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Community Engagement Update

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MOUNTJOY DISTRICT NEWS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Little Blue Heroes

Little Blue Heroes Foundation is a not-for-profit charity operated entirely by volunteers (no paid staff) made up of Garda members/staff, retired Garda members, their families, friends and civic minded people from communities. It aims to help families in need from local communities in Ireland who have children undergoing long-term medical treatment for serious illness.



On the 17th November 2022, Dublin Town hosted the Little Blue Heroes at the new Elf in the City Hub. The Dublin Town Shop & Drop is a free minding bag service located at 19 Henry Street, Dublin 1. In addition to being a Drop Shop service, it will be a place for the family to enjoy the magic of Christmas. The hub also features two card-tap devices to encourage donations to the Little Blue Heroes Foundation.

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Iona Road Neighbourhood Watch

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme for Iona Road was launched on the 8th November 2022 at the Maples Hotel. The event was attended by Inspector McGovern, Garda Sinead Heaney and Garda Shane Walsh along with approximately 35 residents. Senator Mary Fitzpatrick was also in attendance. Gardaí gave a presentation on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and answered questions from the local residents on crime prevention, crime detection and the criminal justice system. Flyers were provided to the street coordinators present for distribution to all residents in the area.

“Spooktacular”

On the 28th October 2022, a number of residents from Sherrard Street lower, both children and adults, were brought to the ‘Spooktacular’ Halloween event in Smithfield. The outing was organised in conjunction with DCC, Gardaí and the LCP. The Garda Community Bus was utilised to transport the residents to and from the event. The event was a great success with 25 residents attending the event.



Community Group Visits to Fitzgibbon Street Garda station

Community Gardaí arranged a number of visits to Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station for Community groups and schools. Gardaí gave each group a tour of the station and provided talks on topics such as Road Safety, Personal Safety on the Role of the Garda. On the 19th October 2022 Community Gardaí invited Ms. Mary Ronayne to visit the station along with her daughter Barbara. Ms Ronayne was a founding member of the Clonliffe Road Residents association and is one of the longest residing residents on the road.



National Learning Network

On the 3rd November 2022 Garda Ben Keyes attended the National Learning Network, Phibsboro Tower and spoke about the role of An Garda Síochána and provided some Crime Prevention advice to the students.

Halloween Safety Talks

Community Gardaí conducted safety talks before Halloween in a number of schools in the district. Gardaí spoke with students about safety at Halloween, public order issues and the dangers of illegal fireworks.



COMMUNITY POLICING aims to provide people in an area with their own dedicated Garda. Community Policing is a proactive, solution-based and community-driven form of policing.

Ballybough Court Senior Citizens

On The 18th October 2022 Gardaí Brien and Keyes visited Ballybough Senior Citizens Centre. The Centre is open every Monday & Tuesday from approximately 1pm-4pm. Some of the activities the ladies participate in at the centre include knitting garments for new born babies in the Rounda on Monday and play bingo on Tuesday. Whilst at the centre Gardaí provided crime prevention advice on personal safety, various text/email scams and home security to the ladies.

Barbara Ward Centre

Gardaí Hutcheson and Cantwell visited the Barbara Ward centre on Distillery Road for a coffee morning on the 25th September 2022. The Coffee morning was held in memory of one of the community centre founders Barbara Ward, to mark 10 years since her passing.



CRIME DETECTIONS AND UPDATE

- 04.11.2022 – Firearms – Possession of Offensive Weapons – Mountjoy Square. Gardaí attended a Public Order call on Mountjoy Square. When Gardaí arrived at scene they identified a male who they believed was in possession of an offensive weapon. Gardaí carried out a search of the male and a knife was located in his left side jacket pocket. The male was arrested and conveyed to Mountjoy Garda Station where he was later charged and bailed. The matter is currently before the courts.
- 05.11.2022 – Firearms – Possession of Offensive Weapons – Fitzgibbon Street. While on Community Response Team patrol, Gardaí stopped and spoke to a male who was extremely intoxicated, Gardaí carried out a search of the male and a Stanley knife was found on his person. He was arrested and conveyed to Mountjoy Garda Station where he was later charged and bailed. This matter is currently before the courts.
- 06.11.2022 – Assault – Assault causing Harm – Summerhill – While on Operation Canter patrol, Gardaí were flagged down and informed that a male had been stabbed at an address in Summerhill, Dublin 1. Gardaí arrived at the scene and discovered the injured party had 4 puncture wounds and had significant blood loss. The injured party was taken to hospital and follow up inquires conducted. On the 09.11.22 the suspect was arrested and conveyed to Bridewell Garda Station where he was later charged and brought before the courts.
- 16.11.2022 – a plain clothes operation was put in place, led by Sergeant McCarty of the CRT/Op Canter Unit. The purpose of this operation was in relation to bikes stolen in the area. A Pedal Cycle was taken on the 15th of November 2022 from the Ambassador theatre, Parnell Street, Dublin 1. Through investigations carried out the bike was advertised on a Buy and Sell Facebook page. On the 16th of November 2022 a male was arrested trying to sell this bike. He has been charged and is now before the courts.
- 29.10.2022 – Drugs – Possession of drugs for sale or supply – Summerhill. Following observations by Divisional Drugs Unit, a search warrant under Section 26 Misuse of Drugs Act 1977/84 as amended was executed at an address in Summerhill, Dublin 1. Gardaí searched the premises and found Cocaine with an estimated value of €900. The suspect was arrested and conveyed to Store Street where he was later charged and bailed. This matter is currently before the courts.
- 14.11. 2022 – Operation Thor – Day of action – 7 persons arrested and brought before the courts in relation to thefts, burglaries and breach of bail.

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Seasonal Safety Advice

For most people the Christmas Period is an enjoyable and festive season. Unfortunately for some, the month of December sees Assaults rise by almost a third more than in January or February.

The peak time for assaults are weekend nights and research shows you are more likely to be assaulted if you have consumed alcohol. There is a clear correlation between assaults and incidents of drunkenness.

Most reported Assaults tend to happen around pubs, clubs or town centres.

STAYING SAFE ON NIGHTS OUT



- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be home
- Carry your mobile phone (Charged!)
- Drinking - if one of the group has too much to drink - ensure they get home safely!
- If out with a group - watch out for one another. Remember there is safety in numbers
- Plan your trip home or arrange a lift, If you have to walk home use well lit routes
- Remember never drink and drive
- If you're the designated driver, park your car in a well-lit area and don't leave property visible
- If you see someone in trouble call 999, 112 or the local Garda Station

SHOPPING AT CHRISTMAS

When you're out spending money, be aware that thieves are out too, looking for opportunities to commit crime.

To stay safe while you're out Shopping;

- Take extra care when using cash point or chip and pin
- Don't let anyone see your pin number, never write down your pin number
- If you carry a handbag, keep your purse at the bottom
- Never keep your wallet in your back pocket
- Keep your handbag zipped at all times – crowded shopping areas are very popular with pickpockets
- Don't leave your handbag in the shopping trolley while you shop
- Stay alert when using your mobile phone. It's very easy for someone to snatch it out of your hand
- Don't return to your car to leave purchases in the boot before continuing with your shopping, as thieves may watch car parks
- Don't leave valuables on the seat of your car - they attract thieves
- Keep the car door locked, even when travelling
- Don't leave your house keys in your car.
- In December most of these incidents occur between 2pm and 9pm – Christmas Shopping time!