



Derry & Strabane Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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OPERATION LIFESAVER



'Slow down and help save lives' is the message from police to drivers across Derry City & Strabane.

Under Operation Lifesaver - the Police Service of Northern Ireland's new approach to speeding - police are asking motorists to play their part in keeping everyone on the roads safe. Speeding is one of the Fatal Five and, of the fatal and serious collisions over the last year, police say speeding was the main causation factor in close to 10 per cent of cases, and a contributory factor in many other collisions.

Chief Superintendent Sam Donaldson from the Police Service of Northern Ireland's Operational Support Department said: "Speed can cause crashes, it can end in tragedy, and we cannot stress enough that all of us who drive have a responsibility to keep everyone safe on the

roads and help save lives. This means sticking to the speed limits, paying attention on the road, slowing down and taking our time."

Chief Superintendent Donaldson makes this appeal to drivers.

"To all drivers, when you get into your vehicle, before you set off on your journey, no matter how far you are travelling, please remember this - if you speed, you could end up being involved in a collision, an injury collision or even a fatal collision. If you are caught speeding, you can be liable for a fine, a speed awareness course, penalty points on your licence or an appearance at court. You could also lose your licence, have your insurance

cancelled, lose your job, damage your reputation, or even spend time in prison. If you speed and are involved in a collision, you risk causing damage to other vehicles and property, and serious injuries and death to others," said Chief Superintendent

Donaldson, adding: "Take a few minutes before you drive off and think, how do you want your car journey to end? You have the power to keep yourself and everyone else on the road safe. Play your part, slow down and help save lives."

The Fatal Five are:

- Don't drink or take drugs and drive
- Slow down
- Don't be careless
- Always wear your seat belt
- Never use your mobile phone while driving



SUMMER CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Householders across Derry City and Strabane are being encouraged to review their home security arrangements now that many people are planning summer holidays.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland is appealing to people to protect their homes and property, and send a clear message to criminals that there is no opportunity for burglary.

The appeal is to make home security part of your daily routine. By getting in the habit doing things every day, the less chance you have of being targeted by opportunistic burglars. Make sure you lock all doors and windows, ensure alarms are working and store valuables out of sight. The same applies to garages, sheds and outbuildings. Check they have working locks and



alarms and that valuable items are secured away and appropriately marked. If you see something on your street, or in your neighbourhood that doesn't look right then let us know. Don't wait. Pick up the phone and tell us as soon

as you can. We've caught burglars in the act because someone

called us straightaway. The sooner we know, the faster we can respond and the safer your neighbourhood will be."

You can find more

information about securing your home on our website (www.psni.police.uk). You can also arrange to speak to your local PSNI Crime Prevention Officer by calling the non-emergency number 101.

Tis the season to make the most of your caravan!

Over the next few months you will probably be visiting your caravan a lot more. Here are a few tips to help protect your property

- Always close doors, windows and any skylights whenever you leave your caravan even if it's only for a short time.
- Always lock your caravan and take the keys with you. Don't leave anything valuable on display.
- Leave your curtains open.
- Use an alarm.
- Security mark your property.
- Get to know your neighbours. Keep an eye on vacant caravans and report anything suspicious to us on 101 or 999 in an emergency



WATER SAFETY ADVICE

We are all patiently waiting for some summer sunshine and the chance to enjoy our local waters.

With local beaches, pools, and waterways all popular destinations, it is crucial for the public to follow safety advice to prevent water-related accidents.

• **Always supervise children:** Never leave children unattended near water. Accidents can occur in mere seconds.

• **Swim in designated areas and never alone:** Only swim in areas that are supervised. Never swim in quarries. Let

others know your plans.

• **Use life jackets:** Ensure non-swimmers and children wear life jackets in and around natural bodies of water.

• **Avoid alcohol:** Avoid consuming alcohol when participating in water activities or supervising children.

• **Learn to swim:** Enrol in swimming lessons offered by local community centres or pools.

• **Know the weather:** Check the weather forecast before heading out and avoid swimming during inclement weather conditions.



COMMUNITY SAFETY WARDENS SCHEME

It's been a busy time for our Northland Team. Firstly they attended Freshers Fayre and International Student Orientation, both these events allow the wardens to engage with students to help ensure their time studying in the city is a safe and enjoyable experience. Throughout February UU Magee has been putting an emphasis on community relations with

residents who live around the University and trying to address issues that impact on their everyday life. As part of the taskforce set up by UU the wardens have been able to assist with leaflet drops, residents meetings as well as engaging with residents while on patrol, they even found time to fit oil tank locks for vulnerable elderly residents



Derry and Strabane PCSP hosted a public meeting in the Guildhall. At this meeting a range of statutory agencies presented on what they are doing to address the issue of Ending Violence Against Women and Girls.

Thanks to all our partner agencies for presenting and to everyone who came along to ask questions.



USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

CALL THE POLICE 101

IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

101 is the non-emergency number to contact the police.

Using 101 for situations that do not require an immediate police response helps keep 999 free for **emergency** incidents.

When to dial **101**

- Report a crime not currently in progress - for example a stolen car, burglary, or damaged property
- Give information to the police about crime in your area
- Speak to the police about a general enquiry
- Contact a specific police officer or member of staff

When to dial **999**

- When there's a danger to life
- When violence is used or being threatened
- When someone is injured
- When a crime is in progress
- When there has been serious damage caused to property

For more information about 101 or 999 visit psni.police.uk

Keeping People Safe

You are not alone

Police (Non Emergency)	101
Lifeline (24hrs)	0808 8088000
Samaritans (24 hrs - Free Call)	116 123
Hurt (Mon-Fri: 9am to 4:30pm)	02871 369696
Zest (9am-5pm)	02871 266999
Calms	02871 268698
Childline (24hrs)	0800 11 11
CRUSE	02871 262941
StepChange Debt Charity (Helpline)	0800 138 1111
Altnagelvin Hospital (24 hrs)	02871 345171

Foyle Search and Rescue
T: 028 7131 3800

If you think you have been the victim of a scam.

helpful contacts

Visit our Facebook page at [ScamwiseNI](https://www.facebook.com/ScamwiseNI)

Action on Elder Abuse
Helpline: 0800 8808 8141
Tel: 020 8835 9280
enquiries@elderabuse.org.uk

Trading Standards
Consumerline: 0300 123 6262
www.nidirect.gov.uk/consumerline
consumerline@economy-ni.gov.uk

Action Fraud
Tel: 0300 123 2040
actionfraud.police.uk

Victim Support NI
info@victimsupportni.org.uk
www.victimsupportni.co.uk

www.getsafeonline.org

CALL THE POLICE 101
Non-emergency 101
Emergency 999

Keeping People Safe

Emergency Numbers

Emergency Services
999

Flooding Incident Line
0300 2000 100

NI Electricity Networks
0345 643 643

NI Gas Emergency Service
0800 002 001

NI Water
03457 440 088

Housing Executive
03448 9209 01

Report a Blocked Road
0300 200 7891

domestic and sexual abuse helpline

0808 802 1414

Freephone confidential 24/7 helpline
Call now.

City & Rural Community Safety Warden Scheme

TRIAX/Waterside Wardens
(Bogside, Brandywell, Fountain Estate, Creggan and Waterside urban areas)
Telephone: 07709 457690

Outer North/Outer West Wardens
(Shantallow, Galliagh, Ballyarnett, Culmore, Rosemount, Glen, Ballymagroarty, Hazelbank areas)
Telephone: 07736 213140

Rural Wardens
(Strathfoyle, Eglinton, Claudy, Park, Maydown, Newbuildings areas)
Telephone: 07736 213152

Hours of Service

Thursday 5.30pm - 3am
Friday 5.30pm - 3am
Saturday 5.30pm - 3am
Sunday 5.30pm - 3am
Monday 12 noon - 5pm
Tuesday 12 noon - 5pm
Wednesday 12 noon - 5pm

