

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

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

#### OUR PURPOSE

To build an effective partnership between agencies and the community that develops safer neighbourhoods, improves the quality of life and reduces the fear of crime for those that live, work in, or visit Fermanagh.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY  
2005-2008



FERMANAGH 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 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.

Priorities in the Fermanagh District are:

- domestic burglary;
- addressing fear of crime;
- drug, substance and alcohol abuse;
- anti-social behaviour;
- domestic violence.



## COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT: MAIN FINDINGS

- **demographic profile** - Fermanagh's population has grown by 6% between 1991 and 2001;
- **Noble measures of deprivation** - none of Fermanagh's wards are within the 100 most deprived in Northern Ireland (ranks 1-100), however eight wards fall within the next group of hundred most deprived wards (ranks 101-200);
- **Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) profile** - there are 23 NIHE estates in FDC area comprising 1009 houses in Enniskillen, 207 in Irvinestown and 206 in Lisnaskea. 25% of all voids are in Enniskillen, 10% in Lisnaskea and the rest scattered throughout the county;
- **crime** - Fermanagh is a very safe place to live. The overall rate for crimes recorded by Fermanagh DCU 02-03 (45 crimes per 1,000 population) was lower than the NI average (84). None of the rates for the main crime categories were above the NI average. In 2003-2004 64% of all crime in Fermanagh occurred within Enniskillen;
- **victims' issues** - In 2002-2003 Victim Support had 1256 referrals in the Enniskillen area. Of these referrals most were in relation to criminal damage, theft, offences against the person and burglary in order of occurrence;
- **domestic violence** - In 2003-2004 Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) attended 473 domestic incidents of which 321 involved violence. 107 persons were arrested. Fermanagh Women's Aid received 2408 calls (2003 - 2004) and 1352 calls (2002-2003). They conducted 510 home visits (2003-2004) and 125 home visits (2002-2003);
- **Translink** - Translink Enniskillen has suffered significant damage to its buses and depot in Enniskillen. In one night 50 bus windows were broken at a cost of £50 each;
- **Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service** - Fermanagh had 644 incidences of arson during 2003. 87 of these incidences involved skip fires against a Northern Ireland average of 25 per district;
- **Fermanagh District Council** - The main community safety issues facing Fermanagh District Council are vandalism to public toilets and other public buildings, graffiti and damage to play parks. Dog fouling, noise abatement and abandoned vehicles are also key issues.

## WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

- **domestic burglary** - promote greater awareness of crime prevention through an active programme of community liaison and practical action;
- **drug, substance and alcohol abuse** - acknowledge links between crime and drugs, substance and alcohol abuse through research, discussion and project development;
- **anti-social behaviour** - develop practical ways to tackle anti-social behaviour in co-operation with community and statutory partners;
- **addressing fear of crime** - find ways to tackle fear of crime using effective communication and consultation;
- **domestic violence** - use effective partnership working to inform and educate on domestic violence issues.

## PROGRESS/ ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Neighbourhood Watch scheme;
- Ringmaster;
- Belleek Groundwork project;
- EDGE Youth Diversion scheme;
- Fermanagh Community Safety Advisor scheme (FVB);
- Not On The Street;
- Killesher Stay Safe;
- newsletter;
- Streetsmart/Countrywise;
- minority ethnic support;
- bonfires initiative;
- domestic violence drama;
- community safety marshalling training;
- Safe Child scheme;
- Sperrin Lakeland Senior Citizens' Consortia Survey;
- primary school Book Mark project;
- Enniskillen Integrated Night-time Strategy.