



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council



**COUNTY GALWAY**  
**JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**  
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## **Message from the Cathaoirleach of the JPC**

As Chairperson of the County Galway Joint Policing Committee, I welcome the publication of the 2022 County Galway Joint Policing Committee Annual Report. The Report details the work that the Committee and Subcommittees have undertaken throughout the year and it is an important means of communicating the role and work of the Committee.

Throughout the past year, the Joint Policing Committee continued to play a valuable role in providing strategic linkages and strong channels of communication between An Garda Síochána, Galway County Council and the wider community in matters of policing and safety.

The Joint Policing Committee provides a level of local democratic oversight of the Gardai's work within the County. It provides a forum for the elected members, community representatives and voluntary organisations to raise matters of concern in their areas.

The Joint Policing Committee held four meetings during 2022. The first two meetings were held remotely online via Microsoft Teams, with the third meeting in September being held in person in our Council Chamber to include a visit by the Garda Commissioner and the fourth meeting, our Annual Public Meeting, being held in the Claregalway Hotel in November 2022.

I would like to thank the members of our main Joint Policing Committee and the Sub Committees for their continued work and dedication during 2022.

I wish to acknowledge the work of our former Chief Superintendent Thomas Curley who retired at the end of 2022 and wish all the best to our new Chief Superintendent, Gerard Roche, who has taken over in the role. I would also like to thank all of the members of the An Garda Síochána who attends our meetings, as well as our own Director of Services, Mr. Michael Owens, who is representing the Chief Executive, Mr. Jim Cullen, for their very valued contributions to the work of the Committee.

I would like to acknowledge the excellent level of participation by the elected and community representatives on the Committee and to each member of the Joint Policing Committee for their continuing support in fulfilling the role and purpose of the Joint Policing Committee and to Galway County Council staff for the administration of the Committee.

**Cllr. Jim Cuddy,**  
**Cathaoirleach of the County Galway Joint Policing Committee**

## Introduction: Background and legislative framework

The County Galway Joint Policing Committee was first established in 2009. It comprises of 35 members in total, including representatives of Galway County Council (elected members and officials), members of the Oireachtas in the county, An Garda Síochána and the Community and Voluntary sector.

### Legislative Background and Functions

The legislative framework for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees is set out in Section 36 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authority's administrative area.

JPCs operate under revised guidelines issued by the Policing Authority in 2022 after consultation with the Minister for Justice, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Garda Commissioner.

The functions of the Joint Policing Committees are set out in Section 36 (2) of the Garda Síochána Act, which states:

“The joint policing committee's function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area”

a) keep under review:

(i) the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs), and

(ii) the factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area,

(b) advise the local authority concerned and the Garda Síochána on how they might best perform their functions having regard to the need to do everything feasible to improve the safety and quality of life and to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within the area,

c) arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area,

d) establish, in consultation with the local Garda superintendent, as the committee considers necessary within specific neighbourhoods of the area, local policing fora to discuss and make recommendations to the committee concerning matters that it is to keep under review under paragraph

(i) or on which it is to advise under paragraph

(ii), in so far as those matters affect their neighbourhoods, and

(e) Co-ordinate the activities of local policing fora established under paragraph (d) or other

Section 37(1) also provides:

“A local authority shall, in performing its functions, have regard to the importance of taking steps to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within its area of responsibility.”

This Annual Report 2022 outlines how the County Galway Joint Policing Committee carried out its function for this period in compliance with section 36(2) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 and in accordance with the revised Joint Policing Committee guidelines.

## JPC Membership

This section details the names and organisations represented by each committee member and the position they hold on the committee.

<b>GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
Cllr. Jim Cuddy (Cathaoirleach of JPC)	Elected Representative
Cllr. Peter Roche	Elected Representative
Cllr. James Charity	Elected Representative
Cllr. Moggie Maher	Elected Representative
Cllr. Joe Byrne	Elected Representative
Cllr. Mary Hoade	Elected Representative
Cllr. Karey McHugh	Elected Representative
Cllr. Andrew Reddington	Elected Representative
An Comh. Pádraig Mac An Iomaire	Elected Representative
Cllr. PJ Murphy	Elected Representative
Cllr. Shelly Herterich-Quinn	Elected Representative
Cllr. Liam Carroll	Elected Representative
An Comh. Dáithí Ó Cualáin	Elected Representative
Cllr. Gerry King	Elected Representative
Cllr. Colm Keaveney	Elected Representative
Michael Owens	DOS, Corporate Services
Una Ni Eidhin	SSO, Corporate Services
<b>AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA</b>	
Thomas Curley	Chief Superintendent
Damien O'Flannacháin	Superintendent
Declan Roche	Inspector
Peter Conlon	Inspector
Georgina Lohan	Inspector
John Dunne	Inspector
Michael Walsh	Sergeant
Sinead Cunniffe	Sergeant
<b>MEMBERS OF THE OIREACHTAS</b>	
Deputy Anne Rabbitte	Member of the Oireachtas
Deputy Catherine Connolly	Member of the Oireachtas
Deputy Noel Grealish	Member of the Oireachtas
<b>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
Tom Madden	Duggan Park Development Committee
Aodán MacDonncha	Comhlacht Forbartha an Spidéil
Pat Flanagan	Loughrea Active Retirement Group
Gerard Larkin	Abbey Muintir na Tíre
Gerard Costello	Monivea Community Alert
Martin Ward	Western Traveller & Intercultural Development
Aileen Heverin	Galway Age Friendly Older Persons Council

## Meetings of the JPC

The County Galway JPC meetings were held on the following dates during 2022:

7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – our Annual Public Meeting

### Visit from the Garda Commissioner

The Garda Commissioner, Drew Harris, attended our September meeting following an invite from the committee, to discuss the new Policing Operating Model and other topics. He received a very warm welcome from the Committee. He detailed the progress that has been made nationally during his time in the role and he also outlined the plans that are in place for the future and what they hope to achieve going forward.



*The Garda Commission, Drew Harris, pictured with members of the County Galway Joint Policing Committee in Áras an Chontae*

## Annual Public Meeting

Our Annual Public Meeting in November was held in the Claregalway Hotel in Baile Chláir. We had over 50 in attendance on the night, with a significant amount of engagement throughout the meeting.

This was also the first meeting for our new Chief Superintendent, Gerard Roche.



*Members of the public attending our Annual JPC Meeting in the Claregalway Hotel on the 14th November 2022*

Some of the key items on the agenda were as follows:

- **Education & Awareness:**
  - Misuse of Illegal Substances
  - Road Safety (Speeding, Mobile Phone Usage, Drink/Drug Driving)
  - Bullying
  - Underage Drinking
- **Crime Prevention/Personal Safety**
  - Community Watch Text Alert Schemes
  - CCTV/Anti-Social Behaviour/Vandalism
  - Support for the victims of crime
- **Illegal Dumping & Littering**
  - County Galway 'Cleaner, Greener Galway' initiative
  - Reporting incidents of illegal dumping & littering



## Key achievements

The following are some of the key achievements and initiatives that were undertaken by our sub-committees throughout 2022:

### Illegal Dumping & Littering Sub-Committee

*The National waste priorities for 2022 were as follows:*

Construction and demolition waste

Household and Commercial waste

End of Life Vehicles and Metals

Tackling Illegal waste Activities

### *Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022*

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications developed an Anti-Dumping Initiative to work in partnership with Local Authorities and Community organisations in identifying high risk or problem areas, developing appropriate enforcement responses and carrying out clean-up operations.

The initiative is co-ordinated through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs). The Environment Section secured €88,392.57 in funding for 12 projects under the Anti-Dumping Initiative Funding for 2022:

Project No.	Name
1	Awareness Campaign regarding Bogus Waste Collectors
2	Awareness - hire of VMS signs
3	Awareness Campaign regarding unauthorized End-of-Life Vehicle collectors
4	Bulky Goods Collection
5	Bulky Goods Collection - Inishbofin
6	Waste paint collection
7	Purchase of drinking water refill stations for bathing areas
8	Reusable Coffee Cup Campaign – 2GoCup
9	Bringbanks – AV Message display devices
10	Clean up at Tirboy, Tuam
11	Clean up at Lavally Bog, Tuam
12	Clean up at Pollboy, Ballinasloe

## 12 Projects

### 1. Awareness campaign regarding Bogus waste collectors

There are several illegal waste collectors operating in County Galway. To highlight this problem, an awareness campaign was conducted, advising people not to give their waste to unauthorised collectors and the consequences of doing so was also highlighted.

Billboards were displayed at 4 different locations.

We also conducted Waste enforcement checkpoints county wide in conjunction with An Garda Síochána and Galway City Council.  
Social media campaign.  
Radio interview.

**2. Awareness – hire of VMS signs**

Electronic variable message signs displaying anti-dumping message, were hired and displayed at six locations county wide, to help raise awareness.

**3. Awareness campaign regarding unauthorized end of life vehicle collectors**

A number of unauthorized collectors are operating throughout the city and county. These collectors are offering cash for cars and are often dismantling the cars at unauthorised locations. This in turn is creating a risk of pollution.

In conjunction with the City Council, an advertisement was placed in two local newspapers, advising people of how to legally dispose of end of life vehicles. The authorised treatment facilities and the authorised collectors operating in the county were listed in the advertisements.

Advertisements were also placed on local radio to assist with the campaign.

A number of unauthorised collectors were identified through various checkpoints and inspections and files were prepared for prosecution.

**4. Bulky Goods collection** – These collections ran at our three Civic amenity sites and also, at the Barna waste facility. 75 tonnes in total was collected.

**5. Bulky goods collection on Inishboffin** 2 tonnes in total was also collected here.

**6. Waste paint collection**

A subsidised collection service was provided at our three civic amenity sites, for used paint cans.

**7. Purchase of drinking water refill stations for bathing areas**

Two drinking water refill stations were purchased for Loughrea and Portumna bathing areas, to encourage people to stop using disposable plastic bottles. People can use these stations to refill reusable water bottles.

**8. Reusable coffee cup campaign - 2GoCup**

We partnered with 2GoCup to provide a number of cafes in Loughrea / Maigh Cuilinn with reusable cups, to try to reduce the number of disposable cups in use.

**9. Bring banks – AV Message display devices**

We installed audio / visual warning devices at a number of locations, in order to try to deter dumping.

New signage was also installed at a number of sites.

**10. Clean up at Tirboy Tuam**

The site at the rear of Country Meadows was cleaned up, as it was generating a lot of complaints. 6 tonnes of waste in total was removed.

**11. Clean up at Lavally Bog Tuam -**

30 tonnes of mainly construction and demolition waste was removed from this area.

**12. Clean up at Pollboy Ballinalsoe**

29 tonnes of household waste was removed from bog drains in this area.

*Waste Presentation Bye Law Inspections*

Under the Waste Presentation Bye Laws, households are obliged to tell us how they dispose of their household waste. Waste Enforcement officers carried out inspections throughout the county over the last year.

As of November 2022, 577 inspections were carried out in the following towns:

Tuam	Monivea	Loughrea	Gort
Ballinasloe	Kilkerrin	Ros Muc	

Warning letters were sent to those without a collection service and follow up inspections were planned. After follow up inspections, it was apparent that a lot of the households are now compliant with the bye laws.

*CCTV*

The Circular Economy Bill gives Local Authorities the legal basis to use CCTV to detect and prevent illegal dumping and littering.

A statutory requirement of this bill is that a Code of Practice must be drawn up prior the use of CCTV for this purpose.

Draft Codes of Practice have been drawn up by the Local Government Management Agency. These Codes of Practice have been sent to the various stakeholders for consideration and feedback. After this process is complete the documents need to be approved by the Data Protection Commissioner. We have been advised that it will be mid 2023 before this entire process is complete.

*Checkpoints*

Galway County Council have been working with Galway City Council and An Garda Síochana, running waste enforcement checkpoints throughout the County.

Nine different checkpoints were set up at various locations during 2022.

As a result of these checkpoints, a number of offences were detected, and files were prepared for legal action.

A number of haulers were also identified transporting construction and demolition waste without the required Waste Collection Permits.

*Waste / Litter Complaints*

As of November 2022, 718 complaints were received from the start of the year, in relation to illegal dumping , litter and illegal waste activity.

*Community Warden Litter Patrols*

199 litter patrols was also carried out in 2022.

*Inspections carried out in relation to waste complaints and illegal waste activity*

990 inspections were carried out by Community Wardens and Waste Enforcement Officers.

*Notices / Warning Letters issued under the Waste Management Act / Prosecutions*

315 Notices / Warning Letters were issued as of November 2022.

43 files were referred for Prosecution.

## Education and Awareness Sub-committee

### *Areas under the remit of this Sub-Committee:*

- Road Safety
- Personal Safety
- Bullying
- Illegal Substance Abuse
- Underage Drinking
- Cyber Fraud Crime

### *During 2022, the following Initiatives were held:*

#### **1) Personal Safety**

##### ➤ **'Ask Angela' Initiative**

An Garda Síochána promoted the 'Ask Angela' Initiative. If a person is feeling unsafe/ having issues in a public house/ night club, they can seek assistance from staff/ security by saying 'Ask Angela' and An Garda Síochána can be contacted if assistance is required.

#### **2) Road Safety**

##### ➤ **'Arrive Alive' Campaign**



Galway Co. Council's, Education & Awareness – Joint Policing Sub-Committee, continued to promote the general public of their Road Safety 'Arrive Alive' initiative which advises on 'No Texting and Driving'. The Car Disc Holders are available, free of charge by contacting Galway County Council. Discs were also distributed to members of the public at the Council's Motor Tax Public Counters.

##### ➤ **'Slow Down' Campaign**

The Committee promoted a 'Slow Down' Campaign in February, '22, encouraging drivers in the countryside to drive with care and to expect the unexpected as almost 4 out of 5 road deaths occur on rural roads. Drivers were also advised to drive to the conditions and to share the road with others.



➤ **Tips for Driving on Wet Roads:**



In May, '22, the JPC Sub-Committee had the following Tips for Driving Safely in Rainy Weather on social media, for the general public:

- Drop your speed on wet roads to give yourself time to slow down, if needed.
- Avoid wet leaves – these can be dangerous as standing water.
- Watch out for floodwater on bends – if you don't know when you'll come out of the water, it might not be worth the risk of driving into it.
- Drive on the highest section of the road – you can use the edge of the kerb as an indicator of the water's depth.
- Maintain a slow steady speed as you drive through any water.
- Test your brakes as soon as you're out of the water.

### **3) Cyber Fraud Crime**

'Safer Internet Day' took place on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, and An Garda Síochána gave valuable advice to members of the public on the use of the internet by supplying information on their social media platforms and speaking on Galway Bay FM.

The Committee agreed to also examine and promote the following initiatives, during 2022:

- Anti-Bullying and Internet Safety Talks
- Education & Awareness Campaign aimed at Teenagers
- Presentation by An Garda Síochána's Protective Services Unit
- No Texting & Driving Campaign
- Presentation by An Garda Síochána's Cyber Fraud Crime Unit
- Seat-belt Wearing Initiative
- Awareness of Substance Abuse
- 'Drive on-the-Left' Wristbands



The following took place during Road Safety Week 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022:

- **Display Stand in County Hall's Atrium**



- **Road Safety Awareness Literature** available on the following:
  - Look Out! Stand Out!
  - Going to School - advice for parents & guardians
  - mobile phone and driving

- speeding
- seat belt wearing
- drink driving
- driver tiredness
- No Child Car Seat/ No Excuse
- medicines and driving
- guide to tyre safety
- cycle safety
- motorcycles/ mopeds
- child safety in cars
- motorway driving
- Driver licensing rules for drawing light trailers
- learner drivers
- roundabouts: using the correct lane
- road safety & the law in Ireland
- the correct use of lights on cars
- driving under the influence of drugs
- tyre depth gauge
- revised standards for agricultural vehicles
- Arrive Alive - Tax Disc cover

**REMEMBER – ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SEATBELT -**

**28% of all drivers and passengers killed in 2021 were NOT wearing a seatbelt!**

○ **Be Safe, Be Seen! - Campaign aimed at NUIG Students**

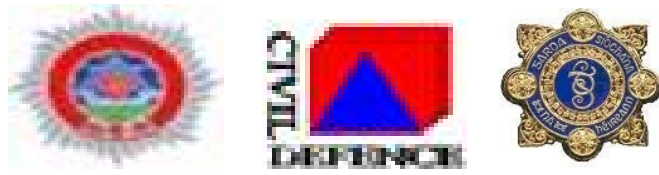
Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with NUI Galway's Students Union, ran a road safety awareness campaign encouraging students who walk or cycle to college to arrive safely.

High visibility vests were distributed to students attending the college during Road Safety Week, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority.





- **Fire Service Demonstration - Campaign aimed at Young Drivers-to-Be**



Galway Co. Council, in conjunction with Galway Fire & Rescue Service, An Cheathrú Rua; HSE Ambulance Service; Galway Civil Defence and An Garda Síochána, teamed up for a road safety awareness event aimed at teenagers at Coláiste Chroí Mhuire, An Spidéal, on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

The secondary school students who are about to become young drivers had an opportunity to experience what happens at the scene of a road traffic collision – a car dismantling demonstration took place and a person was released from a vehicle. Crew from the Fire Service, Ambulance Service and Civil Defence were present, along with An Garda Síochána, to advise the 80 plus students present.

The aim of this initiative was to raise awareness of what happens at the scene of an accident which will hopefully prevent the young drivers-to-be becoming involved in road traffic incidents that all too often result in serious injury or death.



*(Photo: Demo held at Gairmscoil na bPiarsach, Ros Muc)*

- **Specsavers Offer**



To ensure the correct vision for driving, the Road Safety Committee encouraged everyone to get a Sight Test at least every 2 years. For the month of October, '22,

Specsavers were offering standard Sight Tests for €15.00, as part of Galway Co. Council's Promotion.

- o **'Be Bright' Campaign aimed at GMIT**



Galway County Council teamed up with GMIT's Students Union and a road safety awareness campaign took place to ensure pedestrians and cyclists visibility on our roads whereby hundreds of high visibility rucksack covers, courtesy of the Road Safety Authority, were distributed to students attending the college.

- o **Cycling Training for National Schools**

A National Cycling Training Programme 'Cycle Right', in conjunction with Cycling Ireland and the Road Safety Authority, is available to all national schools in Co. Galway for the 2022/'23 school year. The training upskills young cyclists and outlines tips on safer cycling and the use of a helmet at all times. The Council provides funding to schools towards the cost of this worthwhile course.



- o **High Visibility Vests**

High visibility vests are distributed free-of-charge to members of staff and the general public, on an on-going basis, courtesy of the Galway Co. Council and the RSA.



*Photo: High Visibility Vests distribution to Ukrainians, in conjunction with Peacocks Hotel, Maam Cross, and Community Warden Thomas O'Sullivan*



## **Engagement with the Community**

Members of the JPC Committee and Sub-committees engage with the Community on an ongoing basis and this is evident from the key achievements and progress throughout the year, that is detailed in this report.

### **New Policing Operating Model**

One of the key topics in 2022 was the introduction of the new Policing Operating Model. Following engagement with the community, feedback was compiled and sent to the Garda Commissioner Drew Harris, prior to his attendance at our meeting in September 2022.

During our annual public meeting, the Conamara councillors also requested a specific meeting with the Gardaí, in relation to the changes as a result of the new operating model, for an opportunity to discuss in detail the impact that these changes are having on the community.

This meeting was agreed to and is scheduled for Q1 of 2023.

## Appendix 1: Meeting attendance

Committee Member	Total Number of Meetings Attended	Meeting 1 (Y/N)	Meeting 2 (Y/N)	Meeting 3 (Y/N)	Meeting 4 (Y/N)
<b>GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>					
Cllr. Jim Cuddy (Cathaoirleach of JPC)	4	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cllr. Peter Roche	3	N	Y	Y	Y
Cllr. James Charity	3	N	Y	Y	Y
Cllr. Michael Moegie Maher	3	Y	N	Y	Y
Cllr. Joe Byrne	1	Y	N	N	N
Cllr. Mary Hoade	4	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cllr. Karey McHugh Farag	3	Y	Y	Y	N
Cllr. Andrew Reddington	4	Y	Y	Y	Y
An Comh. Pádraig Mac An Iomaire	4	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cllr. PJ Murphy	2	N	N	Y	Y
Cllr. Shelly Herterich-Quinn	2	Y	N	N	Y
Cllr. Liam Carroll	4	Y	Y	Y	Y
An Comh. Dáithí Ó Cualáin	4	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cllr. Gerry King	4	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cllr. Colm Keaveney	3	Y	N	Y	Y
Michael Owens, DOS	3	N	Y	Y	Y
Úna Ní Eidhin	3	N	Y	Y	Y
Ita Martyn (attending on behalf of Úna Ní Eidhin)	1	Y	-	-	-
Valerie Loughnane (attending on behalf of Michael Owens)	1	Y	-	-	-
<b>AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA</b>					
Chief Supt. Thomas Curley	1	Y	N	N	-
Supt. Damien O'Flannacháin	2	N	Y	N	Y
Insp. Declan Rocke	1	N	Y	N	N
Insp. John Dunne	-	N	N	N	N
Insp. Georgina Lohan	2	Y	N	N	Y
Insp. Peter Conlon	-	N	N	N	N
Sgt. Michael Walsh	3	Y	N	Y	Y
Sgt. Sinead Cunniffe	4	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chief Supt. Gerard Roche (newly appointed at the end of 2022)	1	-	-	-	Y
Supt. Sean Glynn (attending on behalf of Chief Supt. Thomas Curley)	1	-	-	Y	-
Supt. Paudie O'Shea	2	-	-	Y	Y
Insp. Brian Ryan	1	-	Y	-	-
Insp. Conor Madden	1	-	-	-	Y
Insp. Senan Wall	1	-	-	-	Y
Insp. Adrian Queeney	1	-	-	-	Y
Insp. Brendan Moore	1	-	-	-	Y
HEO Olivia Maher	1	-	-	-	Y
<b>MEMBERS OF THE OIREACHTAS</b>					
Deputy Anne Rabbitte	-	N	N	N	N
Deputy Catherine Connolly	2	Y	N	Y	N

Deputy Noel Grealish	-	N	N	N	N
<b>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES</b>					
Tom Madden	-	N	N	N	N
Aodán MacDonncha	4	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pat Flanagan	-	N	N	N	N
Gerard Larkin	3	Y	N	Y	Y
Gerard Costello	2	Y	N	N	Y
Martin Ward	-	N	N	N	N
Aileen Heverin	-	N	N	N	N

## Appendix 2: Summary of Progress in Implementing the JPC's Work Programme

Strategic Objectives	Summarise the action taken and the progress made
<p>To Support and Promote awareness of litter management plans and initiatives, the negative impact of illegal dumping and littering and to promote and advise the public on the importance of reporting incidents of illegal dumping and littering.</p>	<p>Some of the sub-committees' main actions included the setting up of digital signs that were placed at road sides, with anti-littering/dumping messages</p> <p>Checkpoints were also conducted, in conjunction with the Gardai, to tackle the issue of illegal waste collectors and illegal dumping.</p> <p>Bulky Goods Collections were conducted throughout the year, with a total of 75 tonnes collected.</p>
<p>To increase awareness of crime prevention for communities, business, house holders and individuals.</p>	<p>Following discussion at our various JPC meetings and in particular, at our annual public meetings, Gardai have agreed to aim to re-establish the links with local community alerts groups where possible. The Crime Prevention Officer has also been active throughout the year via local and national media channels and linking with local groups with advice and to promote the latest Property Marking Equipment that is available.</p>
<p>To promote, Education and Awareness Programmes for schools on personal safety, road safety, bullying, illegal substance abuse, and underage drinking.</p>	<p>Various initiatives were promoting by the Sub-committee throughout the year, in line with their main objectives as listed.</p> <p>Amongst some of the key initiatives, they examined and promoted the setting up of an age friendly committee for the County, in conjunction with the PPN</p> <p>Anti-Bullying and Internet Safety Talks were also rolled out by Gardaí in conjunction with the schools.</p> <p>They have also started preparing information talks in relation to substance abuse, to target all ages.</p>