

STREETWISE EVENT	1st August 2017
TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	
FOR INFORMATION	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities
Outcome	Improve the health and well-being of our citizens
Lead Officer	Head of Health and Built Environment
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

School Children in the Borough become Streetwise!

During May and June of this year officers from the Health and Built Environment section of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council organised Streetwise events in partnership with a range of other agencies.

Over the 9 day period 988 primary school children from 45 schools across the Borough attended events in Limavady, Coleraine, Ballymoney and Ballycastle to be educated on the dangers that they may face in everyday life. Teaching was carried out in an interactive manner with opportunities for the children to have hands on experience of what to do in case of emergency.

Streetwise is an educational initiative to promote safety and develop personal and community awareness to prepare pupils for the transition to secondary level education. The programme aims to educate pupils to become more aware of their personal safety, home safety to avoid becoming victims of crime and to foster responsible citizenship and foster better relations with statutory agencies. Other scenarios include recycling, protecting the environment, electrical safety, bike/fire and bus safety, including information on beach safety to name but a few.

Numerous agencies give up their valuable time and resource to help us educate these pupils and equip them with life skills as they prepare for secondary education.

These included:-

PSNI Causeway Coast and Glens
Translink
RNIB
NIFRS
NIE
Maritime and Coastguard Agency
NHSCT (Health Visitors)

PSNI Road Safety
The Dogs Trust
RNLL – Life Guards
Tesco
HSENI (Farm Safety)
St John's Ambulance

We would like to extend our thanks to all involved as it would be impossible to organise and host this invaluable initiative without their continued commitment.