

The Larne Community Safety Partnership (CSP) 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 Larne CSP.

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

OUR PURPOSE

Working in partnership with the community to create a safer borough.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY
2005-2008



LARNE 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:

- 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;
- car crime;
- domestic burglary;
- business & retail crime.



COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT: MAIN FINDINGS

The Borough of Larne is one of the safest places to live however, there are apparent community safety issues.

Larne has a population of 30,832; the growth in population is expected to be below the Northern Ireland average.

The crime rate in Larne is lower than the Northern Ireland average for all types of crime. However, violence against the person and other notifiable offences are amongst the crimes highest in number.

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

Larne Community Safety Partnership has prioritised key issues for the Larne area:

HIGH PRIORITY:

- offences against individuals, particularly domestic violence and sexual assault;
- youth offending and reducing criminality;
- offences motivated by prejudice and hatred;
- anti-social behaviour and low-level neighbourhood disorder.

MEDIUM PRIORITY:

- business and retail crime;
- drug, substance and alcohol abuse;
- fear of crime.

LOW PRIORITY:

- car crime;
- domestic burglary.



PROGRESS/ ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

• Audit

A statistical audit and community consultation has been carried out to determine the level of crime and disorder in the Larne area;

• Vulnerable Persons scheme

In partnership with the PSNI this project was launched to supply and fit home security measures to vulnerable victims of crime in Larne;

• Factory Community Play Area and Garden

In partnership with Larne Borough Council, the PSNI and the Factory Community Group, a Play Park and Community Garden were erected to provide a secure area for young people of all ages;

• Community Safety Zone

This project in partnership with Larne PSNI provided a public information system, including electronic notice board, PA system and direct link to the police station to address a number of community safety issues in Larne town centre;

• Personal Safety Alarms

The Community Safety Partnership distributed 1000 personal safety alarms to the vulnerable in the Larne Borough.