

Message in a Bottle

The Message in a Bottle Scheme encourages people to record their personal and medical details, including who to contact in an emergency, and store them in the clear plastic bottle provided, which is then kept in their fridge.

Two stickers known to the emergency services and other caring agencies are then put up in two designated areas of the home, one of which is the fridge door, to indicate to staff that information is available and where it can be located.

This scheme provides the Emergency Services with vital details of any illnesses or allergies suffered by the person, in the event that they need to provide assistance.

These bottles are available to anyone, free of charge and are recommended for elderly and



▲ Helena Hasson Community Safety Officer promoting Message in a Bottle with RNIB staff.

vulnerable members of society and/or anyone who lives alone. For further information or to request a bottle contact the Community Safety Partnership, Derry City Council. Telephone 028 7136 5151.

This scheme is supported by the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, Northern Ireland Policing Board, PSNI and Community Safety Unit.

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 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.



**In an emergency
dial 999**



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Foyle Neighbourhood Watch Areas increase



▲ Derry DPP manager Dermot Harrigan, with PSNI constables Lynsey Elliott and Neville Martin, and local coordinator Eileen Deery, launching the Neighbourhood Watch scheme at Lowry's Lane/Glenwood.

Lowry's Lane/Glenwood has recently been recognised as a designated Neighbourhood Watch area, following its accreditation by the Department of Justice, bringing the number of such schemes in the Foyle area to twelve.

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever and is grounded in a partnership between the community, the police and other statutory agencies. Neighbourhood Watch is not solely about reducing burglary or break-ins it is about fostering and growing communities who care.

Neighbourhood Watch signs were this week erected in the area and local resident and Lowry's Lane/Glenwood Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, Eileen Deery said,

"There is a great community spirit within the Lowry's Lane/Glenwood area and we felt that by

establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, not only would it bring us even closer together but it would help combat crime and make a real contribution to the safety and well-being of the area."

Commenting on the important part Neighbourhood Watch Schemes play in the fight against crime Constable Lynsey Elliott of the City West Neighbourhood Police Team said

"Neighbourhood Watch Schemes help us to forge links with communities in working towards creating a safer environment for all. As the evenings get longer and with the onset of Christmas we generally note an increase in burglaries in the Foyle area, therefore it is even more important that people take extra home safety precautions and look out for their neighbour's property."

On street drinking bye-law update

Over 100 people could face prosecution over alleged breaches of Council's on street drinking bye-law during the months of June to October. The PSNI also seized alcohol in each case. The majority of the alleged offences took place in the Rosemount area of the city. The 100 notifications received by Council from the PSNI does not take account of alleged breaches by people aged under 18 who will be dealt with by the police under their Youth Diversion programme. It is also worth noting that, under Operation Snapper, the police have seized 1,586 items of alcohol from people drinking in the street between April and September of this year. The misuse of alcohol is generally regarded as a major contributory factor to anti-social behaviour and the police and their partners are determined to tackle this issue.



DPP themed meeting 'positive' exercise

The chairperson of the Derry District Policing Partnership Alderman Joe Miller described October's themed meeting on road safety and accident prevention as "extremely positive and timely".

The meeting which took place at the Everglades Hotel was attended by about 50 people. Attendees heard the PSNI, NI Fire and Rescue Service and the Road Angel Legacy Support Group.

The meeting was briefed on the numbers killed and seriously injured on our roads and were updated on the services provided by the PSNI and NIFRS in relation to community education and support provided to families affected by road deaths or injuries.

Francis McDaid from the Road Angel Legacy Support Group courageously detailed his personal experience on the death of his young daughter and pleaded with those attending to reduce their speed and take more care on the roads.

Welcoming public participation at the meeting, Ald Miller said: "The DPP is the public's



▲ Alderman Joe Millar Chairman of the District Policing Partnership pictured with, from left, Paddy Quinn Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, Francis McDaid, Chief Inspector Chris Yates, Inspector William Mulligan and Constable Mark Cathers, at the recent DPP meeting in the Everglades Hotel. Picture Martin McKeown. Inpresspics.com.

partnership set up to address the policing needs of our entire community. We have a mandate to put the police under scrutiny but we also need to encourage co-operation with the police and to work collectively to ensure that issues of concern are addressed."

"This meeting was another example of dealing with the public's concerns specifically in relation to road safety and accident prevention and it was timely that the meeting was arranged just as winter is drawing in and road conditions are becoming more dangerous. The message from the meeting was that drivers need to reduce speed, concentrate on their driving, always wear a seatbelt and never drive after taking alcohol or drugs."



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, Karen George, Alina Downey, Sam McFarland and Phil McGarry, 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, Julie McLaughlin 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, Paul Burns, Jimmy Friel, Noel McCloskey, Lynsey Elliott and Greg McGall, and 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, Eileen Watson and Sam McCallum, and supported by seven police officers part-time.