

The Ballymena Community Safety Partnership was formed in 2003 following the Review of The Criminal Justice System in Northern Ireland (2000). This is the first Community Safety Strategy to be published by Ballymena CSP.

This strategy has been produced following an audit of community safety issues across Ballymena 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 Ballymena a healthy, inclusive, prosperous and safe environment for all those who reside, work and visit within Ballymena.

#### OUR PURPOSE

Reducing crime, reducing fear of crime and tackling anti-social behaviour.

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T 028 2565 3355  
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T 028 2564 4211  
Probation Board for Northern Ireland  
T 028 2565 2549

NI Fire and Rescue Service  
T 028 2564 3370

Victim Support  
T 028 2563 0784

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T 028 2563 2136  
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COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY  
2005-2008



BALLYMENA COMMUNITY  
SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
DEVELOPING SAFER COMMUNITIES

## OUR PRIORITIES

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

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



Priorities in the Ballymena Borough are:

- drugs;
- violence;
- young people;
- fear of crime;
- support for ethnic minorities;
- theft;
- burglary.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT: MAIN FINDINGS

- Ballymena is generally a safe place to live;
- several wards demonstrated crime rates higher than the NI average for criminal damage, burglary, violence against the person and drug offences;
- shoplifting in the town centre was an issue of concern.

## WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

- take account of the increasing elderly population in the borough by targeting resources at reducing fear of crime;
- target resources at wards and crimes where the recorded rate is above the NI average;
- reflect the views expressed during the focus group consultation which constituted the second stage of the audit.



## PROGRESS/ ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Mobile Creative Arts project;
- Ballee Youth Diversionary project;
- Choices Youth project;
- Parents and Kids Together;
- Radio Link scheme;
- anti-burglary/home security projects;
- New Start programme for ex drug abusers;
- bonfire project;
- Safe Transport to School project;
- burglary awareness-raising;
- Dunclug Community Safety project;
- Good Citizenship project;
- ongoing focus group consultation.