

January 26th, 2026

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 27th January 2026 at 6:00 pm**

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Invitees

- Cllr Terry Andrews
- Fionnuala Branagh
- Cllr Conor Galbraith
- Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
- Cllr Roisin Howell
- Cllr Aidan Mathers
- Cllr Declan Murphy
- Cllr Henry Reilly
- Donna Starkey
- Sarah Taggart
- Cllr David Taylor
- Cllr Jill Truesdale
- Mrs Marie Ward

POLICING COMMITTEE AND POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**Minutes of the Newry, Mourne & Down Policing Committee and Policing & Community Safety Partnership Meeting held on Tuesday 25 November 2025 at 6.00pm at Downshire Chamber, Downpatrick****In attendance in Chamber:**

Cllr Henry Reilly, *Chair*
 Cllr Terry Andrews, *NMDDC*
 Cllr Oonagh Hanlon, *NMDDC*
 Cllr Aidan Mathers, *NMDDC*
 Superintendent Lynne Corbett, *PSNI*
 Chief Inspector Joesph Tierney, *PSNI*
 Inspector Darren Hardy, *PSNI*
 Inspector Paddy Heatley, *PSNI*
 Inspector Graeme Reynolds, *PSNI*
 Sergeant Warren Roberts, *PSNI*
 Sergeant Ryan Duffy, *PSNI*
 Sergeant Stacey Arnott, *PSNI*
 Aileen O'Callaghan, *EANI*
 Michael Heaney, *YJA*
 Niall Lawlor, *PCSP Independent Member*
 Louise Kennedy, *PCSP Independent Member*
 Jill Hughes, *NI Policing Board*
 Joanne Davidson, *Department of Justice*

NMDDC Staff Officials in attendance in the Chamber:

Alison Robb, *Assistant Director – Community Development*
 Shannon Creaney, *Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager*
 Kaitlyn Martin, *PCSP Officer*

1 Welcome, Chairperson's Remarks and Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Kate Murphy, Roisin Leckey, Claire Crainey, Aidan McCabe, Cllr Jill Truesdale, William Slater, Cllr David Taylor, Michelle Osbourne, Kyle Peters and Tara Campbell.

The PCSP Chair Cllr Henry Reilly opened the meeting and noted there is a major change from the last meeting as Superintendent Norman Hasslet has now moved on to a temporary position as Chief Superintendent South Area Commander – The chair on behalf of the PCSP extended his thanks to Norman, for all his work & extended his well wishes to him in his new role. The Chair also welcomed Superintendent Lynne Corbett to her first PCSP meeting as District Commander for Newry Mourne & Down & noted how he looked forward to working with Superintendent Corbett as Chair of the PCSP. The Chair also extended the welcome on behalf of the partnership to Superintendent Corbett as she returns to Newry & Mourne District in her new role. The Chair further noted that unfortunately Martina Byrne has had to leave the PCSP as an Independent Member due to other commitments. Chair Cllr Henry Reilly extended his thanks on behalf of the partnership to Martina for her work & support during her time as a PCSP Independent Member.

The Chair also extended thanks to members for attending the recent planning sessions and for their input into the development of the PCSP action plan for 26/27 – The Chair noted that the draft action plan is included in the meeting papers & will be tabled for approval at tonight's meeting. Chairperson Henry Reilly also noted that he is aware of the work that has went into the action plan from the consultation meetings in Newry & in Newcastle and that a lot of great information has went into the action plan from this. Chairperson Reilly then congratulated Shannon Creaney on her recent promotion to PCSP Manager and noted that it is a very worthy promotion.

The Chair discussed housekeeping rules before the formal business of the meeting began.

2 Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

3 Draft Minutes of previous PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 30 September 2025

Read: Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 30 September 2025 (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Cllr Andrews seconded by Cllr O. Hanlon it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 30th September 2025 as a true and accurate record.

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 PCSP Officer Report

Read: PCSP Officer Report (copy circulated)

Shannon Creaney advised that the PCSP Officer Report is for noting.

Ms Creaney highlighted that the PCSP Small Grants programme is now opened from the 17 of November & will close on the 12 January at 12 noon. Ms Creaney advised that this is for grants for community groups for up to £2000, covering themes such as anti-social behaviour, community safety & vulnerability or confidence in policing. Ms Creaney noted that this could be events covering the summer period of 2026, however it also could be for events that cover the Halloween & Christmas period next year, therefore it is for groups to start looking forward to projects they could do in the upcoming financial year. Ms Creaney advised that at the moment, the PCSP are promoting these Small Grants on their social media platforms and asked that members look at the PCSP Facebook page for information & guidance on the grants. Ms Creaney also asked members to share these posts to help with promotion and also send the information to any community or voluntary groups that may be interested. Ms Creaney notes that in the 2025/26 Financial Year, PCSP Small Grants is currently supporting around 42 different groups across the district, and she would be

keen to keep to those numbers to help as many groups as possible through the small grants scheme.

Ms Creaney noted that in the PCSP Officer Report there are several events that are detailed. Ms Creaney pointed out some of the bigger events that PCSP has recently delivered. These included workshops that were delivered during Rural Crime Week to do with property marking & trailer marking in areas such as Kilkeel & Hilltown in collaboration with colleagues in PSNI Neighbourhood Teams. Ms Creaney also noted a very successful Hate Crime Awareness Week where the PCSP delivered talks with the PSNI & Victim Support in SRC Newry Campuses. Ms Creaney also advised that PCSP, along with Good Relations also delivered a 'Small Worlds' workshop with the EA where young people were able to hear from other cultures and educate themselves on how to prevent hate crime happening in their community.

Ms Creaney noted that during Halloween, several of the financial assistance programmes that were mentioned previously took place. She advised that these projects were able to act as a diversionary for young people during the Halloween period and over the school midterm break. Ms Creaney advised PCSP supported events in areas such as Crossmaglen, Camlough & Kilkeel, where several talks to youth groups with colleagues in the PSNI were delivered on topics such as fireworks, staying safe & how to avoid causing anti-social behaviour in the local area. One event that was slightly different delivered by PCSP this year, was a large Halloween disco that was held for vulnerable adults run in collaboration with Bolster Community. Ms Creaney advised this event allowed young adults to celebrate Halloween safely & in their own style and advised you can see from Bolster social media pages how successful this event was, as the participants were seen dancing and having fun. Ms Creaney advised this clearly meant a lot to them as they were able to celebrate Halloween in an inclusive and safe environment.

Ms Creaney spoke also about how there was a lot of Coffee with a Cop events being delivered by PCSP, as recent as the previous Friday in Ballynahinch. Ms Creaney noted how they have also had a very successful road safety awareness week and noted that it is a huge topic at the moment given the recent press around road traffic accidents in the recent weeks both across the border and in our own district. Ms Creaney noted that PCSP in collaboration with the NIFRS have been delivering a large number of 'Your Choice' presentations which includes a crash cut-out demo. They have also delivered young driver courses with the council DEA officers in the likes of Bishops Court in Downpatrick. Ms Creaney advised that the aim of these event is to get as much information out as possible, especially to young drivers, about how they can drive safely, and what the consequence of dangerous driving is.

Ms Creaney finished by noting that they are looking forward for the rest of the financial year and that in Spring 2026, the PCSP plans to work with the DSM foundation on their drug awareness play that has been mentioned at previous PCSP meetings. Ms Creaney noted that this will be rolled out in schools across the district – and once there is further information on this, it will be shared with PCSP Members. Ms Creaney encouraged members

to attend one of these, so that they can see first-hand the information it can give to young people on topics such as drugs, alcohol and peer pressure.

Ms Creaney ended here, however encouraged members to let herself or a member of the PCSP team know if there were any upcoming events they would like to attend.

Chairperson Henry Reilly commended Ms Creaney and her team for the work they have done throughout the district. He referred to the PCSP small grants on how he feels it is money well spent, as in Kilkeel, and the areas he would be most familiar with in Annalong, there was a notable reduction in the number of fire work incidents and pets being petrified in their homes during Halloween. He also noted that events which took place in his local town with the Schomberg Society had great cross community attendance and it was great seeing these interactions with the community.

Chairperson Henry Reilly then noted on the matter of road safety about a gentleman in Newry who was run over by a lorry. Referring to a photo which was shared after this incident on social media, Cllr Reilly questioned if now would be a good time to put forward new legislation to Stormont that would make it easier to convict people who send such distressing images over social media. Cllr Reilly also commented on the event in Downpatrick, where relatives learned on social media that their loved one's cars had been smashed up.

The PCSP Chairperson also spoke about how PSNI social media was working well & referred to a meeting he attended where a member of An Garda Síochána and a member of the PSNI were there and it was discussed that the member An Garda Síochána was envious of the way Newry Mourne & Down PSNI promoted their social media, and that they were going to try and emulate it. The Chair commented that he believed Newry, Mourne and Down were ahead of the curve in terms of social media.

6 PCSP Action Plan 2026/27

Read: Draft Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP Action Plan 2026/27 (copy circulated)

Ms Creaney advised that the 2026/27 PCSP Action Plan was for approval (including approval to proceed with procurement of PCSP contracted services detailed in the plan such as the PCSP Community Safety Wardens and Home Secure Service). Ms Creaney thanked members for their attendance at recent planning sessions in both Newry and Newcastle where they made contributions to the PCSP Action Plan and also thanked members who made further contributions to the Plan with comments via email.

Agreed: On the proposal of Louise Kennedy seconded by Niall Lawlor it was agreed the Committee:

- **Note the report**
- **Approve the attached draft Action Plan for the PCSP for 2026/27**

Policing Committee Business

7 District Commander's Report – November 2025

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 3 (copy circulated)

District Commander Lynne Corbett introduced herself in her new role – noting that she has been in D district from 2014 in various different roles and now returns as District Commander.

Crime

District Commander Lynne Corbett began her report by commenting that overall crime is down, however she noted there were a couple of areas such as domestic violence where crime has increased slightly.

Domestic Violence

Ms Corbett continued on her opening statement by noting Newry, Mourne and Down were also seeing an increase in familial violence. Superintendent Corbett gave a couple of examples of incidents which PSNI were called to – one where a female victim was left with a very deep gash in her leg as a result of a being attacked with a Stanley knife by her partner, after being threatened previously with a hammer. Superintendent Corbett also mentioned a familial incident where police received a report of an ongoing issue with a 45-year-old mother and her 23-year-old son. Police ascertained from the victims statement that her son attended her house and demanded her car keys and she wouldn't give them to him as he had no licence. While the mother was trying to get into the vehicle, the son became very irate and dragged her out of the vehicle. As the mother tried to defend herself, the son then assaulted her numerous times before fleeing the scene in the vehicle. The PSNI later arrested this individual for 11 offences including hijacking, aggravated attack, taking & driving away, AOBH and also a number of driving & drug offences. He was then charged to Lisburn Court the following day.

Most notably Superintendent Lynne Corbett mentioned that in November, there was an incident in the district which ended up being an attempted murder on a woman that stemmed from the result of a domestic dispute. Superintendent Corbett advised that this is an ongoing investigation but wanted to note how serious some of the events were. Superintendent Corbett then wanted to offer some reassurance in terms of Domestic Violence as it is something that is in constant review within the district and within PSNI. She then referred to the One Stop Shop that the PSNI & PCSP are heavily involved in, along with Woman's Aid. Superintendent Corbett stated this has been running across the district with 12 attendees recently attending in Downpatrick & Newry. Superintendent Corbett advised this is paramount to allowing victims to attend and gain expert advice before being referred on to the relevant agencies. Superintendent Corbett asked PCSP members to push this initiative in their local communities, as while she advised it isn't heavily advertised for obvious reasons, it is a great piece of work that victims should be able to avail of. Superintendent Corbett then also advised that there is ongoing training within the district for police officers to be able to pick up on the early signs of domestic violence in incidents they attend.

Superintendent Corbett also noted that Operation Encompass continues to be fully operational within the district and stated that in September & October alone 300 children have been referred into the programme. This means that there were 300 children subject to an adverse childhood trauma relating to domestic violence in the home. Superintendent Corbett notes

that coming into the Christmas period, this may be a turbulent time & therefore PSNI will continue to monitor Domestic Violence in the district, making sure anyone reporting an incident gets the help they need.

Hate Crime

Superintendent Corbett continued with mentioning Hate Crime, which she noted has also increased in the district; however, she stated she is confident that it is now going on a downward trend. Superintendent Corbett advised that the majority of the incidents reported to PSNI have been racial, and she believes this is to do with the anti-immigration incidents that have been seen across Ireland, Northern Ireland & the whole of the UK. An incident included in their figure on this includes one where elected representatives in Newry, Mourne and Down received a threatening voice note on WhatsApp. So far, Superintendent Corbett advised that everyone involved in this incident has been spoken to, but she stated this shows these things can touch everyone & anyone, commenting that the PSNI continues to monitor hate crime as an organisation and locally.

Road Safety

Superintendent Corbett advised that in terms of road safety, NMD district are sitting with 5 road fatalities, while this is 1 less than this time last year, she advised this is still too many. Superintendent Corbett comments that Mr Norman Haslett spoke last month about the 2 males that died as the result of a tragic accident, and the unfortunate event that happened in Newry where an 87-year-old man was hit by the lorry. Superintendent Corbett seconds the sentiment behind social media referred to earlier by the PCSP Chair and asked for any help and support that can be put behind stopping the sharing of these incidents on social media. For reassurance Superintendent Corbett also advised that Inspector Heatley is doing a super job around road safety for the PSNI in this district. As an example of what the PSNI has been doing to support Road safety initiatives, Superintendent Corbett shares that they have recently been into Kilkeel High School to talk to 150 young people and reiterated Ms Creaney's sentiments of talking to young people about the dangers of their driving.

Superintendent Corbett went on to share that on the 24th & 27th of October, PSNI Officers from NMD joined colleagues across the service & the Road Safety Partnership for a 2-day Op Life Saver, targeting speeding offences. During the September/October reporting period she advised PSNI Officers have continued to focus on the fatal 5 that places road users in the most risk, making 43 speeding detections, 53 detections for careless driving, 17 detections for using a mobile phone, or driving without a seatbelt. Further to this, Superintendent Corbett advised of a further 32 fixed penalty tickets and referrals to the court for vehicles with defects. 43 detections & arrests for drink driving, which was the highest number for any area outside of Belfast. Noting that there is a lot of good work going on in the district in trying to keep the roads safe. Superintendent Corbett also advised during this period, the Road Safety Partnership van was out 30 times and detected 284 speeding motorists.

With the Christmas Period pending, Superintendent Corbett advised she is aware that road safety is paramount, and there are still people who are tempted to drink and drive. Noting that yesterday (24th October 2025) PSNI launched their Operation Season Greetings, Superintendent Corbett advised one of the main priorities of this is keeping the roads safer and that PSNI will focus on this within the next 5-6 weeks, with an increase visibility of police presence at this time.

Engagement

Superintendent Corbett touched on some of the good work being done by PSNI within local neighbourhoods. She advised Newry Neighbourhood team had been out to the 'Stronger Her' event in the Newry Leisure Centre, which gave the Neighbourhood Teams the chance to engage with different groups about ending violence against women initiatives. She also advised the East down neighbourhood team had 'pizza with a peeler' in Cuan Court children's home back in September. Further to this, Superintendent Corbett referred to South down Neighbourhood Team who were engaged with an older people's group in the Kilmorey Arms Hotel in Kilkeel in September, and she advised this was very well timed, as PSNI in this district are prioritising burglary at this time of the year – coming into the winter months. Finally, she stated Slieve Gullion NPT have been busy out and about in Crossmaglen, especially during the Halloween festivities. She also referred to a joint operation this team had with HMRC where they were able to seize a large sum of cash and cigarettes.

Social Media

Superintendent Corbett then went on to mention social media and advised the PSNI in our district is also the best performing social media across the province – noting that Inspector Heatley has really driven this.

Good Police Work

Superintendent Corbett noted that she wanted to commend some good police work., highlighting that on 28th October a 60-year-old homeowner interrupted a burglary in progress in his home and was assaulted in the process. Following this, the PSNI did a CCTV trawl & a door to door visitation, and as a result a 31-year-old was arrested initially for burglary, and then further arrested for aggravated burglary, common assault & possession of an offensive weapon with intent on committing undoubtable offence. She advised this individual was taken to Banbridge custody suite and has subsequently been remanded in custody – which is a great example of good police work and protecting the most vulnerable in our community.

Another example Superintendent Corbett referred to was on the 9th of November, where police reported a vehicle failing to stop, however the vehicle was then found a short distance away with 2 males on board. Inside, £1000 of cash and suspected class A & C drugs were located and a 47-year-old male was arrested for possession of class A & C – driving with no insurance and failing to stop as well as the intention to sell class B drugs.

Assault on Police

Superintendent Corbett stated she felt this is an ongoing issue within the police and notes it was discussed during her time in the district 2 years ago. She stated that she believes it's becoming a societal issue in that people feel assaulting a police officer is OK. In the last reporting period, Superintendent Corbett advised there have been 13 separate incidents, and 30 officers assaulted. 1 of these incidents included a male who rang the PSNI stating that he felt suicidal & wanted help. When the officers attended, he assaulted 5 of them punching the officers and knocking one of them to the ground.

Significant Incidents.

Superintendent Corbett detailed the below incidents –

On the 1st of October the PSNI received a call from a 44-year-old woman in Downpatrick, stating that shots had been fired through her front window. Police attended the incident & the investigation is ongoing with CID in Ardmore.

A suspicious device was found on Monaghan Street in Newry at the Sinn Fein office, again Superintendent Corbett advised the investigation is ongoing and there has been progress surrounding that incident. She advised the victims have been well updated & CID in Ardmore are progressing this.

Superintendent Corbett mentioned the arson attack at Bishops Court, outside Downpatrick on Thursday 16th October. Here she refers, the police received a report of a wind turbine that had been set alight with the estimated cost of £1.1million of damage. She advised this is an ongoing investigation.

Concluding the District Commanders Report, Superintendent Lynne Corbett stated she welcomes any questions or comments.

Chair Cllr Henry Reilly opened by commending Superintendent Corbett for the PSNI effort, expressing that it is astonishing the work that the team does for our local area. Cllr Reilly went on to mention that he is disappointed to hear that 300 children have been referred to Op Encompass due to domestic violence in the local area. Cllr Reilly then expressed his disappointment about the 30 police officers who have been assaulted in the district and retells that he heard a female police officer had blood squirted into her face & expressed his concern of the dangers that arises from this with blood-borne diseases. Cllr Reilly stated he is perplexed at the mindset of some people who do these things and pressed the importance of supporting our local police officers & the work they do.

PCSP Chair Cllr Reilly then opened the floor up for questions & comments.

Cllr Mathers stated he welcomes Superintendent Corbett into her new role and comments that he looks forward to working with her and reiterates what a good team there is within the NMD area. In relation to the mother & son incident, Cllr Mathers indicated that the arrest of that young man was very welcome, however he notes that the residents in the area still feel very vulnerable & fearful of this individual returning. Cllr Mathers asked the police to keep this in their mind as they move forward and try to work through the issues in that particular area.

Cllr Mathers continues with an incident that he doesn't believe was mentioned, where the PSNI Neighbourhood Team came across a male with a hatchet who was going around attacking people. Cllr Mathers wanted to commend the quick action of the PSNI Neighbourhood Team who apprehended those responsible for this.

Cllr Mathers went on to say he is glad that Superintendent Corbett mentioned the incident that happened outside Sinn Fein offices in her report, however comments that it wasn't a 'suspicious device' and rather a confirmed pipe bomb, that was a viable device. He went on to say that while they have been updated about that incident, he would like an update on the threatening voice note, to see where the investigation is – as they haven't heard much about it.

Superintendent Corbett responded to confirm that attempts to identify the IP address from the voice note within this incident have been progressing – she confirmed she hopes to be able to give a full update before the next PCSP meeting, as it is still with CID at the moment, but it is still being prioritised on CID's workload.

Chair Henry Reilly asks the floor if there are any further questions

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon commented on the success of the One Stop Shop in Downpatrick – she commented on the fear of pushing it out on social media but stated she continues to share as required. Further to this, Cllr Hanlon advised that she received a lovely anonymous letter that morning from a victim who had seen the One Stop Shop shared on her Facebook and due to this, she had decided to go along to the Downpatrick One Stop Shop. In the victims' words, within the letter, she stated that when she got to the door her legs buckled, however Jacqui the PCSP officer noticed her and brought her in & she was able to get the help and advice she needed. Cllr Hanlon went on to thank Jacqui for helping that victim and stated she is glad that her sharing the post was able to save a domestic violence victim. Cllr Hanlon went on to say that Jacqui deserves credit for this, as it clearly meant a lot to the victim. Cllr Hanlon said it was lovely to receive that letter and stated it really goes to show the good work that is being done.

Chair Henry Reilly goes on to say that it's strange how social media works – and that when the One Stop Shop post was shared for circulation, he shared it on his page, and it only received 1 like. However, he received numerous messages, which he stated he will of course keep anonymous, from people wanting to know if the One Stop Shop is an anonymous initiative. He went on to say that some of the victims are people you would never expect to be in that situation. Chair Henry Reilly shared his sympathies with anyone who is going through these issues and highlighted the importance of the One Stop Shop for these victims.

Louise Kennedy then went on to comment on the importance of these support initiatives for domestic violence victims and shared the previous sentiments. Louise further commented on the example of the lady whose legs buckled when she got to the door & stated that in the same way, that's how victims might feel when they are leaving the abusive relationship. Louise Kennedy explained that just like leaving an abusive relationship, leaving is also a process and not an event. She explained that she feels it is so important to keep pushing the message out – as someone may see it one month, but it will take them another month or two to actually get the help they need. Louise Kennedy said she knows that Cllr Hanlon and King are very good at promoting the message and said she was in The Bar & Denvir's recently and seen the One Stop Shop being promoted in the back of the ladies toilets. Louise Kennedy also stated she has had people reaching out to her, and also people telling her that they have reached out to friends who they feel may need the help. Louise Kennedy continued by saying what a great service the One Stop Shop is and commended the team in all their efforts.

On a different note, Louise Kennedy then went on to thank the PCSP and the Crime Prevention Officer who recently ran a scam awareness talk for Saul Community Association. Louise Kennedy admitted it was her mother who came back to tell her all about scams and how to avoid them. Louise advised her mother had come home to say that herself and the other women who attended felt it was a fabulous session which was very informative, and they would recommend everyone going to something similar to educate themselves as they left feeling well equipped should something similar occur to them. Louise Kennedy said it was especially helpful in the lead up to Christmas where there will be a lot of people who are looking to scam people out of their money.

Chair Cllr Henry Reilly commented that he also attended one of the scam awareness sessions in Annalong which he also found excellent as it raised awareness of the issue.

Chair Cllr Reilly then invited Niall Lawlor to speak.

Niall Lawlor began by again commending the work of the One Stop Shop. He then went on to ask about the speeding and road safety issues in Newcastle. He stated he is aware it is likely downstream of the ASB in Donard park however he would like to check as increased presence had been discussed. Niall Lawlor advised he would also like to know if the speed camera vans have been deployed in Newcastle, specifically on the Shimna & Castlewellan Road.

Inspector Paddy Heatley commented that the Road safety Partnership will be deploying one of their vans to the Castlewellan Road when they find an appropriate site. He went on to say in his opinion there is lots of places he feels they could sit – however they have specific needs which they need to fulfil for a site to be viable. In terms of Shimna Road – Inspector Heatley advised it has been looked at and the van cannot be deployed there as there is no safe space for it to sit. Inspector Heatley also said in this case the PSNI have been out there with their 'Hairdryer', and he said he has been out himself, however, the highest speed he has caught was around 42mph. Inspector Heatley stated he is aware of the speeding problem in this area and that PSNI will continue to focus on it.

Cllr Terry Andrews went on to speak and thanked the District Commander for such a comprehensive report. He commented that everyone has been very busy on all fronts. Cllr Andrews stated he welcomes the PSNI updates especially on the voice-note threats and said as Cllr Mathers touched on asking for an update on the threat – he would also like to be updated. Cllr Andrews commented that he has been in touch with the Department of Communities & the Department of Justice in relation to this incident, and he will keep everyone up to date. Cllr Andrews then commented on an incident from last year where a police officer got targeted with a sword – and stated he believes it to be very concerning how things have slipped, with PSNI Constables being spat at with blood. He stated he thinks this is worrying and wanted to reiterate the Chairpersons comments that our thoughts are with that officer & all the officers who find themselves in very tricky situations. Cllr Andrews then mentioned the stressful time on the lead up to Christmas & welcomes the PCSP plans & the other social agency plans that have been put in place to deal with that.

Cllr Andrews then stated he wanted to finish with road safety issues, saying that he has some concerns about the Downpatrick Road, Crossgar. He stated he believes that while this is now a heavily built-up area, that there is a lot of pedestrians who use the Monastery as a walk and the speed at which cars approach the area is a cause for concern. He stated he hopes that this can be looked at. Cllr Andrews finished by saying that he very much welcomes all that is being done and can be done for the district through PCSP.

Chair Cllr Henry Reilly then asked if Inspector Heatley is aware of the street pasters in Newcastle and advised that a member from this organisation has asked him as PCSP Chair if he could speak with the PSNI in relation to late night street fighting. Cllr Reilly said this person was very concerned and had contacted him recently regarding this as it's starting to get out of hand.

Chair Reilly then went on to say, that he wanted the 30 PSNI officers assaulted in the area in this reporting period to know that the work they are doing is really valued. Cllr Reilly went on to say there was a satisfaction survey done recently and that D District ranked highest in the UK & he wants the PSNI to know their work is truly appreciated.

8 AOB

None Declared.

The PCSP Chair thanked the PSNI and PCSP Members for attending before moving on to the date of the next meeting.

9 Date of Next Meeting

The Chair confirmed the next PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting will be held on 27 January 2026 online via Microsoft Teams at 6pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 18:49.

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| Report to: | Policing & Community Safety Partnership |
| Date of Meeting: | 3 February 2026 |
| Subject: | PCSP Officer Report – February 2026 |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager |

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-

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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To note the attached PCSP Officer Report. |
| 1.2 | Background The attached report provides Members with an update on the progress of the PCSP Action Plan since the previous PCSP meeting on 25 November 2025 |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | None. |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | That the Committee:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Note the attached PCSP Officer Report. |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | Revenue All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2025/26 Action Plan Capital N/A |
| 5.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
| 5.1 | <i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5.2 | <i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, please complete the following: |

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| | The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5.3 | <p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves</p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks</p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6.0 | Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply) | |
| 6.1 | <p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.0 | Appendices | |
| 7.1 | Appendix I: PCSP Officer Report – January 2026 | |
| 8.0 | Background Documents | |
| 8.1 | None. | |

Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP Officer Report – February 2026

The purpose of this Report is to provide an update on key activities and progress since the last PCSP meeting on 25 November 2025.

An update will also be provided on key areas which have been discussed by Members and where a more detailed update may be considered useful. During this reporting period Members should note progress in the specific areas below –

- **PCSP Small Grants** - Applications to PCSP Small Grants closed on Monday 12 January at 12 noon. Applications will be assessed in early March 2026, and a list of successful applicants will be shared with Members once Letters of Offer are issued to groups.
- **PCSP Staffing Update** – Jacki Urey remains as PCSP Officer covering Downpatrick, Rowallane, Slieve Croob and The Mournes DEA’s. Kaitlyn Martin (née Hanna) remains as the PCSP Officer covering Crotlieve, Newry and Slieve Gullion DEA’s. Shane McGivern remains in post as Safer Communities and Good Relations Officer. Aoibheann Dagens is now covering the PCSP and Good Relations Finance and Monitoring Officer post.

Overview of progress against PCSP Action Plan 2025/26

Strategic Priority 1: To ensure effective delivery in response to local need, and improve the visibility and recognition of the work of the PCSP through effective communication and engagement

| Theme | Aims & description | Key Activities in this Period (November 2025 - January 2026) |
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| PCSP Delivery | Organising the work of the PCSP through appropriate structures and mechanisms | PCSP Sub Groups (ASB, Bonfire and SID Sub Groups) have now been reconstituted following the reconstitution of the PCSP on 1 June 2024. ASB Sub Group 1 met in Newry on the 3 December 2025 ASB Sub Group 2 met in Newcastle on the 2 December 2025 |

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| Raise awareness of PCSP | To evidence impact through increased awareness of the PCSP | <p>Continued development of PCSP social media channels (including Facebook and Twitter). PCSP staff are now responsible for managing all social media channels. Social media continues to be key to communication with local communities and the general public.</p> <p>PCSP Officers have recently attended a series of events which have assisted with raising awareness of our work – these events have included attendance at Respect Community Champions League Event in Newry, SRC Refreshers event and Crime Prevention Pop-ups in Buttercrane Shopping Centre Newry, Tesco in Newcastle, Barbican Shop in Annalong and Asda in Kilkeel.</p> <p>Feedback from these has been very positive and the events have also created new opportunities for partnership working.</p> |
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Strategic Priority 2: To improve community safety by addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

| Theme | Aims & description | Key Activities in this Period (November 2025 – January 2026) |
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| ASB | Develop a range diversionary youth & community engagement projects | <p>Both of the ASB Sub Groups continue to work to the Action Plans for their respective areas.</p> <p>PCSP continue to work in partnership with partner agencies across the Council District to address ASB issues.</p> <p>PCSP also recently facilitated talks with the PSNI in SRC Newry Campuses, focusing on ASB issues, including vaping / alcohol use and Knife crime.</p> |
| | Provision of a District-wide Community Safety Warden Scheme | The Community Safety Warden Scheme remains operational across the District. Areas of focus for the CSWs continue to be Newry, Downpatrick, Newcastle and Warrenpoint. Service hours remain under ongoing review and further increased deployment will take place in other areas as required and in response to local need. |

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| | | 560 hours of Community Safety Warden patrols were provided from 14 November 2025 – 17 January 2026. A detailed report can be found in Appendix 1. |
| PCSP Small Grants | Provision of a small grants programme to increase the capacity of the community to address community safety issues | <p>Applications for the PCSP Small Grants Scheme for 2025/26 opened on 13 January 2025 and closed on 24 February 2025. 50 applications were received – 42 applications were approved, with a total of £77,324.90 awarded. As of 31 December 2025, all of these projects have now completed. PCSP Staff visited and support these groups throughout the duration of their PCSP Small Grant project. Many of these projects took place over the summer and Halloween period, and helped to address local community safety issues, and in particular, anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Applications for PCSP Small Grants Scheme for 2026/27 opened on Monday 17 November 2025 at 12 noon and closed on Monday 12 January at 12 noon. Applications will be assessed in early March 2026, and a list of successful applicants will be shared with Members once Letters of Offer are issued to groups.</p> |
| Theme | Aims & description | Key Activities in this Period (November 2025 – January 2026) |
| Drugs and Alcohol | To support the delivery of a range of programmes, and develop a range of awareness raising campaigns | <p>Officer attendance at SEDACT and SDACT meetings in this Period.</p> <p>PCSP staff have further rolled out the Theresa Burke Drug Awareness talk in schools / youth groups / community centres. Talks have recently taken place in all SRC Campuses in Newry as well as St Marks High School Warrenpoint, Kilkeel High School and St Louis Grammar School Kilkeel.</p> <p>Drug & Alcohol awareness talks by both ASCERT / Start360 and PSNI are also being organised in partnership with PCSP in secondary schools across the district</p> <p>We also working with the DSM Foundation to facilitate the drug use awareness play 'I love you mum – I promise I won't die,' in local secondary schools throughout the District. We are currently working with the company to deliver 6 performances within our district in March 2026, building on the 4 performances delivered in our district earlier this year (Sacred Heart Grammar School in Newry, Lecale Trinity Grammar</p> |

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| | | School in Downpatrick, Newtownhamilton High School and St Joseph's Boys High School in Newry). Details of schools availing of this in March 2026 will be shared with members once confirmed. |
| | To support the development of the RAPID Bin initiative across the NMDDC area | <p>A total of 20 RAPID Bins are now installed across the District.</p> <p>An update on the most recent collections from the RAPID Bins will be provided at the Partnership meeting.</p> |
| Domestic Crime / Abuse and Sexual Violence | To support the delivery of a range of programmes, and develop a range of awareness raising campaigns | <p>Inter-agency work progressed in this period – Officer attendance at the Down Subgroup of the South Eastern Domestic & Sexual Violence Partnership and the Southern Area Domestic Violence Partnership.</p> <p>We continue to support the new One Stop Shop initiative in both Downpatrick and Newry.</p> <p>We recently facilitated talks with the Newry City PSNI Neighbourhood Team in SRC Campuses on Domestic Violence in January 2026.</p> <p>We have also recently provided pop-up information banners to Daisy Hill Hospital in Newry for display within their patients waiting areas such as A&E and the Maternity Clinic. These banners include information on how to access Domestic and Sexual Violence Support Services and how to contact the Womens Aid DASS Worker.</p> |
| Community Safety & Vulnerability | To develop and implement a range of community safety initiatives for vulnerable persons | <p>Continued attendance at local multi-agency partnership meetings including Newry, Mourne & Down Intercultural Forum and local Inter-Agency Forums.</p> <p>PCSP Officers are attending Newcomer Stakeholder Forum meetings in Newry and Newcastle.</p> <p>PCSP continue to attend Age Friendly Strategic Alliance meetings and are continuing to support a number of initiatives with the councils Health Improvement worker (inequalities).</p> |

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| | | <p>PCSP have recently held stalls providing crime prevention advice at the Filipino Christmas Event in Camlough and at Beat the Blues events in both Cloughreagh and Downpatrick.</p> <p>Our PCSP Community Safety and Wellbeing Event took place on 24 September in Downpatrick Leisure Centre. A Community Safety and Wellbeing Event is planned for Newry Leisure Centre on Friday 6 March 2026.</p> <p>Hate Crime Awareness Talks have also taken place with the PSNI and Victim Support NI in SRC Greenbank and Newry West Campuses during Hate Crime Awareness Month.</p> |
| | Newry, Mourne & Down Community Support Partnership | <p>The Community Support Partnership continues to engage with a number of vulnerable adults; the most recent meeting took place on 16 June 2025. Since its formation in late 2019 the Partnership has provided dedicated support to 36 individuals. This support has included help to access a range of services (including mental health, addiction and general health services), assistance with housing issues and return to education, employment and volunteering opportunities.</p> |
| Road Safety | To support and promote road safety initiatives | <p>PCSP have continued to support Road Safe NI (Newry, Mourne and Down Committee) and have recently provided support for the development of road safety booklets to distribute to Key Stage 2 young people in our District. The Road Ahead Support Group continues to meet and offer support to families and individuals impacted by Road Traffic Collisions.</p> <p>28 SIDs are now installed across the District. Data has been downloaded from SIDs across the District and a detailed report prepared for Members (see Appendix 2). There has been a further decrease in speed and the number of speed limit violations in the vicinity of the Signs. We have now moved to a remote data monitoring model for 19 of the Signs – this has resulted in a much more efficient information management system and allow for savings in both staff time and travel costs.</p> <p>PCSP has recently supported and facilitated the NIFRS "Your Choice," presentation to EA T:BUC Youth Camp on 27th October and SRC Newry West and Greenbank Campuses on 17th November for Road Safety Week. This presentation includes a 'cut out' demonstration from a car by the Fire Service to reinforce the impact of RTC's.</p> |

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| | | <p>PCSP has also recently delivered a young drivers programme (in partnership with DEA Officers) at Bishopscourt racing circuit on 17 September, with young people from Down High School. A further event for young people from St Malachys High School also took place on 15 October, and with students from Kilkeel High School and St Louis Grammar School on 5 November.</p> <p>PCSP Staff are working in partnership with the PSNI to deliver the Road Safe Road Show event in our district in Spring 2026. Details of this will be circulated with members once confirmed.</p> |
| Fear of Crime, Burglary & Crime Prevention | To support communities to protect themselves and their property to reduce the fear of crime | <p>The Home Secure Service remains open to referrals Since 1 April 2025 – 1 January 2026 a total of 169 referrals has been received.</p> <p>The Social Alarm Scheme also remains operational. We are continuing to liaise with the PSNI to identify further beneficiaries for the Scheme (this is a targeted Scheme, aimed at high-risk individuals referred by the PSNI). Over 100 referrals have now been made to this Scheme, and a number of arrests have been made at the homes of victims after alarms were triggered due to perpetrators arriving at the premises.</p> |
| | To develop a range of crime prevention interventions (including rural crime) | <p>A number of Crime Prevention events have taken place across the District in partnership with NPTs and the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer. These have included events in Bessbrook, Kilkeel and Annalong.</p> <p>As part of Rural Crime Week in September 2025, PCSP along with PSNI Neighbourhood Teams organised a series of Trailer Marking Events. These took place in Hilltown, Kilkeel, Ballynahinch and Camlough. Further Trailer Marking events have also taken place in Newtownhamilton and Crossmaglen in October 2025. Additional trailer marking events are planned for February 2026 and will be advertised on PCSP social media.</p> <p>As part of Shop Safe Week 2025, PCSP along with the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer held pop-up stalls in Danske Bank premises in Newry and Downpatrick in November 2025 to promote information around scam awareness.</p> |

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| | To promote and develop the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme | Following the recent reaccreditation process there are now 60 active and fully accredited NHW Schemes across the District. |
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| Strategic Priority 3: To improve Confidence in Policing through collaborative problem solving with communities. | | |
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| Theme | Aims & description | Key Activities in this Period (November 2025 – January 2026) |
| Improve community confidence in policing | Advocate for policing and effectively monitor local police performance and progress of the local Policing Plan | We are aware of current challenges facing the PSNI (including budget / workforce) and the local impact on availability of NPT Officers to support some events etc. |
| | Support the engagement of the local community with the PSNI | Community/police engagement is progressing well via planned events and other activities (as outlined above). Staff have currently increased engagement with the PSNI over the autumn/winter period at crime prevention events and by delivering pop-up crime prevention stalls in local shops etc. A series of community drop-in clinics have been delivered with the PSNI Neighbourhood Teams, to increase community engagement with PSNI. So far, since September 2025 these events have taken place in Newcastle, Newry, Bessbrook, Warrenpoint and Ballynahinch. |

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| | | <p>The PSNI/PCSP Mobile Unit remains very popular, and plans are in place to ensure that it continues to be widely deployed across the District. Over the Autumn/Winter months, this vehicle proved to be very popular with local youth groups, and a high number of requests were received for the vehicles attendance at Halloween and Christmas lights switch-on events.</p> <p>In Spring 2026, PCSP are working with the PSNI Neighbourhood Teams to deliver a series of engagement events with young people in local youth and community centres.</p> |
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Summary of Community Safety Wardens Reports: 14th November 2025 - 17th January 2026

| | No. Incidents attended | No. Incidents reported to PSNI | Total Hours Patrolled |
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| Downpatrick | 4 | 0 | 140 |
| Newcastle | 16 | 0 | 140 |
| Newry | 19 | 0 | 140 |
| Warrenpoint | 10 | 0 | 140 |
| Total | 49 | 0 | 560 |

Notes:

This reporting period covers the Christmas & New Year Holidays.

Examples of Incidents Attended by Wardens:

Downpatrick 15/11/2025: The Wardens patrolled The Grove Shopping Centre where there was a group of teens loitering. The wardens approached the group and attempted to speak with them, but the group ran away. The wardens continued to look for this group for the remainder of the evening.

Warrenpoint 15/11/2025: At 19:00 the wardens started to patrol from Clonallon Park. They came across a group of young people that were hanging about. Some were vaping while others messed about on electric scooters. The wardens spoke with them and asked them to be careful on the scooters near footpaths and roads.

Newcastle 28/11/2025: The wardens started their patrol from Donard Park where they came across a group of teenagers smoking. One individual appeared to be intoxicated but the wardens did not see any alcohol. The wardens spoke with them and discussed the dangers of underage drinking and then asked the group to take their friend home, which they did.

Newry 28/11/2025: At approx. 20:00 The wardens began to conduct their patrol in Barcroft Park. They noticed a few teens gathered at the steps playing excessively loud music. The Wardens approached the group and asked them to keep it down in respect for those living nearby, which they agreed to.

Newcastle 29/11/2025: On the night of the Christmas Switch on, at 20:00 The Wardens patrolled Donard park which was very busy with groups of teenagers gathered. Some of these teenagers appeared to be intoxicated. The wardens spoke

with two groups on the dangers of underage drinking and asked them to dispose of any alcohol that they had. Some groups were not co-operative, so the Wardens stayed in the area in case anything escalated, and to ensure all alcohol was disposed of.

Newcastle 29/11/2025: At 21:00 in the area around the local pubs the Wardens noticed some teenagers messing about throwing rubbish, plastic bottles and food at each other. The wardens approached the group and asked them to pick up their litter and dispose of it properly, which they did before moving on.

Newcastle 06/12/2025: The wardens started their patrol from Donard Park at 20:00. They noticed a group of youths gathered outside the public toilets. One teenager had locked themselves in the toilet and would not come out. The wardens spoke to the individual through the door and convinced them to come out eventually. The individual looked to be intoxicated, and the Wardens checked they were okay before waiting with this individual to ensure their lift home came.

Newcastle 06/12/2025: The Wardens patrolled the main promenade at 20:00 where they noticed a group of youths who were gathered eating a takeaway began throwing their rubbish on the ground. The wardens approached the group and asked them to pick up their litter and dispose of it properly, which they did.

Warrenpoint 06/12/2025: The wardens started to patrol from the square area and headed up Duke Street towards Bridle Loanan. They came across two teens who seemed to be intoxicated. The teenagers shouted abuse at the wardens but quickly moved on before the wardens could speak with them. The wardens continued to look out for them during the rest of their patrol.

Newry 06/12/2025: At 22:40 The wardens were finishing their patrol around by the Pubs and Sugar Island. The Pubs were very busy with Christmas Parties. The wardens stayed with two women who seemed to be very intoxicated and ordered a taxi for them. The Wardens waited until they were safely into the taxi to head home.

Newry 12/12/2025: At 20.00 The wardens made their way along Hill Street and over the Bridge between the two carparks. They checked around the Bus Station also. They noticed two young adults walking around the car park acting suspicious. The wardens attempted to approach the young people, but they hurried off once they noticed them. The wardens continued to look for these individuals throughout their shift but did not see them again.

Newry 13/12/2025: At 19:00 The wardens started their patrol from the Leisure Centre and headed around by Monaghan Street. There they noticed a few young people out on electric scooters driving out onto the road. The wardens stopped them

and asked them to stay off the road for oncoming traffic and explained the dangers of this. The group listened and headed away.

Newcastle 13/12/2025: The wardens patrolled Donard Park at 21:00 where they noticed multiple cars parked up playing excessively loud music. The wardens approached the car that the music was coming from and asked them to lower the volume, which they agreed to. The wardens stayed in the area and monitored but there were no further issues.

Newry 19/12/2025: At 21:40 The wardens finished their patrol by heading along Hill Street and over the bridge toward Monaghan Street. There were a few people who were very intoxicated and they waited with them and helped contact taxis for them to ensure they got home safely.

Newcastle 19/12/2025: The wardens patrolled around the local pubs which were very busy. They noticed two intoxicated women who appeared to be very unsteady. They approached the women and called a taxi for them; they waited with them until they were safely into the taxi to ensure they got home safely.

Warrenpoint 20/12/2025: At 20:00 the wardens made their way up to Clonallon Park. They came across a few young people messing about on E-scooters. They spoke with them about the dangers of E-scooters and got them to move on from the area.

Warrenpoint 20/12/2025: At 22:00 the wardens headed back along the Main Street and up Duke Street towards Bridle Loanan. They noticed two young people that seemed to be intoxicated. They tried to approach and help them, but they shouted abuse and walked away. The wardens continued to look out for them during the rest of their patrol.

Downpatrick 26/12/2025: The wardens patrolled the retail park area at 20:00 and noticed a group of teens loitering at McDonalds. The Wardens spoke with the teens and asked them to disperse from the area which they agreed to.

Newry 27/12/2025: At 19:00 the wardens started to patrol from Barcroft Park and headed around Francis Street towards the Bus Station Car park. They came across a few young people outside the shop shouting abuse to customers going in and out. The wardens stopped and spoke with the group and got them to move away from the area.

Newcastle 02/01/2026: At 19:00 the wardens began their patrol at Donard Park where a group of teens with backpacks on were being disorderly and shouting. The wardens approached them and spoke with them. They did not see any visible alcohol but asked them to disperse and leave the area which they eventually did

agree to. The wardens continued to look for the group throughout the evening but did not see them again.

Downpatrick 02/01/2026: The wardens patrolled around the main square and the St Patrick's centre at 20:00 when they noticed a large group of teens loitering and shouting in the area. The wardens spoke with them and did not notice any alcohol. The Warden's asked them to leave the area which they eventually agreed to. The wardens continued to watch for the same group throughout the evening, but they appeared to be gone.

Downpatrick 03/01/2026: At 21:00 the Wardens patrolled around the McDonald's area where they noticed a group of cars gathered playing loud music and revving engines. The Warden's spoke to the car owners and asked them to turn the music down or leave the area. The group turned down the music and stopped being disruptive.

Newry 03/01/2026: At 21:00 The wardens patrolled around the Bus Station and the carpark beside it. They saw two men that were sitting at the kerb drinking; they spoke with them, asked them to put away their alcohol and got them to move on.

Warrenpoint 10/01/2026: At 19:00 the wardens started to patrol from Clonallon Park. There were a few young people hanging about. They shouted abuse at the wardens but ran off before they could approach them. The wardens continued to look out for them during the rest of their patrol but did not see them again.

Table Showing Data collected from SIDs 19th November 2025 – 20th January 2026

| Location of SID | 85% of vehicles were travelling at this speed (MPH) | % Speed violations over 30mph (*40mph) | % Speed violations over 35mph (*45mph) | No. speed violations over 70mph | Average % reduction in speed caused by SID | Time of highest number of Speeding Offences (>30MPH*) |
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| Annalong | 36 | 61.1 | 20.0 | 0 | 4.66 | 5:00 AM |
| Ardglass | 35 | 35.4 | 12.5 | 11 | 6.55 | 4:00 AM |
| Ballynahinch | 33 | 26.1 | 5.5 | 0 | 6.66 | 5:00 AM |
| Burren | 40 | 71.9 | 38.7 | 6 | No Reduction | 5:00 AM |
| Camlough 18.11 – 25.12 | 44 | 74.6 | 47.2 | 202 | 12.77 | 6:00 AM |
| Castlewellan | 34 | 38.0 | 9.9 | 0 | 8.33 | 5:00 AM |
| Clough | 35 | 44.3 | 13.4 | 12 | 5.33 | 5:00 AM |
| Crossmaglen | 39 | 52.1 | 29.4 | 0 | 6.55 | 5:00 AM |
| Culloville* | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Darragh Cross* | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Downpatrick* | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dundrum | 37 | 49.3 | 19.0 | 57 | 4.51 | 5:00 AM |
| Kilcoo | 41 | 73.2 | 41.5 | 28 | 4.57 | 6:00 AM |
| Killeavy* | 36 | 2.8 | 0.4 | 0 | 5.80 | 5:00 AM |
| Kilkeel | 36 | 46.7 | 16.4 | 18 | No Reduction | 4:00 AM |
| Killough | 34 | 41.9 | 9.5 | 0 | 3.33 | 10:00 PM |
| Killyleagh | 38 | 61.1 | 26.2 | 3 | 6.25 | 2:00 AM |
| Leitrim | 34 | 36.6 | 8.2 | 0 | 17.93 | 6:00 AM |
| Mayobridge | 37 | 64.3 | 23.9 | 0 | 2.81 | 5:00 AM |
| Meigh | 40 | 60.3 | 32.3 | 15 | 13.93 | 5:00 AM |

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| Newcastle | 32 | 22.4 | 6.7 | 0 | 4.81 | 5:00 AM |
| Newry (Camlough Road) | 34 | 36.3 | 10.2 | 7 | 3.79 | 4:00 AM |
| Newry (Chancellors Road)* | 38 | 7.6 | 1.8 | 1 | No Reduction | 7:00 AM |
| Newtownhamilton | 41 | 74.3 | 42.5 | 4 | 5.71 | 3:00 PM |
| Rostrevor | 42 | 61.0 | 37.1 | 61 | 5.45 | 5:00 AM |
| Saintfield | 36 | 38.1 | 16.7 | 7 | 7.0 | 4:00 AM |
| Strangford | 37 | 59.0 | 23.0 | 221 | 4.06 | 6:00 AM |
| Warrenpoint | 36 | 50.6 | 16.3 | 18 | 1.66 | 2:00 PM |

Notes:

Downpatrick, Newry (Chancellors Road), Darragh Cross, Killeavy and Culloville SID are placed in a 40mph zone and therefore the table has been amended to reflect speed trends for these areas by an Asterix.

Data from the SIDs in Culloville, Darragh Cross and Downpatrick is unable to be downloaded due to a Bluetooth connection issue.

Key trends from data

- The overall average percentile reduction in speed caused by SIDs was 5.69%
- On average, 20.33% of vehicles going past the SIDs were traveling over 35mph (*45mph).
- The SID which caused the highest reduction in speed was Leitrim SID with an average of 17.93% reduction in speed.

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| Report to: | Policing & Community Safety Partnership |
| Date of Meeting: | 3 February 2026 |
| Subject: | ASB Sub Group Report |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager |

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-

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| For decision | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | For noting only | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | Purpose To consider and agree the Draft Action Sheet of the ASB Sub Group 1 meeting held on 3 December 2025 and ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 2 December 2025 |
| 1.2 | Background The attached Draft Action Sheets provide Members with an update on the work of the ASB Sub Groups since the last PCSP Committee meeting on 25 November 2025 |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | None. |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | That the Committee- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the report. • Agree the attached Draft Action Sheets of the ASB Sub Group 1 meeting held on 3 December 2025 and ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 2 December 2025. |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | Revenue All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2025/26 Action Plan Capital N/A |
| 5.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
| 5.1 | <i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5.2 | <i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, please complete the following: |

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| | <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 5.3 | <p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p> |
| 6.0 | Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply) |
| 6.1 | <p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 7.0 | Appendices |
| 7.1 | <p>Appendix I: Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 1 meeting held on 3 December 2025</p> <p>Appendix II: Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 2 December 2025</p> |
| 8.0 | Background Documents |
| 8.1 | None. |

Newry, Mourne and Down Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)

Action Sheet of PCSP ASB Sub Group 1 Meeting held on 3rd December 2025 at 6PM in Ballybot House Newry

Present:

- Chairperson:

Cllr Aidan Mathers
- Elected Members:

Cllr Aidan Mathers
- Independent Members:

Anne Sheridan
- Statutory Partners:

Warren Roberts (PSNI), Conor Valentine (PSNI), Kyle Peters (NIFRS), Hannah Cooke (YJA),
Maureen O’Gorman (EA)
- Council Officials:

Kaitlyn Martin
- Apologies:

Cllr David Taylor & Michelle Osborne

| ITEM | SUBJECT | SUMMARY | FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed. |
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| ASB/001 | Welcome, Introductions and Apologies | All were welcomed to the meeting by ASB Sub Group 1 Chair and apologies were recorded as above. | |

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| ASB/002 | Agreement of ASB Sub Group 1 Action Sheet | Members agreed that the Action Sheet from previous meeting was accurate. | |
| ASB/003 | Update from Agencies | <p>Update received from PSNI. Update received from PCSP. Update received from YJA. Update received from NIFRS.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PSNI to focus on retail thefts over Christmas period. - Increase in ASB in Warrenpoint town centre. PSNI to meet with chamber of commerce & EA and work on this. - PSNI asked for increased communication with Talon Community Safety Wardens ahead of busy periods for example, Halloween. - Chair Cllr Mathers asked if PCSP could provide a bullet-point report of events and circulate this with members to showcase good work. - Chair Cllr Mathers asked the EA to provide a bullet-point report of all events/work completed for members to showcase good work. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair Cllr Mathers asked YJA to provide a report of Statistics and common issues. - NIFRS advised that they saw a decrease in fireworks/fire issues over Halloween in areas that they delivered Firework Safety Talks, and an increase in areas where talks were not delivered. PSNI & EA to link the NIFRS with clubs & Groups across the district to promote these types of safety talks. |
| ASB/004 | Current / Emerging Issues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase in retail thefts - Issues with Homelessness scams - Reports of caravans in Damolly Village - Increase in Fireworks in Warrenpoint (Clonallon Park) and Rostrevor (Fairy Glen) - Increase in ASB in Warrenpoint town centres causing issues to local businesses - Derrybeg play park vandalism by 5 young people from St Josephs Newry - YJA seen an increase in referrals for Terrorism (Far Left & Far Right) | |
| ASB/005 | Identification of Priority Areas for ASB Sub Group 1 Action Plan | As discussed during current/emerging issues item on agenda. | |

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| ASB/006 | Date of Next Meeting | Date of next meeting - 4th March 2026 | Kaitlyn Martin to book venue and send upcoming meeting invitation to Members. |
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Newry, Mourne and Down Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)

Action Sheet of PCSP ASB Sub Group 2 Meeting
held on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 7PM in The Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle

Present:

- Chairperson:** Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
- Elected Members:** Cllr Henry Reilly, Cllr Jill Truesdale
- Independent Members:** Louise Kennedy, Niall Lawlor, William Slater
- Statutory Partners:** Inspector Hardy (PSNI), Inspector Heatley (PSNI), Maureen O’Gorman (EA), Bernadette McDowell (YJA)
- Council Officials:** Jacqueline Urey (NMDDC)
- Apologies:** Sgt Gracey (PSNI), Cllr Conor Galbraith, Tara Campbell (Independent), Martin Healy (NIFRS)

| ITEM | SUBJECT | SUMMARY | FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed. |
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| ASB/001 | Welcome and Apologies | All were welcomed to the meeting and apologies were recorded as above. | |
| ASB/002 | Adoption of previous Action Sheet | Action Sheet agreed. Proposed by Niall Lawlor and seconded by Cllr Reilly. | |

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| ASB/003 | Update of Outstanding Actions from last meeting | All previous actions completed bar one. | PCSP Officer to continue to follow up with Manager (raised by EA) |
| ASB/004 | Current / Emerging Issues / For Noting | <p>For noting - discussion over PSNI stats and general Halloween firework ASB - members agreed EA/YJA/PSNI/PCSP firework education has had a positive impact reducing ASB over the Halloween period.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) growing misuse and discarded bottles/cylinders. Query over PHA education interventions. 2. Cllr Truesdale shared 101 feedback 3. W Slater requested further information on Ballynahinch ASB Stats. 4. Cllr Hanlon raised Dunleath Playing Fields – recent scrambler ASB | <p>(1) PCSP Officer to raise at next SEDACT meeting and revert back to all members</p> <p>(2) Insp Hardy to pass on 101 feedback to PSNI</p> <p>(3) Insp Hardy to revert back to W Slater re Ballynahinch stat details</p> <p>(4) Insp Hardy to update Sgt Cochrane</p> |
| ASB/005 | PCSP ASB SG 2 Action Plan | <p>Members focussed on the following, while remaining flexible in response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballynahinch • Castlewellan • Downpatrick • Kilkeel • Newcastle <p>No further areas added. PCSP Officer will continue to update Action Plan with PCSP and Statutory Agency interventions.</p> | |
| ASB/006 | Updates from Agencies | <p>Update received from PSNI</p> <p>Update received from PCSP</p> <p>Update received from EA</p> | |

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| | | Update received from YJA | |
| ASB/009 | Date of Next Meeting | Tuesday 3 rd March 2026 at 7pm Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle. Meeting invites have previously been sent to sub group members. Meeting also confirmed in the Council Diary. | |

Meeting concluded at 7:46PM

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