

The Antrim Borough Community Safety Partnership was formed in June 1999 as a pilot project, to contribute to the reduction of crime and the fear of crime within the Borough of Antrim. This is the first Community Safety Strategy to be published by Antrim CSP.

This strategy has been produced following an audit of community safety issues across the Borough of Antrim and consultation with partner agencies and the community.

This strategy will focus the work of the partnership for the next three years. By setting ourselves demanding and challenging targets we will strive towards our vision of making the Borough of Antrim a healthy, inclusive, prosperous and safe environment for all those who reside, work and visit within the Borough.

OUR PURPOSE

Reducing crime
Reducing the fear of crime
Tackling anti-social behaviour.

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Crimestoppers
T 0800 555 111
Victim Support
T 028 2563 0784
Women's Aid
T 028 9446 0516

Further information about NI-wide community safety issues may be obtained by contacting the NIO Community Safety Unit:

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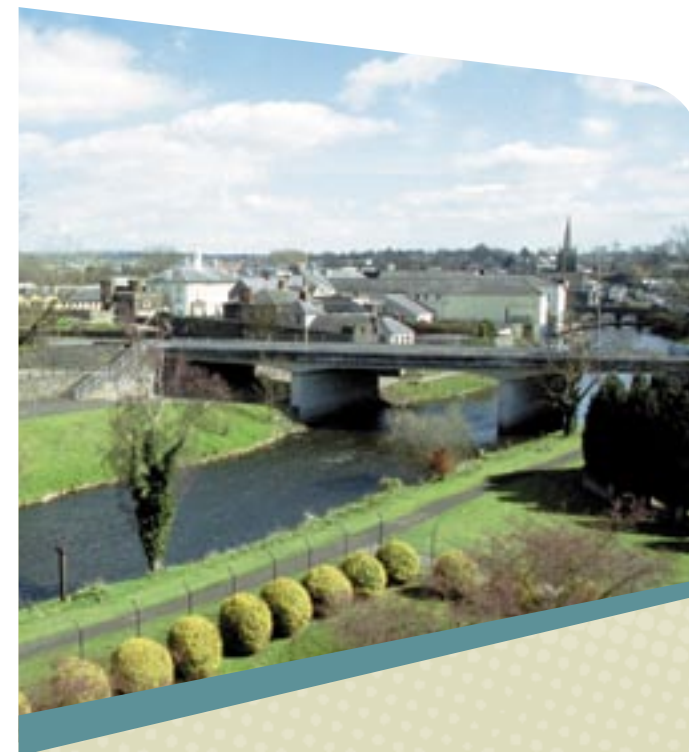
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COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2005-2008



ANTRIM BOROUGH
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
DEVELOPING SAFER COMMUNITIES

OUR PRIORITIES

- domestic violence;
- offences against individuals;
- young people's issues;
- racism, sectarianism and prejudice;
- drug, substance and alcohol abuse.

This local strategy has reflected local circumstances and issues whilst taking account of the nine key issues identified in the NI Community Safety Strategy:

- car crime;
- domestic burglary;
- business and retail crime;
- offences against individuals, particularly domestic violence and sexual assault;
- youth offending and reducing criminality;
- offences motivated by prejudice and hatred;
- drug, substance and alcohol abuse;
- anti-social behaviour and low-level neighbourhood disorder;
- fear of crime amongst older people, vulnerable adults and children.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT MAIN FINDINGS

- vehicle crime and road safety;
- burglary;
- business and retail crime;
- offences against individuals;
- domestic violence;
- young people's issues;
- racism, sectarianism and prejudice;
- drug, substance and alcohol abuse;
- anti-social behaviour and low-level neighbourhood disorder.

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

Offences against the individual:

- develop projects to address issues related to night-time economy;
- develop and expand Four-Tier Security Scheme;
- education projects to reduce the risk of attack;
- domestic violence training and awareness-raising.

Young people's issues:

- support for programmes that promote increased parental responsibility;
- promoting citizenship programmes;
- deployment of mobile youth centre.

Racism, sectarianism and prejudice:

- further development of AWARE;
- further education, awareness-raising and training programmes;
- integrating relevant actions with work of Community Relations locally;
- programmes to specifically encourage young people to engage in positive activities.

Drug, substance and alcohol abuse:

- support for programmes that work directly with young people;
- development of health promotion programmes;
- development of programmes to assist parents/carers in dealing with those who are abusing drugs, alcohol or other substances.

Vehicle crime and road safety:

- increasing community awareness through education, promotion and publicity;
- lobby for increased availability of Operation Clean Up in Antrim Borough.

Burglary:

- increasing education and awareness-raising for commercial and domestic property occupiers;

- consult with building trade to improve security in new homes;
- programmes to improve street lighting.

Business and retail crime:

- education and awareness-raising through promotional materials;
- continue to explore opportunities for CCTV and Radio Link scheme;
- work in partnership with other agencies to address issues of anti-social behaviour in town centres.

Anti-social behaviour and low-level neighbourhood disorder:

- promoting Neighbourhood Watch schemes;
- education and awareness projects that address anti-social behaviour;
- promoting safer night-time transport;
- environmental improvement projects.

PROGRESS/ ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Careline Service;
- Save Our Services;
- Four-Tier Security Scheme;
- Conference dealing with intimidation issues;
- Chattering Classes;
- School Alert scheme;
- Safe Child Scheme;
- Operation Clean Up.