chairman's role in January I committed to go out on patrol with the police and I would encourage other DPP members to do the same."

Alderman Miller added, "A lot of the time the DPP deals with the senior managers of the



PSNI, Superintendents, Inspectors and Chief Inspectors as we are dealing with policies, strategies and plans. However, I firmly believe that it does no harm to get out on the beat with the neighbourhood police constables as these are the officers that are visible on the ground and really make a difference to safety of our 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
www.districtpolicing.com
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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▲ PSNI Community Safety Officer, Con. John Wilson launched the Home Security advice Pack with Helena Hasson (Community Safety Partnership) and Dermot Harrigan (District Policing Partnership Manager).

Police, working in partnership with the Community Safety Unit and Northern Ireland Policing Board have launched a new pilot home security project in Derry.

Over 10,000 homes across Northern Ireland received a home security advice pack, featuring simple home security advice together with a UV pen for householders to mark their high value property.

Constable John Wilson, PSNI Crime Prevention Officer for Foyle explained, "The packs feature visible stickers which householders can display on their windows.

"Our statistics indicate that the vast majority of burglars gain access to property through open or unlocked windows and doors. By simply ensuring windows and doors are locked, householders will dramatically reduce the chances of becoming a victim of these opportunistic criminals.

"We're also encouraging everyone who receives a pack in the post to mark their high value property with the UV pens and take an inventory of their property to make their possessions easier to trace."

The stickers carry the 'protected property message'.

Alderman Joe Miller, Chairperson of Derry District Policing Partnership said, "I welcome anything that improves the home safety of our residents. Domestic burglary is often raised as an issue through our local consultations. This initiative along with the Close it, Lock it, Check it campaign and the promotion of Neighbourhood Watch will make our neighbourhoods and estates safer for everyone."

A number of packs are available from the local DPP or PSNI



In an emergency
dial 999

Foyle Local Policing Plan 2010/2011

This year's Local Policing Plan was launched in the Guildhall on 20th April. Among the new targets set by the PSNI in the city are plans to cut robberies by 5%, reduce repeat victimisation of domestic abuse by 10% and slash anti-social behaviour incidents over a 3 year period by 15%.

However most notable is a target to boost detection of drug dealers by 10%. This challenging target follows unprecedented successes in the city over the past 12 months with the seizure of more than £1 million worth of illegal substances. Commenting on this target the PSNI Area Commander, Chief Inspector Chris Yates said, "we are entirely dependent on the community supporting us and giving us the information on these people; people in the community do not want drug dealers operating in their streets and

neighbourhoods". Copies of the Local Policing Plan are available from the District Policing Partnership or the PSNI. The Derry District Policing Partnership will monitor police performance in relation to the targets over the next 12 months.

Police in G District are also finalising their 'Policing with the Community' strategy which will ensure that all officers deployed in the district are more visible, accessible and responsive and reliable.



Call for community to help rid city of Drug Dealers

The first in a series of leaflet drops targeting hotspot areas for drug dealing/taking is due to take place in the city over the next few weeks. The information leaflet encourages people in the community to 'Break the Silence and Stop the Drug Dealing in Derry/Londonderry'. The campaign has been put together in partnership with Crimestoppers, the District Policing Partnership and Community Safety Partnership.

Speaking about the campaign, Alderman Drew Thompson, chair of the CSP, says "The Crimestoppers Charity enables people within the community to help rid it of criminal activity such as drug dealing. It is completely anonymous and has proven to be a very effective organization in the detection of drug dealers.."

Supporting the ongoing fight against the supply of illegal drugs, Alderman Joe Miller, chair of the District Policing Partnership stated: "Local public consultations carried out recently by the DPP show that the availability of drugs in our neighbourhoods is a major concern for our residents. As a DPP we realise that the police can only tackle this issue with the help of the public and we would encourage anyone with information



▲ Agnes Kennedy, CSP Manager, Ald. Drew Thompson, CSP Chairperson, Dermot Harrigan DPP Manager and Ald. Joe Miller DPP Chairperson.

about drug dealing to contact the police or Crimestoppers."

If you are concerned about passing on any information you have please make use of the 'Crimestoppers' charity. You will not be asked your name and your call will not be traced or recorded. Crimestoppers operate 24 hours a day and your call is free. Crimestoppers is not the police and is not operated by the PSNI.

The 'Crimestoppers' charity can be contacted anonymously on freephone 0800 555 111.



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, John Bannon, Davy Johnson 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 Phil Martin, Constables Martin Deehan, Joe Austin, Michael Gahan, Andrew McCormick and Patrick Buckley, 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 Ian Hunt along with Constables Jane Carton, Ian McGonigle, Mervin Cochrane and Maria Murphy, and supported by seven police officers part-time.