

How can you help?

We will use your views to help us to develop local priorities that will shape our strategy. These priorities will be the focus for community safety spending locally.

We will inform the Comhairle, the Community Planning Partnership and the Scottish Executive of our new strategy. We will let them know that we asked for the views of the community.

This is your opportunity to tell us what concerns you locally.

Our new strategy will be developed later this year. It will be placed on the Comhairle's website for further comment before we finalise it. That will be another opportunity for you to make your views known.



Facts

- Northern Constabulary's detection rate is amongst the highest of any Police Force in the UK.
- The Western Isles has one of the lowest crime rates in Scotland.
- Over 98% of people surveyed in the Western Isles in 2005 stated that they felt 'safe' or 'very safe'.
- The Community Safety Partnership supported under 18 events for young people in the evening between December 05—March 06, with over 600 young people attending.
- Northern Constabulary (Western Isles) aims to reduce the number of all people killed or seriously injured as a result of road accidents by 20% by the end of 2010.
- Class 6 crimes such as 'Breach of the Peace' and 'Petty Assault' etc account for the greatest number of recorded crimes in 2005 in the Western Isles. The vast majority of these are alcohol related.

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OUTER HEBRIDES
COMMUNITY SAFETY
PARTNERSHIP

What is Community Safety?

The Outer Hebrides has a reputation of being a safe and relatively crime free place to live. Most of us enjoy the benefits of having one of the lowest crime rates in Scotland.

The concept of Community Safety is not new. Community Safety includes issues such as crime, fear of crime, safer homes, roads, workplaces and leisure. What it seeks to do is bring together partners from the public, private and voluntary sectors and the community to take action that maintains and improves the quality of life for people in the Islands.



Why is the promotion of Community Safety important?

Reversing population decline involves either drawing people back to the islands or attracting new people in. Ensuring that the Islands continue to be one of the safest places to live in the UK will play a key supporting role in attracting new businesses and people to live here. The safe environment for children and older people that currently exists in the islands are major marketing points that can be used to the benefit of the Islands.

Why a new Strategy?

The Community Safety Partnership needs to write a new strategy. This will help us remain focused on the local priorities if, and when funding is available for Community Safety. At present our action plan focuses on alcohol—as it affects community safety. This means that we put actions in place to tackle underage alcohol consumption, road safety and alcohol, and home safety issues, Do you agree with this as a local priority?

Are we missing local priorities? What should they be?

Responses to the consultation overleaf will be accepted until 31st July 2006.

CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

We would like to hear your views on what you think the Community Safety priorities should be for the Outer Hebrides.

Do you agree that alcohol should be a priority?

- Yes
 No
 Don't Know

Have you heard about the work of the Community Safety Partnership?

- Yes
 No
 Don't Know

What do you think our priorities should be? Please select up to 3.

- Home Safety
 Personal Safety
 Antisocial Behaviour
 Activities for young people
 Accident Prevention
 Drug Misuse
 Alcohol misuse
 Road Safety
 Other—please state in comments box below

Comments:

Name

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