

TIGERS BAY & MOUNTCOLLYER

Community Voice

POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP



A Community led Partnership involving Police and other Agencies

Crime?, Anti-Social Behaviour?, Intimidation? or Suspicious Activity? - SEE IT?... REPORT IT!!

Report it to local Police on 0845 600 8000 or anonymously on 0800 555 111 (Crimestoppers)

ILLEGAL MONEY LENDING

Are you paying a loan shark?
Been offered an illegal loan?
Are you paying lots of interest?
Do you know how much you owe?
Does a loan shark
have your bank card?
have your post office card?
Has a loan shark threatened you
with physical violence?
or damage to your property?

BEWARE Loan Sharks, or Illegal Money Lenders are operating in this area.

Don't be tempted to borrow money from these gangsters. Help is available if you are experiencing debt difficulties (see opposite). Don't fall VICTIM to an Illegal Money Lender. If you know of Illegal Money Lenders or Loan Sharks operating in this area report them immediately to the Police on 0845 600 800 (ask for York Road) or ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

You never know!! Your debt to a loan shark may end early with Police intervention!!



**FREE CONFIDENTIAL
DEBT HELP YOU CAN TRUST**

Problems with Debt?... Stressed?... Worried?... Hardship?..

contact DEBT ACTION NI

Our money advisers will help you if you are having difficulty managing your money and your bills. The advice they provide is free to everyone regardless of employment status, housing situation or the amount of debt you owe. They are independent of government, banks and lenders and their work with you is completely confidential. Money advisers aim to help you keep your home, provide for your family and if possible pay your debts at a rate you can afford. Nothing is too much or too little for them to deal with. They can help you over the phone, invite you to an appointment at their office or in certain circumstances arrange to visit you at your home or a more convenient location.

**North Belfast Advice Partnership
Tel (028) 90391225**

**Call between 9am - 5pm Monday to Thursday
9am - 2pm Friday**

FOR A FREE CONFIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT



PROTECT THE TIGERS BAY COMMUNITY

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY - Persons?... or Vehicles?...

DRUGS - dealers? or parties?...

no matter how small or insignificant...

REPORT IT TO POLICE

**directly on
0845 600 8000**

**or at Crimestoppers on
0800 555 111**

A Working Partnership Consisting of



**COMMUNITY
SAFETY
PARTNERSHIP**

Northern Ireland Housing Executive



The Northern Ireland Housing Executive is a statutory agency that has a significant role to play in combating anti-social behaviour. The Housing Executive's definition of Anti-social behaviour is;

"when the behaviour of households or individuals in a neighbourhood adversely affects other people's use and enjoyment of their home or neighbourhood. In its most extreme form, anti-social behaviour can threaten the physical or mental health, or safety and security of individuals"

Examples of anti-social behaviour can range from intimidation and racism to noise and boundary disputes. In addition to nuisance to neighbours, the Housing Executive's current general conditions of tenancy stipulates that the tenant must ensure that other specific obligations are not broken. These obligations might involve for example, the state of repair and maintenance of a dwelling, or the parking of vehicles. They can, in certain circumstances, be interpreted as anti-social behaviour, if they result in nuisance or annoyance to neighbours and impact on the use and enjoyment of their home. It is important to note that the Housing Executive have a duty of care to their tenants and as such can take action against homeowners or privately rented occupiers who cause anti-social behaviour that impacts on Housing Executive tenants. Whether its playing loud music at all hours of the day and night, vandalism or harassment, anti-social behaviour cannot be tolerated. The Housing Executive believes that anyone who is causing distress, fear, nuisance and annoyance should take responsibility for their actions.

The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order, 2003 gives the Housing Executive stronger powers to deal with antisocial behaviour:

Possession Proceedings

The grounds for seeking possession of a NIHE property due to anti-social behaviour have been widened. They now include:

Nuisance caused by visitors to a tenant's home

Nuisance caused to anyone visiting or conducting business in an estate

The Executive may now seek possession on grounds of a criminal conviction for dealing drugs or other serious convictions or on grounds of domestic violence.

Injunction Proceedings

The Housing Executive can now seek an Injunction not only against a tenant but against anyone causing a nuisance within the locality of their properties. An Injunction orders a person to stop the anti-social behaviour or not to enter a particular area. The punishment for breaching an injunction may be a prison sentence.

Introductory Tenancies

All new tenancies will be on an introductory basis. Anti-social behaviour during this first year could result in the loss of the tenancy.

Housing

Anyone who has been guilty of antisocial behaviour could find they are ineligible for housing assistance in the future.

The Northern Ireland Housing Executive is committed to improving the quality of life in this area, but they cannot do it without your help and support. If you are a Housing Executive tenant and you have a specific complaint about anyone causing a nuisance in your area, contact Anthony McKenna, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, North Belfast Office as soon as possible on 03448 920 900.



Belfast District Policing Partnership and the North Belfast District Policing Partnership will be updated on any policing issues dealt with at our meetings. Tigers Bay & Mountcollyer Community Voice Policing & Safety Partnership can provide a valuable local community view to the North Belfast DPP on policing in this area. The North Belfast District Policing Partnership comprises of six political representatives and five independent community representatives.

Its main functions are;

- to provide views on any matter concerning the policing of North Belfast
- to make arrangements for obtaining the views of the public about matters concerning the policing of North Belfast and obtaining the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime and,
- to act as a general forum for discussion and consultation on matters affecting the policing of North Belfast.

Belfast District Policing Partnership can be contacted on 028 90 270494

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HOW TO REPORT CRIME, ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO POLICE



In an emergency don't hesitate to dial 999

An example of an emergency is where serious injury has been caused or a crime is in progress and the suspects are at or near the scene.

Police will react immediately, and usually be there in minutes. *Please be careful not to use 999 for non-emergencies...as somebody might require urgent help.*

For a non-emergency ring 0845 600 8000, and ask for York Road Police. *You will be dealt with by a local officer. Sometimes, if its busy, your call will go to our Call Handling Unit, but it should still be local police that will call with you whenever resources are available.*

If you have information which you think will help police deal with crime in this area, please don't hesitate to contact us in any of the following ways.

- **Call in person** to York Road Station.
- **Phone us on 0845 600 8000 and ask for York Road.** You can give your information to the police officer that answers your call or alternatively you can ask to speak to a neighbourhood police officer who will record your information. If you wish to remain anonymous this will be respected.
- **Phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111** totally anonymously and leave your information.
- **Email:** ADistYorkRoadNPT@psni.pnn.police.uk

If you wish, you can also ask someone else to contact us on your behalf. This could be a Minister, Community Group, Councillor, MLA, friend or anyone else you are happy to trust.

What happens to the information you pass on to us?

The information all goes to another department. It is checked, assessed and graded, and if it looks like it may be of use, it can be acted upon. Please be assured that any information you give to police will be investigated. Be further assured police will respect the security and source of all information received.

Information provided by members of this community has and will help to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and illegal drug activities in this area.

Crime?, Anti-Social Behaviour? Drug Dealing? or Suspicious Activity? - SEE IT?... REPORT IT!!



Belfast City Council is committed to working in partnership with police, other agencies and the community to tackle anti-social behaviour in the Tigers Bay and Mountcollyer area. Council staff will support the community to tackle anti-

social behaviour like street drinking and rowdy behaviour therefore helping to reduce crime and the fear of crime. The Council will also work with local community and voluntary groups to address environmental issues such as litter, fly tipping and dog fouling. Belfast City Council also has a noise pollution section who respond to problems associated with noisy house parties etc. Excessive noise can make life a misery. It is a source of irritation and stress for many people and can interfere with your rights to peaceful enjoyment in your home. We can offer help and advice. The Council will make every effort to resolve noise problems informally, but sometimes they may need to take legal action. **Remember, don't suffer it!** If you are experiencing problems contact the Council as soon as possible on 90373006.



**York Road
Neighbourhood
Policing Team**

Your Local Police Officers

Sergeant Brian Caskey

brian.caskey@psni.pnn.police.uk

Constable James Coulter

james.coulter@psni.pnn.police.uk

Constable Stuart Jones

stuart.jones@psni.pnn.police.uk

Constable Colin Kerr

colin.kerr@psni.pnn.police.uk

Constable Lynne McCullough

lynne.mccullough@psni.pnn.police.uk

To contact any of the above officers

tel 90259840

**Serving & Supporting the
Tigers Bay & Mountcollyer Community**

Policing and Community Safety Partnership Membership Details

Tigers Bay & Mountcollyer Community Voice Policing & Community Safety Partnership consists of representatives from the following groups and organisations;

- North Belfast Community Development & Transition Group
- Tigers Bay Concerned Residents Group
- Conflict Transformation Initiative
- Crosscollyer Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Duncairn Community Centre Committee
- Groundwork NI
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Belfast City Council
- Police Service for Northern Ireland.

The partnership has been operating just under two years. During this period there has been a marked reduction in local crime, anti-social behaviour and interface violence. Drug dealing is no longer as visible as it was but problems still exist, however the Police are totally committed to dealing with this. The future looks bright and we have plans to develop stronger cross community links with neighbouring communities using policing and community safety as a common interest to facilitate dialogue and future peace building between communities.

Don't be Fooled by LEGAL Highs

Legal highs are substances which contain various chemicals, herbs and extracts that mimic the effects of some illegal drugs, e.g. ecstasy, but are not controlled by the Misuse of Drugs or Medicine Acts.

The chemicals used in legal highs change all the time so people can never be certain what they are actually taking and what the effects might be. In most cases the products have not been tested so little is known about how toxic they are.

It is important that people understand that just because a substance is legal or claimed to be legal it doesn't mean it is safe. Legal highs pose a real danger.

Consequences of using legal highs include nausea, vomiting, loss of bowel control, drowsiness, fits or seizures, kidney failure, muscle damage, anxiety, agitation, hallucinations, paranoia and.....death.

Contact FASA for HELP or further INFORMATION 90803040

Tigers Bay and Mountcollyer Community Voice Policing and Community Safety Partnership supports local businesses. Any local business faced with extortion or demands for "protection money" should contact Police as soon as possible at York Road station in total confidence.

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Focus-North Belfast Community Development And Transition Group

NBCD&TG is a North Belfast wide organisation that has embraced the work of the Tigers Bay & Mountcollyer Community Voice Policing and Community Safety Partnership. The Partnership has helped our group to steer loyalists out of conflict into a level of normality whereby responsibility and accountability for dealing with crime, anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and interface violence is firmly placed in the hands of Police and other government agencies. In the past, this area has experienced severe problems associated with previous paramilitary regimes. Such regimes and their dire actions are now firmly in the past. There can be no going back to the old days. NBCD&TG have, along with it members across North Belfast, expressed strong leadership and courage throughout this current transition period from conflict. Our participation in initiatives such as the Tigers Bay and Mountcollyer Policing and Community Safety Partnership and cross community interface projects are viewed as examples of good practice by many within the statutory and community sector. The "office" as it is commonly known has radically changed. Programmes, training, support and advice is provided throughout the North Belfast area. Professional advice has facilitated openness and transparency around governance issues such as funding, which is supervised and managed by a well known and respected voluntary organisation therefore ensuring full compliance with funders audit and monitoring procedures. NBCD&TG is committed to supporting Policing and Community Safety initiatives throughout North Belfast in order to ensure loyalist areas can begin to rebuild community spirit and develop their areas without organised crime, intimidation, drug dealing, sectarianism or other anti-social behaviour being a threat to development..



Congratulations

The partnership shouts "CONGRATULATIONS" to Sergeant Brian Caskey from York Road Neighbourhood Policing Team who was recently awarded Police Officer of the Year following his dedication and innovative work in Tigers Bay and neighbouring areas.

EXTORTION!

Local businesses advised to contact POLICE immediately if they face extortion demands