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## Press Release

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### **Chairman Thanks Public for Playing their Part in Local Policing**

Following the second public meeting of the local District Policing Partnership since its recent re-constitution the Chairman Councillor Ian McCrea has thanked those members of the local community who attended to hear and become involved in how their area is being policed.

Speaking after the meeting, at which Chief Inspector Williamson presented his end of year policing report, Councillor McCrea commended local police on their decrease in violent and vehicle crimes over the past year but wished to see the overall 9% increase in crime on 2004/ 2005 turned around throughout 2006/ 2007, particularly in domestic burglaries.

He said, "there is a duty on us as a Partnership to ensure crime is kept to a minimum in the district and we will continue to strive for this with local police in the incoming year.

The local councillor continued, "the meeting proved useful as we were able to hear at first hand the problems and issues being experienced by people living in the

Coagh and Moneymore areas which will undoubtedly inform policing in the area to be more effective.

Following the presentation of the 2005/ 2006 End of Year Report members of the local community were invited by the Chairman to question and engage with local police on any matters concerning the safety of their community.

The Chairman thanked the local community in attendance for taking up the opportunity to challenge local police on issues affecting them by questioning them on issues around criminal damage, anti-social behaviour and the availability of illegal drugs.

Cllr McCrea concluded by stating, "I would encourage any member of the public who wishes to have an issue concerning the policing of their neighbourhood resolved to either; bring it to the attention of any member of the Partnership; attend one of our meetings in public; or submit a question to be put to the police Commander at the next meeting. I would encourage everyone to play their part in keeping crime down in Cookstown and district.

A copy of the 2005/ 2006 End of Year Policing Report can be obtained by contacting the District Policing Partnership office or by logging onto [www.districtpolicing.com/cookstown](http://www.districtpolicing.com/cookstown).

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**Note to the Editor**

**1. Members of Cookstown DPP:**

Cllr Mary Baker  
Mrs Elizabeth Baxter  
Cllr Peter Cassidy  
Mr Eoin Doyle (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Samuel Glasgow  
Mr Paddy Mellon  
Cllr Ian McCrea (Chairman)

Mrs Ursula Marshall  
Mrs Aislinn Scott-McKinley  
Cllr Samuel McCartney  
Mrs Ita Pickering  
Cllr Tony Quinn  
Cllr James McGarvey  
Cllr Trevor Wilson

Mr Phonsie Eastwood

### **3. Functions of Cookstown DPP**

Cookstown DPP is a partnership between Cookstown District Council and representatives of the local community, and has been established to:

1. Consult with the community to help establish local policing priorities
2. Monitor the performance of the police against local policing plans
3. Act as a forum for discussion on matters affecting the policing of the district
4. Gain the co-operation of the public in preventing crime