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Clocks go back this weekend!

Sunday marks the end of British summertime. Clocks, watches, etc., should be put back an hour before retiring on Saturday night.

Honouring those who make the district safer – PAGES 36 and 37



HARVEST HUNTER . . . Spa Primary School pupil Lucy Hunter enjoyed her school's Harvest Assembly on Friday morning. Following the assembly Lucy and her friends visited local senior citizens and treated them to slices of apple tart with cream. Another photo on page 38.

Photo: Chris Halpin

'Recipe for disaster'

■ By Lisa Ramsden

RESIDENTS were forced to bail out their homes in Newcastle on Monday night when high tides, combined with torrential rain and strong winds, caused flooding along South Promenade.

At the height of the deluge, almost three feet of water was blocking the road close to the Glenada complex, with

police warnings in place.

One local man, who along with his neighbour and landlord, had no option but to try and bail out his ground floor apartment, has criticised Down District Council and the Roads Service for not providing sandbags, given the fact heavy rainfall had been predicted and weather warnings were in place.

He said he and his neighbours are angered that they were left to fend for themselves.

"The rain was pouring down, the waves were crashing onto the road and

the drains were blocked – it really was a recipe for disaster," he said.

"Where were the council workers and the Roads Service staff when all this was happening? The road had two-and-a-half feet of water on it, cars couldn't get through and we were standing in the middle of it trying to do whatever we could to keep the water away from our doors."

The resident, who asked not to be named, explained that his apartment is set back off the road and as a result the floodwaters only seeped under his front door.

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Concerns over future of local police stations

POLICE stations in Ballynahinch and Saintfield may be facing closure, local MP Jim Shannon has revealed.

The DUP politician has expressed "deep concern" that both stations are earmarked for closure.

He fears that if these two stations are shut down, then the previous closures of Killyleagh and Crossgar, combined with the more recent closure of Comber PSNI station, would mean in essence that there would be no police station between Downpatrick and Ards and none from Downpatrick to Lisburn.

"This really cannot be a good thing as there is no availability of a station and the services that it delivers. It also means less presence on the street which can never be a good thing," he said.

The MP also confirmed that he has written to police voicing his opposition to any such plans.

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