

Ballymena Partners & Communities

Together: PACT Update (August 2011)

In April we asked, what are the priorities in your Community?

You Said: We would like to maintain progress in Pennybridge in relation to thefts & Burglaries

Together we: Maintained our high visibility police presence and encouraged traders to support suspicions as part of the 'Business Watch' Scheme. Last April, May & June (2010) there were 11 thefts and burglaries reported, this year for the same period there 4 thefts reported and no burglaries – this is a reduction of 64%.

You Said: We are concerned about continued shoplifting offences taking place in the town centre.

Together we: Increased police patrols in the town centre. Reported cases of shoplifting (Apr – 28th July 2011) 73 down from 110 for the same period the previous year a 34% reduction. Two of our most prolific shoplifters were detected again at the start of July but since being charged with two offences each, and have not come to further notice.

You Said: There may be an increase in Anti Social Behavior in Ballymena North

Together we: Increased police patrols in the area and worked closely with the NEELB Youth Services to support a number of initiatives aimed at reducing tensions over the marching season. We worked with the Dunclug Partnership and the Community Safety Partnership in arranging an educational trip for 30 young people which went well. We also supported schemes run by Waveney Youth Club and All Saints Youth Club. It is hoped to develop this with more cross community work in the future. Concerns about serious disorder at the annual twelfth parade which passed the Dunclug Area were largely unfounded. 2 arrests at the time were of people not from the town. Reports of Anti Social Behavior reduced from 60 incidents to 46 (-23%).



Sector Commander's Update

The Partners & Community Together (PACT) process is working well in Ballymena. This is where Police and other agencies get together with local communities to identify priorities, explore solutions and take action. We need your help in prioritising resources to best effect. We can then work with other agencies and partners to reduce harm in your area. At this meeting we will review these priorities to ensure together we are making Ballymena Safer. If you are unable to attend, you can let me know your concerns by e-mail or on Facebook.

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New priorities for Aug / September & October:

- ASB / Street drinking Carniny
- ASB Galgorm
- Hate Crime Ballymena South

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