



# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

D District  
Police Service of Northern Ireland  
(Antrim, Carrickfergus, Lisburn & Newtownabbey)

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## Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

### WHAT IS IT?

A partnership between the police and local communities supported by the local Community Safety Partnership and District Policing Partnership.

### WHAT DOES IT DO?

Its aim is to help people protect themselves, their property and to reduce the fear of crime.

### WHY JOIN IT?

It encourages people to look out for problems in their areas.

### WHAT DOES IT REQUIRE?

A volunteer to act as coordinator who will be the link between the community and the police. It also requires people who will be vigilant and report suspicious behaviour to the police.

### WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Peace of mind when your property is vulnerable and free security advice, products and information from the police.

**YOU CAN HELP MAKE YOUR  
NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER FOR  
EVERYONE!**



## Police Appeal

### Anti social behaviour

Police would encourage anyone with any information in relation to those responsible for anti social behaviour in their area to contact police. Contact numbers for your local Neighbourhood officers are contained on the main PSNI web site,

**Police Non Emergency number:-  
0845 600 8000**

## Summer Security

If you are going away on holiday  
remember:

- Cancel all deliveries to your home.
- If you have a garden it is a good idea to mow your lawn before you travel.
- Don't close curtains or blinds as they are a giveaway especially during the day. You could plug a lamp into a time switch which will automatically turn on in the evenings whilst you're away. However, don't switch on the lamp in a room which passers-by can see into when the light is on.
- If possible ask a friend or neighbour to keep an eye on your home for you. When you travel, remember not to display your home address on the outside of your luggage.
- Remember to lock all doors and close all windows before leaving



## District Policing Partnerships

District Policing Partnership (DPP) members are those members of the public who can demonstrate an interest in their local community, community safety or community policing issues. This can be gained either through employment or participation in the community voluntary sector.

A DPP is a meaningful partnership between the district council, Councillors and representatives of the local community for the purpose of monitoring the effectiveness of policing in that area. Also, the DPP will act as a forum for discussion and consultation on matters affecting the policing of the district, which it is responsible for. This will include, for example, the prioritization of policing issues on behalf of local people.

The strength of a DPP should emanate from the fact that it provides a unique opportunity for local people to shape local policing. The DPP should also be viewed as a mechanism for facilitating dialogue between the police and the local community.

Each area in D District has a DPP and they are extremely effective in their role. Members of the general public are encouraged to become involved in public meetings and challenge policing in their area.

The DPP's are involved with priority setting within each area based on local need and issues raised by the community.

Current priorities set within D District, in no order of priority, are:-

- Burglary
- Anti social behaviour
- Drugs
- Security situation

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## Community Contact

Are you part of a residents group, church group, community group or any other group or association?

Your local neighbourhood officers are keen to get involved to discuss and attempt to resolve issue in your local area. Contact details on the PSNI web site

**SPEAK WITH THEM,  
IT'S GOOD TO TALK!**



Drugs and the impact they have on our communities must not be allowed to continue. If you have any information regarding the misuse of drugs PLEASE contact one of the following and pass the information on:-

**Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111**

or

**Your local Neighbourhood officer,  
details on the Web site**



Message from the District  
Commander –Chief  
Superintendent Henry Irvine

Over the past year we have had much success in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in the District and while sustaining and improving upon that will continue to present us with a challenge, I am confident that over the coming months my officers will continue to focus their efforts on the issues that matter most to local people.

We are grateful for the support of our communities in D District and would encourage them to continue to work alongside us by reporting crime and suspicious activity, by participating in local policing structures and by personally engaging with officers. Together we can make D District a safer, more confident and more peaceful place.

## Have your say!!

The area in which you live has a dedicated Neighbourhood Police Officer who is part of a Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).

If you have a policing concern speak with your local officer, their details are on the PSNI web site.

As a result of issues raised by members of the public at residents meetings, local Forum meetings, DPP meetings and directly with NPT's we target our officer's patrols and time to address specific problems.

Do not assume police know about a specific problem and that others will report matters. Take this step yourself and talk to your local team.

By talking to NPT's, together with other partner agencies and the community, we can tackle issues affecting the quality of life of the community.

**As a result of members of the public reporting incidents and talking to police we have tackled issues of anti-social behaviour in various areas across the District.**

**We have also targeted patrols in order to reduce the level of Burglaries across the District.**

**Drugs searches continue to prove effective and thanks to public spirited individuals in this area.**

# Where is your child tonight?