



Galway City Community Network
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A brief update on each of our 4 objectives is as follows:

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT EXISTING NETWORKS: over the past few weeks I have done a body of work around Business Watch culminating with the publication of a Retail Security Checklist which was supported with a crime prevention video. 2500 copies of the checklist were also printed (funded by city council) and these are being disseminated through usual fora, including a planned day of action this coming Saturday where Garda Clare Burke (Community Garda) and I will call store-to-store to hand in a copy of the checklist and a business watch checklist window sticker. See links to video and checklist below:

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05JgZwEMUfw>

Checklist: <https://www.garda.ie/en/crime-prevention/protecting-your-business/rs1-retail-security-checklist.pdf>

CYBERCRIME & FRAUD: Fraud awareness continues to be delivered through the Garda media and social media. Yesterday for example the following was posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/132121904151566/posts/773644856665931/> I continue to disseminate the fraud prevention leaflets we developed late last year along with the Fraud Smart booklets and website advice. I also have a monthly crime prevention slot on Galway Talks (Galway Bay FM) as well as a monthly Connacht Tribune, and regularly cover this topic. Frauds and Scams are becoming more popular and the public are contentiously being advised both at a local and national level.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: I've engaged with COPE Galway and other agencies such as An Post to see how we can collaborate better on joint ventures around Domestic Violence. *(Off the record I believe a new head of security is being appointed to An Post who is ex-Garda and I'm hoping we can advance our idea going forward. I've also had a long conversation with Carol from COPE about creating a 'Safe Galway', but we can discuss these matters in more detail when we next meet.)*

WATER SAFETY: I haven't done anything personally on this, but I know we discussed working with the new college students in September – feel free to add your own update to this.

Finally I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mayor Cubbard on his 2 year reign, and of course wishing his successor all the best in her term of office. You've done a great job Mike during a tough period (Covid-19), and thank you for your service to the people of Galway during that time. No doubt your commitment and dedication will continue and looking forward to working alongside you and all the other elected representatives, voluntary bodies, agencies and council in the months and years ahead.