

FINAGHY FOCUS!

Autumn Edition Benmore Community Development Association

Making Positive Change in the Finaghy Area



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Policing in Partnership With the Community

Working in partnership with the Police, Housing Executive and Belfast City Council's policing and community safety partnership provides Finaghy residents with a real opportunity to engage directly with these agencies in relation to dealing with crime, drug dealing, intimidation and anti-social behaviour in this area. Finaghy Community Centre committee, Finaghy UPRG and residents from Erinvale and Orpen areas currently meet with police on a bi-monthly basis to receive police reports and statistics from the areas above. It also provides an opportunity for local residents to raise important issues with police which can hopefully be investigated.

Police aren't the only agency to deal with crime. The Housing Executive and Belfast City Council have roles to play in terms of anti-social behaviour. Working together, these agencies, in partnership with community representatives, can make a real difference in this area!

It is important that our community is informed and kept updated on crime trends. As local residents, we need to be informed of crime which is impacting in our area. We need to be given the opportunity to access crime prevention information and share it with the wider Finaghy community. This will help us to make Finaghy a safer place for all our children and vulnerable people.

Concerns in recent months has increased fears and tensions in the Finaghy area. Fear of drug dealers and sex offenders residing or working in this community is currently at the forefront of many parents concerns for the safety and wellbeing of their children.

If you have any fears or suspicions please contact police and advise them. Call police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.



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**Criminality?
Drug Dealing?
Racism?
Intimidation?
Anti-Social
Behaviour?**



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Strengthening Relationships
 Transforming Communities
 Building Trust & Confidence
 Giving Residents a Stronger Voice



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be a squealer on a drug dealer!

Protect Your Children, Family & Community! - Report all Drug Dealing directly to POLICE!



CALL POLICE on 101 (999 in an emergency) or ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 783 0137

Parents and families in the greater Finaghy area have expressed fears about drug dealers operating in this area. Nobody is exempt from prosecution so it is important that you report suspicious activity or drug dealing directly to the police. The police advise that they rely on the support of the local community to report drug dealing in order that they can begin to investigate and

gather evidence to prosecute. These low lives aren't welcome in this community and as such, we encourage all residents to report any fears or concerns, no matter how small, directly to the police. If, for whatever reason, you need help to report your concerns to police, please see our contact details on the back page of this magazine. We can report your concerns directly to police or report anonymously to crimestoppers.

Keep Drug Dealers out of Finaghy!
 Do your bit to help our community!

Report them to Police
 on 101 or dial 999
 in an emergency



Unfortunately profits made from selling drugs far outweighs the risks of being caught, so there are usually many individuals with no love or thought for the community waiting and willing to supply drugs. Drug dealers can be young, old, male or female. Drug dealers can become embedded in communities such as Finaghy & Taughmonagh. They can build a network of users or "close friends" who become reliant on his/her drugs. These "friends" are then used to reflect attention away from his/her drug dealing activities. Indeed, all too often, drug dealers garner support from within their community to question and undermine other individuals, community groups, statutory organisations and the police who are committed to tackling the scourge and dangers of drug dealing. Those with a history of drug dealing find it virtually IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP, unless they go to JAIL or undergo a SUPERVISED PROGRAMME of rehab and help.

Drug dealing is BIG MONEY! and drug dealers think it is EASY MONEY! Children and young people in this area are targets for drug dealers like this, who will cash in on their vulnerability.

Think about this...are you suspicious or aware of anyone residing in this community who could be a drug dealer?



Dont turn a blind eye to drug dealers in Finaghy!

Report them to Police on 101 or dial 999 in an emergency



**Finaghy Community Centre
 Taughmonagh Community Forum
 Benmore Community Dev Association
 Finaghy UPRG**

Community organisations and representatives not only work in partnership with the police and other agencies to deal with crime etc, they

also provide a valuable monitoring and accountability role to ensure crime, anti-social behaviour and illegal drug activity are properly dealt with and the local community kept informed of progress. For several years our partnerships have developed significant levels of trust, confidence and accountability with police and other relevant statutory agencies. All community participants are committed to entirely peaceful, law abiding means to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour issues. Community representatives accept, whilst they support and hold police

and other agencies to account in terms of delivering services, the police and other agencies are also holding community partners to account to ensure that they remain committed to operating in entirely peaceful law abiding ways. Currently there are four areas associated with our partnership, Benmore, Taughmonagh, Erinvale and Orpen.

If you are a resident in any of these areas and are interested in becoming involved in attending meetings, peaceful protest or volunteering (to deliver newssheets & leaflets etc), please contact us through any of the individuals listed below.

Benmore Policing & Community Safety Partnership

Raymond Stewart	Belfast City Council Area Community Development Officer	02890620474
Harry Smith	Benmore Resident, BCDA & Finaghy Community Centre Committee	07855471904
Colin Patterson	Benmore Resident & Finaghy UPRG representative	07746026542

Erinvale area representatives

Eddie Cairns	Erinvale Resident & Finaghy UPRG representative	07920164868
Matt	Erinvale Resident & Finaghy Community Centre Committee Volunteer	07746026542
Jamie Moore	Erinvale Resident & Finaghy UPRG representative. Facebook page	Finaghy UPRG

Orpen area representative

Anne Cochrane	Orpen Resident & Finaghy Community Centre Committee Volunteer	07742118974
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Taughmonagh Policing & Community Safety Partnership

Colin Reid	Taughmonagh Residents Association	07484806308
Norman Earle	Taughmonagh Community Forum	07798501224
William Meehan	Taughmonagh UPRG representative	07917221657

FOCUS on Finaghy UPRG

Finaghy UPRG work in the greater Finaghy area. Our core aims and objectives are to use a rights based approach to lobby on issues relevant to the needs and aspirations of the Unionist/Loyalist community in Finaghy. In doing so, we have identified a number of problems in the Finaghy area including, crime, drug dealing, anti-social behaviour, intimidation and housing problems. We are currently working in partnership with a number of community groups, residents and agencies to address these issues. We fully support police and other legitimate sources of law and order to deal with criminality, racism and anti-social behaviour. *Jamie Moore, Finaghy UPRG (please contact me through our Finaghy UPRG facebook site).*

**You can report hate crime
 by dialling 101**

**Call 999 if you think someone
 is in immediate danger**

Neighbourhood Police
Keith Johnston 07826927762
Jeff McCoy 07585979279

Look whats happening in Taughmonagh!

opening 1st October 2018!

Taughmonagh Enterprise Centre

Large Sports / Activity Hall

GYM MEMBERSHIP only £15 A MONTH! or pay as you go only £3 daily!

State of the Art Fitness Suite

Fully Equipped Weights Room



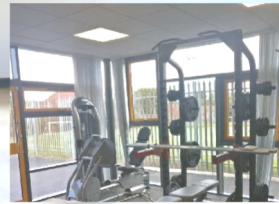
Belfast
City Council

Housing
Executive



Northern Ireland
Executive

Further information? or a quick preview?
Please contact Colin Reid at the Forum
tel 90808851



Finaghy Community Safety Partnerships

Thanks to the support of local residents, crime in the Benmore, Taughmonagh, Erinvale and Orpen areas is relatively low. Over the last 4/5 years we have witnessed a significant reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour statistics. Despite this improvement, residents must remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to police no matter how small or insignificant it may appear. All too often, residents reporting suspicious behaviour to police results in arrests being made. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK**, all we ask for in return from the police and other relevant agencies, is that they will exercise their statutory responsibilities to the fullest, whilst keeping residents informed of progress and outcomes.

Northern Ireland Housing Executive & Belfast City Council Community Safety Contacts

Examples of anti-social behaviour can range from intimidation and racism to noise and boundary disputes. In addition to nuisance to neighbours, the Housing Executive's current general conditions of tenancy stipulates that the tenant must ensure that other specific obligations are not broken. These obligations might involve for example, the state of repair and maintenance of a dwelling, or the parking of vehicles. They can, in certain circumstances, be interpreted as anti-social behaviour, if they result in nuisance or annoyance to neighbours and impact on the use and enjoyment of their home. **If you are a Housing Executive tenant and you have a specific complaint about anyone causing a nuisance in Finaghy, contact neighbourhood officer Julie McKeown at the Northern Ireland Housing Executive South & East Belfast Office as soon as possible or by mobile on 07933674065. If you live in Taughmonagh please contact Fred Reilly at the same NIHE office or by mobile on 07920519460**

Belfast City Council Community Safety Officer, Keith Addy 028 9032 0202 ext 3298 or mobile 07876 686660

Council staff will support the community to tackle anti-social behaviour like street drinking and rowdy behaviour therefore helping to reduce crime and the fear of crime. The Council will also work with local community and voluntary groups to address environmental issues such as litter, fly tipping and dog fouling. Belfast City Council also has a noise pollution section who respond to problems associated with noisy house parties etc. Excessive noise can make life a misery. It is a source of irritation and stress for many people and can interfere with your rights to peaceful enjoyment in your home. The Council can offer help and advice.

Crime?, Drug Dealing or Anti-Social Behaviour? - SEE IT?... REPORT IT!!
Report to police on 101 or anonymously on 0800555111 (Crimestoppers) or 999 in an emergency