

Limavady Borough Community Safety Partnership was formed in January 2004 following the Review of The Criminal Justice System in Northern Ireland (2000). The Community Safety Partnership is an inter-agency approach to tackling problems at a local level. This is the first Community Safety Strategy to be published by Limavady Borough CSP.

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

#### OUR PURPOSE

To promote the Limavady Borough as a safer environment, to reduce the incidence of crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour, improve the quality of life for all people in the area, through partnership, and provide them with confidence in voicing their concerns.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY  
2005-2008



LIMAVADY BOROUGH  
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
DEVELOPING SAFER COMMUNITIES

## OUR PRIORITIES

This local strategy reflects local circumstances and issues, whilst taking account of the nine key issues identified in the Northern Ireland Community Safety Strategy.

The high priority issues identified are:

- offences against individuals, particularly domestic violence and sexual assault;
- youth offending and reducing criminality;
- drug, substance and alcohol abuse;
- anti-social behaviour and low-level neighbourhood disorder.

Other issues which will be considered, where possible, are:

- domestic burglary;
- fear of crime amongst older people, vulnerable adults, victims and children;
- car crime;
- business and retail crime;
- offences motivated by prejudice and hatred.



## COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT: MAIN FINDINGS

Limavady is a relatively safe place to live and has an overall recorded crime rate per 1000 population that is considerably lower than the Northern Ireland average.

Criminal damage and violence against the person account for the majority of recorded crimes in the borough.

Vandalism is a significant annual cost to statutory agencies such as Limavady Borough Council.

36% of respondents to the household survey stated that they had been affected by anti-social behaviour or general disorder in the past year.

The main issue affecting respondents to the youth and student surveys was lack of facilities/activities.

## WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

- liaise with the community to ascertain views and raise the profile of community safety;
- encourage reporting of crime and anti-social behaviour;
- fund initiatives to tackle problems locally.



## PROGRESS/ ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Adopted Roeguard Community Safety Partnership in September 2004;
- Delivered a Small Grants scheme to local organisations, to enable the delivery of innovative community safety initiatives;
- Provision of personal alarms to Roe Valley Women's Network for distribution to members;
- Completion of a Stage 1 Audit, to analyse and map the patterns of crime and disorder locally;
- Community consultation to ascertain the views of those living and working in the borough;
- Completion of the Limavady Community Safety Strategy;

Other regional initiatives supported by the partnership include:

- Lock Out Crime scheme;
- Neighbourhood Watch scheme.