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DPP Chairman Applauds Local Police on Smashing Drugs Factory

The local District Policing Partnership Chairman, Councillor Ian McCrea has welcomed the recent uncovering of a cannabis factory on the outskirts of Cookstown, describing it as another victory in the fight against the illegal supply of drugs in Cookstown and district.

Speaking on the seizure, Cllr McCrea congratulated the local PSNI on the detection of the cannabis growing 'factory' and said, "the discovery of the cannabis plants has undoubtedly dented and disrupted the supply chain of the illegal drug in our district, and given the extent of the haul will also have the effect of squeezing its availability in other districts.

Cookstown Police discovered almost 50 suspected cannabis plants along with a large quantity of equipment believed to be used for the cultivation of the plants following a search of a house and out buildings on the Corvanaghan Road in the district.

Cllr McCrea said, "the supply of illegal drugs such as cannabis has become a plague on society and any seizure, large or small, which takes them off our streets is to be welcomed. He continued, "the uncovering of the cannabis and equipment

for its cultivation served as a warning to those involved in such activity that it would not be tolerated and it was only a matter of time before police caught up with them.

The District Policing Partnership Chairman concluded by calling on anyone with information on the supply of illegal drugs and substances to contact Cookstown Police on 028 8676 6000 or 0845 600 8000.

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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)

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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