

The North Down Community Safety Partnership was formed in November 2002 following the Review of The Criminal Justice System in Northern Ireland (2000). This is the first Community Safety Strategy to be published by the North Down CSP.

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

#### OUR PURPOSE

The North Down Community Safety Partnership is fully committed to the vision for North Down as a peaceful, inclusive, prosperous place where its citizens are committed to principles of sustainability, partnership and mutual respect. To this end, community safety is central to this vision.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY  
2005-2008



NORTH DOWN COMMUNITY  
SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
DEVELOPING SAFER COMMUNITIES

## OUR PRIORITIES

Following on from the audit process and consultation with key partners and the community nine key priorities have been identified:

- domestic burglary;
- car crime;
- business and retail crime;
- offences against individuals, particularly domestic violence and sexual assault;
- anti-social behavior and low-level disorder;
- offences motivated by prejudice and hatred;
- drug, substance and alcohol abuse;
- youth offending & criminality;
- fear of crime amongst older people, vulnerable adults, victims and children.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT: MAIN FINDINGS

The main audit findings were:

- criminal damage/vandalism;
- offences against individuals/assault;
- domestic burglary;
- domestic violence;
- theft;
- attacks on the elderly;
- under age drinking;
- youths causing annoyance;
- speeding;
- fear of crime and personal attack;
- drug and alcohol abuse;
- anti-social behaviour;
- low-level neighbourhood noise;
- fly-tipping;
- hate crimes;
- bullying;
- alcohol related crime.

- to reduce the level of anti-social behaviour and low-level neighbourhood disorder in North Down based on 2003-2004 recorded crime figures by 2008;
- to reduce the fear of crime and disorder, thereby increasing the feelings of safety and providing a better quality of life amongst the residents and visitors to the North Down area, with particular reference to the elderly and vulnerable;
- to proactively develop best practice measures to tackle the under-reporting and incidence of offences motivated on the basis of race, sexual persuasion or religion;
- to reduce drug, alcohol, substance abuse and underage drinking in North Down by providing a multi-agency, cross-sectoral response.

## PROGRESS/ ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Community Crime Alert;
- abandoned vehicle initiative;
- Neighbourhood Watch;
- Domestic Violence awareness programme;
- Drug & Alcohol Peer Education programme;
- Detached Youth Community Active Citizen programme, Whitehill & Bloomfield;
- Under 21 proof of identity scheme;
- programme working with young people excluded from school;
- Detached Youth Anti-Social Behaviour project, Linear Park;
- personal safety projects;
- home security/crime prevention road shows;
- unattached youth work projects;
- retail crime prevention projects;
- family/school programmes/initiatives.

## WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

- to reduce the level of car crime in North Down, by providing a co-ordinated cross-sectoral, multi-agency approach;
- to reduce the incidence of domestic burglary, distraction burglary and bogus callers in North Down. To reduce the fear of becoming a victim of this predatory behaviour;
- to reduce the level of business & retail crime in North Down based on 2003-2004 recorded crime figures by 2008;
- to reduce youth offending and criminality in North Down town centres and throughout the borough by providing a co-ordinated cross-sectoral multi-agency approach;
- to reduce offences against individuals, particularly domestic violence and sexual assault in North Down, by providing a co-ordinated cross-sectoral multi-agency approach;

