

Outer Hebrides Community Safety Partnership

Newsletter

New Community Environment Officers

Community Environment Officers promote the wellbeing of the community through environmental improvement and community safety.

They support and work with communities through Resident's Associations, Community Councils and similar organisations to assist them in addressing their environmental and community safety issues.

CEO's tackle environmental nuisance and damage issues such as litter, fly tipping and dog fouling in a proactive and integrated way to preserve our pristine environment.

They work with Schools, youth and community organizations and the relevant Comhairle departments to raise awareness of environmental issues.

CEOs encourage communities to organise community clean ups and assist with their planning and implementation, They are also involved in promotional campaigns and the distribution of information and materials on community safety and environmental issues. They also assist communities with the development, promotion and implementation of large community events.

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The CEO's Team



Malcolm Macdonald



Donald Macleod



Ray Robertson — Uist



Anne Maclachlan-Sammons



Choices For Life Event

This year the Community Safety Partnership helped with the arrangements for the Choices for Life event on 8th May 2008.

The event is for young people in Primary Seven as that is an age when it is really important in every young person's school career. Soon they will be heading off to secondary school and may find it very different to primary school. They are already

making important choices every single day, but in the future these choices may become more difficult.

Faced with drugs, alcohol and cigarettes, at some point they may have to make some important choices.

Choices for Life is there to help make the right choices, encouraging young people to be an individual with a healthy lifestyle and

to resist peer pressure.

Every school in the Western Isles was invited to attend this event. Transport and accommodation have been paid for by the Alcohol and Drugs Action Team (ADAT) to include Barra & Uist Schools and arrangements for the event have been made by the Outer Hebrides Community Safety Partnership working together with Northern Constabulary.



Artist Keith Jack performing for the Western Isles Primary 7's in the Lewis Sports Centre at Choices for Life.

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Summer Shows 2008



Sharon Evans, Community Safety Support Officer along with Denise Symington, Drug Development Officer from ADAT at the Point Show with their Alcohol Awareness Display.

The Community Safety Partnership had an eventful summer at the Agricultural shows and Gala days. It was great to see so many locals and visitors to the Islands supporting the partnership.



Following the South Uist Games the Partnership paid a visit to Barra and set up a display in Castlebay to give the people of Barra a chance to come and ask questions. Locals and visitors came to speak to us including members of Clan MacNeil from Canada.



Sharon Evans, Community Safety Support officer along with Barbra MacInnes— Student Nurse & Jeanne Mackay—Smoking Cessation Advisor (Lewis & Harris) from Health Promotion at the Tong games.

Alcohol Awareness Week October 2008

*Did you know?
A drink drive
endorsement will
remain on your
licence for 11 years!*

The Outer Hebrides Community Safety Partnership held a successful campaign in An Lanntair for Alcohol Awareness Week in October. Over the week the Partnership ran a quiz to gain feedback from the public on a number of topics with the chance to win a number of valuable prizes. 1st prize for the digital camera went to Ria Macleod, 2nd prize for a meal for two went to Shona Macleod and 3rd prize went to Norman Getty.

It is hoped that members of the public will remember to keep an eye on their unit intake whilst still enjoying themselves.



Paul Joseph - Hospitality Manager, An Lanntair, Shona Macleod - Prize Winner, Ria Macleod - Prize Winner, Charlie Nicolson - Chair of Community Safety Partnership, Harry Miller - Head of Health & Consumer Services and Sharon Evans - Community Safety Support Officer

Proof of age card readers for businesses



Card Reader with the National Young Person's Entitlement Card that shows the persons Identification and age.

The Outer Hebrides Community Safety Partnership is encouraging licensed premises, garages and shops to use 'Card Readers' which can electronically verify National Young Person's Entitlement Cards and show whether young customers are eligible to buy age restricted products such as alcohol, cigarettes, lighter fuel etc.

The Partnership is offering licensed premises the opportunity to purchase card readers at a 25% of the cost price. Staff will then be able to electronically scan National Young Person's Entitlement Cards which verify the holder's age and identity.

To purchase a card reader, contact Sharon Evans 01851 709512.



An Lanntair Bar Tender uses a card reader to verify the age of customer Michael Campbell with his Young Person's Entitlement Card

Changes to the Community Safety Partnership

There have been some changes to the Community Safety Partnership. We welcome Councillor Charlie Nicolson as the new Chair of the Partnership. Charlie is from the Stornoway South Councillors group. We also welcome Frank Creighton as the new policy officer for Social & Community Services. Arrangements for the national Intelligence model have been introduced.

The National Intelligence Model is used by the police as a means of performance management. This has ensured that the problems highlighted through statistical evidence are tackled, that tasks requiring done get done, and that action is monitored and reported. In recent years the success of the NIM has been highlighted with other organisations keen to use this performance framework.

The NIM is a model which can be transferred to all organizations as a good way to do business, but links with the Police make it an ideal model for Community Safety Partnerships. As the partnership has developed, it has become more apparent that it needs to ensure that it is delivering for the communities of the Outer Hebrides.



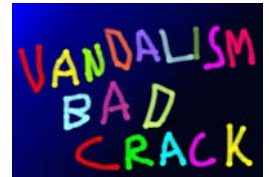
Charlie Nicolson
Chair of the Outer Hebrides
Community Safety Partnership

Vandalism Action Pack

Through the Community Safety Partnership, Northern Constabulary, Community Education and the Social and Community Services Department have worked together to develop the Vandalism Action Team.

The team have worked together to develop an information pack that will be presented to young people informing them of the effect vandalism has on the Islands and on the environment.

- In 2005/06 Northern Constabulary achieved a 70.7% detection rate for vandalism.
- 71% of young people who responded to the Antisocial Behaviour survey considered vandalism to be a big problem in the Outer Hebrides.
- 61.7% of young people concluded that diversionary activities would be the most effective way of tackling Antisocial Behaviour.



The Vandalism Action Team's Resource Pack will be launched in 2009 as a valuable teaching resource.

Road Safety

The fact remains SPEED KILLS. The faster you are traveling, if you hit something, the more damage will be done. Here are some good reasons for keeping your speed down:

- Your reaction time is reduced, even for a driver who is concentrating and driving defensively.
- There is an 80% chance you will kill a child at 40mph, where as there is an 80% chance of survival for that child at 30mph
- Clocking up 'points' on your licence is costly, the £60 fine is little compared to the amount your premium will go up when your insurance company is informed.
- Losing your licence could have a devastating effect on your home, work and social life.
- At 40mph most pedestrians are killed; at 30mph half are killed but at 20mph, most survive.
- If average speeds increase by just 1mph, collisions can increase by 19%.
- So please drive appropriately for the conditions.
- Keep your speed down in places where you will find vulnerable road users like pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.
- Give yourself plenty of time when setting off on a journey.

**CRIMESTOPPERS: 0800
555 111**

Promoting a clean and safe environment for the Islands.



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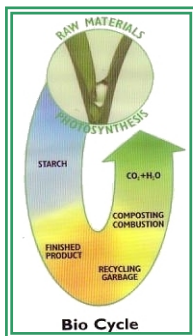
In the Outer Hebrides individuals and communities are becoming more concerned about their environment. This does not just refer to the Green issues although they are also a factor, this is about “their” environment. For people living in residential areas, litter and dog fouling causes a great deal of distress and neighbourhood disputes are more likely because of the closer proximity of houses. For those living in or travelling to rural communities and outlying areas, derelict vehicles and fly tipping are an eyesore. Levels of vandalism which are notoriously difficult to detect continue to rise year on year, creating time consuming workloads and environmental eyesores.

The Community Environment Officers provide a rapid response service, tackling issues as they arise and act as the eyes and ears of the community. If you have an issue contact them on 01851 700962.

We're on the Web!
[www.cne-siar.gov.uk/
communitysafety](http://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/communitysafety)



Dog Fouling



BioBag Dog is made from a renewable resource;

GM free cornstarch - and contains no plastic or harmful ingredients.

The Comhairle promotes safe dog ownership and the clearing up of dog fouling.

- Free poop scoop bags funded by the Community Safety Partnership are available from the Comhairle Council Offices, libraries and various other outlets.
- Information leaflets on dogs and the law are available from Social and Community Services and from the Community Safety website.
- Fixed penalty Notices are issued to owners who do not dispose of their dog's waste—an offence under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003.

- To make a complaint please contact your Community Environment Officer on 01851 700962

Dog waste bins are provided around the islands for you to dispose of your dogs waste, however remember you can use any public bin, not just dog waste bins.



The message is clear
“bag it and bin it”
Be responsible.

