

Information point at Lisnagelvin Shopping Centre

The Derry DPP has been selected by NIPB to benefit from a multi-media plasma screen now installed in Lisnagelvin Shopping Centre. A range of public advertisements from DHSS, PSNI, NIPB, DoJ, Crimestoppers, DPP and CSP will be played on the screen continuously.

It is hoped that the screen will increase public awareness about personal and community safety initiatives, as well as informing people of advice and help available for minority groups, vulnerable members of society and victims of crime. On display with the screen is a variety of informative literature for the public to take home.

Information is available on the City Community Safety Wardens, Neighbourhood Watch, the Derry DPP and the Local Policing Plan. Advice on home safety and protecting valuables is also available at the information point.



Chairperson of the DPP, Ald. Joe Miller praised the initiative, "This is a wonderful way to engage with the public on a wide range of issues. Lots of relevant and important information is available for young people, the elderly, parents and minority groups. A safe and inclusive community is what we are all working towards and this gets people talking about these issues and helps create a greater sense of community spirit. People should take time to watch some of the adverts or read the literature when passing through."

The screen will be at the Lisnagelvin Shopping Centre until the end of September.

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.psnipolice.uk
www.districtpolicing.com
www.derrycity.gov.uk**

Foyle Waterside Rural Neighbourhood Police Team

Tel: 0845 600 8000 xt 58314

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 Solicitor Damien Mc Mahon and PSNI Chief Inspector Chris Yates pictured with the new Alcohol Free Zone signs

Following the introduction of its new Bye-law, the Council has erected signage across the city in hotspot areas that are prone to on-street drinking, in an effort to help enforce the new legislation. The bye-law means that Derry City Council can prosecute offending drinkers who are reported to them by the PSNI with the maximum fine of up to £500.

The City Secretary and Solicitor, Damien Mc Mahon explained 'This new bye-law has greatly increased the number of designated streets and public places in the Council area where the consumption of alcohol is prohibited. I would ask people to be aware of this new law especially coming in the summertime when on-street drinking is more common. Council is working closely with the PSNI to enforce the bye-law.'

The signage states that it is an offence to consume alcohol in a public place and warns that a maximum fine of £500 can be imposed for

breaking the bye-law. A comprehensive list of the streets covered under this bye-law is on the council website at <http://www.derrycity.gov.uk/byelaws/>

Mr. McMahon continued "This is part of our work to reduce on-street and underage drinking. The link between on-street drinking and anti-social behaviour is well established and the results can be devastating not only for individuals but for the entire community. This bye-law will help reduce public disorder and fear of crime by creating a safer environment for everyone to enjoy our public spaces."

Foyle Area Commander, Chief Inspector Chris Yates, said: "The signage installation means there is no excuse for the public drinking alcohol in areas covered by the bye-law. On-street and underage drinking is an issue for police and we will continue to work in partnership with the Council to enforce the legislation as necessary."

New Mobile Police Unit for G District

Police in G District, which covers Foyle, Strabane, Limavady and Magherafelt, have taken ownership of a new mobile police unit. The unit made its first appearance in Plumbridge on 25th June and a schedule of locations is currently being drawn up to ensure that the unit will be seen regularly throughout the District.

Sam Donaldson, PSNI Community Safety Superintendent, explained: "The mobile unit is a welcome addition to community policing efforts and will be invaluable in providing a visible and reassuring presence in towns and villages throughout the District. The idea of a mobile facility is to enhance the service the police already provide and increase personal contact with the public. It is a base from which officers can operate, and will be used as a central



point where people can obtain more information and get advice on issues of concern. The unit is also ideal to have at community safety events, crime prevention awareness days and at any opportunity where we are able to maximise contact with the public and allow people to get to know their local police officers. We would encourage everyone to make use of this new facility and we would appreciate any feedback or ideas on how to make the best use of the unit for the benefit of the whole community."

Public encouraged be vigilant and protect their homes

Householders in the Derry City Council Area are again reminded to Close it, Lock it, Check it. This time last year the Derry District Policing Partnership delivered a bin sticker to every household in the Council area as a reminder to homeowners to secure their properties, especially when going on holidays.

This year the DPP and Community Safety Partnership joined forces to get the anti-burglary message across by means of a 'bus wrap'. The bus with the 'Close it, Lock it, Check it' super rear is based at Foyle Street and will cover both Derry and Strabane Council areas.

Speaking on this issue Alderman Joe Miller, Chairperson of Derry District Policing Partnership said.

"We are fully supportive of any initiatives that raise public awareness of the need to keep our homes and property safe. Last year we witnessed a 'spike' in domestic burglaries in Foyle over the summer months. Thankfully, the PSNI have been successful in tackling this crime but we cannot become complacent. Many of these crimes are opportunistic and are easily avoidable and it is now an opportune time to remind residents to take a few simple steps every day to keep their homes secure from criminals."



Offering advice on home security, Foyle Area Commander, Chief Inspector Chris Yates added: "I would simply remind householders to close their doors and windows, lock their doors and windows and check their home is secure. I understand with the summer weather people are leaving windows and doors open but this is seen as an open opportunity by unscrupulous burglars. Over half of our domestic burglaries last year were opportunistic, with the criminal entering through unlocked doors or windows. A few minutes checking doors and windows can save people from the heartache of dealing with the aftermath of a break-in and burglary."



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 xt 57222
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 xt 64747
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 xt 64720
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 xt 58015
or 028 7137 9744

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, Heather Black, Mark Sufferin, Maria Murphy, and supported by seven police officers part-time.