

The Newtownabbey 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 Newtownabbey CSP.

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

#### OUR PURPOSE

Newtownabbey Community Safety Partnership supports everyone's right to live without fear for their personal safety and the safety of others.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY  
2005-2008



NEWTOWNABBEY  
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
DEVELOPING SAFER COMMUNITIES

## OUR PRIORITIES

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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 Newtownabbey Borough are:**

- community and citizenship;
- early intervention and policing with the community;
- community safety and policing profile;
- sectarian related issues;
- domestic abuse;
- business and retail crime.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT: MAIN FINDINGS

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Main audit findings:

- three wards are within the 100 most deprived in Northern Ireland;
- eight wards have crime rates higher per 1000 population than Northern Ireland;
- Newtownabbey experienced a 25% increase in recorded domestic violence offences;
- 6.2% reduction in overall crime;
- fear of crime is high amongst the elderly;
- youths causing annoyance/anti-social behaviour was a huge concern for people throughout the borough.

## WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

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- raise awareness, especially amongst younger people, about the community in which they live and the way in which their actions are perceived and the consequences;
- early intervention in identified areas/issues;
- address fear of crime and highlight the reality of vulnerability to crime;
- tackle sectarian tensions and reduce causes and stimulants;
- highlight the prevalence of domestic abuse and support services available;
- reduce levels of car crime in hot spots and vandalism and anti-social behaviour in commercial areas.



## PROGRESS/ ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

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- Helping Hands for Children;
- schools project;
- Ballyclare Radio Link;
- CCTV for Glengormley town centre;
- Theft From Vehicles campaign;
- Lock Out Crime scheme;
- Neighbourhood Watch;
- Operation Clean Up;
- Newtownabbey Bee Safe.