

The Newry & Mourne Community Safety Partnership was formed in December 2004 following the Review of The Criminal Justice System in Northern Ireland (2000). This is the first Community Safety Strategy to be published by Newry & Mourne CSP.

This strategy has been produced following an audit of community safety issues across Newry & Mourne District 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 Newry & Mourne a healthy, inclusive, prosperous and safe environment for all those who reside, work and visit the district.

OUR PURPOSE

Newry & Mourne Community Safety Partnership strives to make Newry & Mourne a safer place for those who live work and visit the area.

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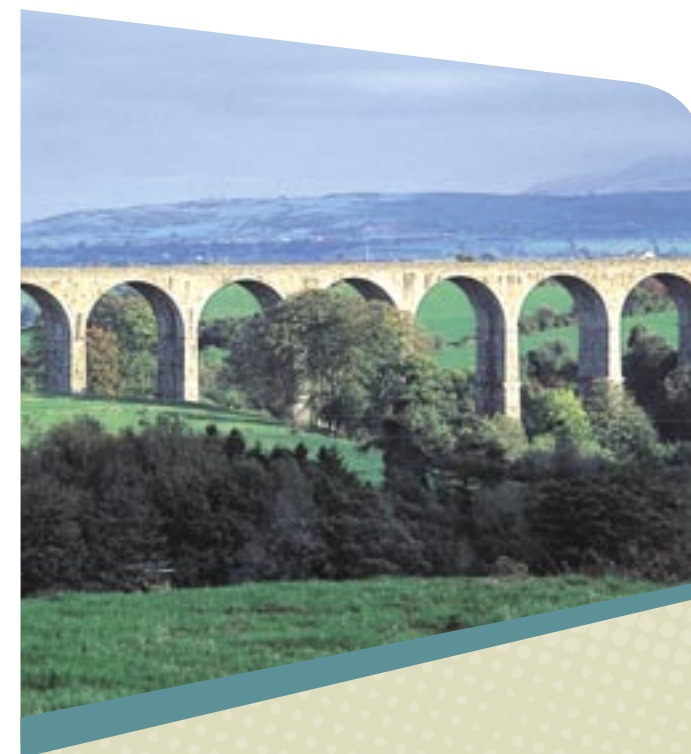
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COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY
2005-2008



NEWRY & MOURNE
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 & 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 Newry & Mourne District are:

- fear of crime amongst older people, vulnerable adults and children;
- offences against individuals, particularly domestic violence and sexual assault;
- drug, substance and alcohol abuse;
- anti-social behaviour and low-level neighbourhood disorder;
- youth offending and reducing criminality.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT: MAIN FINDINGS

(Between April 2002 and March 2003)

- from statistics gathered, Newry & Mourne is a relatively safe place to live, where overall crime rates for recorded crime were substantially lower than the Northern Ireland average;
- one third of the wards within Newry & Mourne District have burglary rates above the Northern Ireland average;
- 3% of wards have rates above the Northern Ireland average for violence against the individual;
- community consultation highlighted fear of crime and personal safety as community concerns within the district.

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

- continue to support crime prevention measures;
- promote education and develop a Community Safety Awareness campaign concentrating on high priority themes;
- work with local media to promote a positive image of the area;
- support local projects aimed at reducing the levels of violent crime.



PROGRESS/ ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Newry & Mourne CSP is involved in the establishment of the first Cross Border Community Safety Network;
- Newry & Mourne CSP is working with Louth County Council to develop three Cross Border Community Safety groups concentrating on three themes - youth, senior citizens and women;
- Newry & Mourne community safety strategic tier and operational tier have been established;
- local events promoting safety such as the Safer Kilkeel Day and the promotion of inter-generational work at the Newry & Mourne Inter-generational Conference have all contributed to promoting community safety throughout the district;
- work is currently ongoing to promote a Get Home Safe campaign for those who live and socialise in Newry;
- regional projects are also running:
 - i Stay Safe Stay Secure;
 - ii Neighbourhood Watch;
 - iii CCTV.