

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

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

#### OUR PURPOSE

Our vision is securing a safe and harmonious community by meeting local needs through local solutions.

#### OUR MISSION

Working in partnership to create a safer borough.

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Millennium House  
Great Victoria Street  
Belfast BT2 7AQ

T 028 9082 8555  
F 028 9082 8556  
[www.communitysafetyni.gov.uk](http://www.communitysafetyni.gov.uk)

Other useful contact numbers:

Carrickfergus PSNI DCU  
T 028 9065 0222

Crimestoppers  
T 0800 555 111

Victim Support  
T 028 9024 3133

Carrickfergus Womens' Aid  
T 0770 845 59565

Women's Aid 24 hour helpline  
T 0800 917 1414

Carrickfergus District Policing Partnership  
T 028 9335 8043

Carrickfergus Citizens Advice Bureau  
T 028 9335 1808

Carrickfergus NIHE  
T 028 9335 1115

Probation Board for NI  
T 028 9442 8475

Carrickfergus Borough Council  
T 028 9335 8000

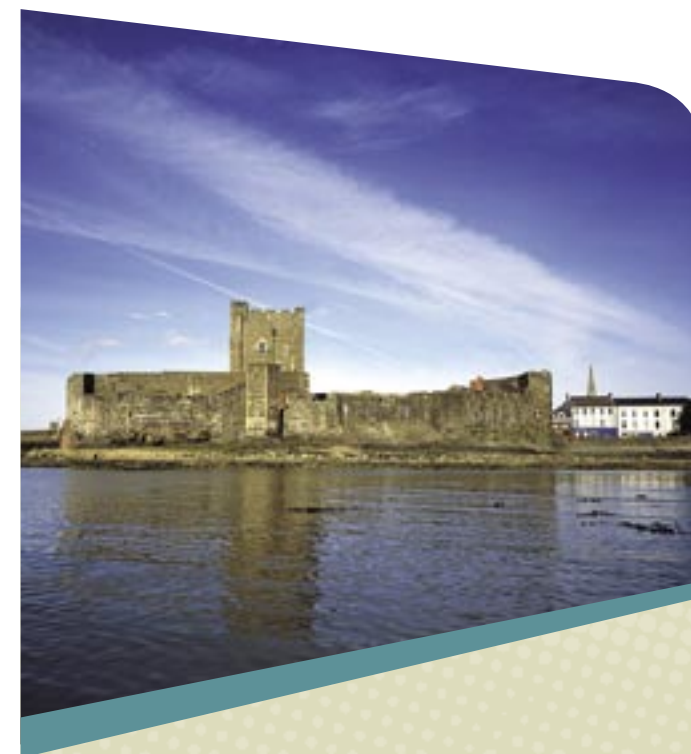
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COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY  
2005-2008



CARRICKFERGUS  
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 NI 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.



## COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT: MAIN FINDINGS

Both the audit and consultations show that Carrickfergus is a relatively safe place to live. It has a growing population which is expected to increase above the Northern Ireland rate over the next fifteen years.

The crime rate in Carrickfergus is consistently lower than or at most equal to the Northern Ireland total for all types of crime. However, theft, burglary, criminal damage and violence against the person are our highest crimes.

## WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

Carrickfergus CSP has prioritised key issues for the Carrickfergus area:

### HIGH PRIORITY:

- offences against individuals (domestic violence);
- offences against individuals (other);
- drug, substance and alcohol abuse;
- youth offending and reducing criminality;
- anti-social behaviour and low-level disorder;
- fear of crime amongst older people, vulnerable adults and children.

### MEDIUM PRIORITY:

- business and retail crime.

### LOW PRIORITY:

- offences motivated by prejudice and hatred;
- car crime.



## PROGRESS/ ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

### CARRICKFERGUS COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT

Carrickfergus CSP has conducted a statistical audit and community consultation regarding the extent of the problem of crime and disorder in this area.

- Radio Link scheme - successfully reducing the levels of business crime and anti-social behaviour through Radio Link and anti-forgery devices for retail businesses;
- Carrickfergus Community Drugs and Alcohol Advisory Group developed the Contact Project - engages in drugs and alcohol project work with an emphasis on education, prevention and research;
- Personal Safety Alarms - CSP and Strengthening Carrickfergus, supported by the PSNI, have distributed 1000 free personal alarms to senior citizens in the borough;
- Graffiti removal - CSP worked on this successful scheme in conjunction with Carrickfergus Town Centre Manager;
- Lock Out Crime scheme - this scheme provides free home security devices to those over 75 and those in receipt of benefits;
- Neighbourhood Watch - promoted in conjunction with the PSNI and DPP.