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Community Council Police Report

BEAT 42 – MID ARGYLL COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

NOVEMBER 2021

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Name of Community Councils: Lochgilphead Community Council, North Knapdale Community Council, Dunadd Community Council, Craignish Community Council, South Knapdale Community Council

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1. Foreword

This report is to serve as a guide to Police activity and the type of demand within the relevant council areas. Its content is there to help support discussion at the meeting with your policing representative. As directed within the body of the email, all questions and enquires should be directed to the representative attached to your local council. They will be copied into the report when it is sent.

We are fortunate to live in a rural part of the world, with small communities that know one another. As such, the detail, in the report is deliberately lacking in specific content, except where a press release has been undertaken. This is to maintain the anonymity of victims of crime. Should councils wish for more precise work to be done on specific locations, i.e. identified trouble spots and the demand they create, you would need to link with your representative to facilitate this work.

Depending on the council area, you may see more or less crime than would usually be detailed in any previous reports. This is because we work under 'Beat Areas' when reviewing crime. Some council areas might cross these beat boundaries, i.e. Tayvallich is in Beat 42, which also encapsulates Lochgilphead, so their council report will show more crime than it would have previously seen. This does not translate to a sudden crime spike, but rather shows a more informative view of this part of Mid Argyll. Where two councils fall under the same beat, one report will be produced to cover both.

2. Crimes, Incidents & Demand

During September 2021 there were 360 calls to Police for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands policing area. Of these, 83 of the calls for service during this time period related to the Mid Argyll beat area.

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These calls include: 1 x Public Nuisance Report, 6 x Disturbance Reports, 1 x Noise Complaint, 1 x Communications Act, 1 x Lost/Found Property, 3 x Information Report, 1 x False Calls, 11 x Assist Member of Public, 3 x Assist External Agency, 2 x Bail Checks, 1 x Fraud Incident, 2 x Theft, 2 x Suspect Persons, 2 x Vandalism, 1 x Animal Welfare, 4 x Missing Person, 1 x Sudden Death, 3 x Domestic Incidents, 3 x Dropped 999 Calls, 2 x Welfare Concerns, 20 x Road Traffic.

During October 2021 there were 353 calls to Police. Of these, 84 of the calls for service during this time period related to the Mid Argyll beat area.

These calls include: 2 x Intruder Alarms, 8 x Drug Related, 1 x Public Nuisance Report, 1 x Disturbance Reports, 1 x Neighbour Dispute, 1 x Communications Act, 1 x Information Report, 1 x Found/Lost Property, 4 x Suspicious Persons, 10 x Assist Member of Public, 2 x Assist External Agency, 3 x Fraud Incidents, 2 x Theft, 3 x Assaults, 5 x Animal Welfare, 1 x Missing Person, 3 x Domestic Incidents, 5 x Dropped 999 Calls, 5 x Welfare Concerns, 1 x Child Protection, 1 x Search & Rescue, 14 x Road Traffic.

The above demand has translated into the following crimes being recorded for the two month period. Where there has been a release to the press, this has been included to provide more context:

** It is to be noted that not every call to Police will result in a crime being raised. Equally, crimes can be raised without a call being received.*

02/09 – Vandalism;

02/09 – Drink Drive;

Fail to Stop Following Accident: about 12.30pm on Friday 3rd September, at Colchester Square, Lochgilphead, a vehicle allegedly collided with another car before leaving the locus without exchanging details. Investigation by Police has located the car and driver. Enquiries continue prior to an appropriate disposal;

Vandalism: between 7.00pm on Tuesday 31st August and 12.00pm on Thursday 2nd September, at Letter Daill, Cairnbaan, unknown persons have scratched the bonnet of a red Renault Clio. Police are investigating the matter;

02/09 – Vandalism

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Drunk Driver, Dangerous Driving, Failing to Stop for Police: about 11.30pm on Thursday 2nd September, on Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, a man (38) was allegedly driving a car when Police attempted to stop the vehicle. The man failed to stop his vehicle when requested, before driving it dangerously and crashing it into a wall. The male was arrested and allegedly provided a positive breath test. The man was charged with all three offences and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

13/09 – Theft;

14/09 – Attempted Fraud;

Abusive Behaviour: about 11.50pm on Tuesday 14th September, at MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead, Police were called to an ongoing disturbance. Whilst there a female, 31, was allegedly shouting and swearing at officers and refused to desist when challenged. The woman was arrested and charged with the offence detailed. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Drug Possession & Drug Driving: about 10.00pm on Friday 17th September, on the A83, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Police on patrol had cause to stop a vehicle and search a 48 yr old male under Misuse of Drugs legislation. As a result of that search the male was allegedly found in possession of 5.8 grams of Cannabis. The man has been charged with the offence of possessing a controlled substance and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. The male driver of the same vehicle, 46, was also allegedly found in possession of a controlled substance and failed a roadside test for drug driving. The male was arrested and evidential blood samples have been taken to determine the level of impairment. This male was reported for possession of a controlled substance and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal once results are known;

17/09 – Possession of a Controlled Substance;

Drugs: about 9.00pm on Saturday 18th September, at Patterson Street, Lochgilphead, Police on patrol had cause to stop and search a 21 yr old male under Misuse of Drugs legislation. As a result of that search the male was allegedly found in possession of 2.5 grams of Cannabis. The man has been charged with the offence of possessing a controlled substance and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

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18/09 – Careless/Inconsiderate Driving;

Vandalism: about 1100 hours on Saturday 18th September at Tesco car park in Lochgilphead, a black Audi Q7 was parked next to the tyre pump. The driver went into the shop and when returning 5 minutes later observed two scratches, which looked purposefully and freshly done with a key or another sharp tool, on the driver's door. Police are investigating the matter;

24/09 – Possession with Intent to Supply a Controlled Substance;

24/09 – Malicious Communications;

27/09 – Possession of a Controlled Substance;

28/09 – Failure to Report an Accident;

28/09 – Vandalism;

28/09 – Abusive Behaviour;

29/09 – Theft;

02/10 – Possession of a Controlled Substance;

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03/10 – Theft;

05/10 – Abusive Behaviour to a Shop Worker;

05/10 – Drink Driving;

05/10 – Possession of a Controlled Substance;

05/10 – Possession of a Controlled Substance;

06/10 – Possession of a Controlled Substance;

09/10 – Theft;

09/10 – Possession of a Controlled Substance;

14/10 – Fraud;

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17/10 – Abusive Behaviour;
20/10 – Possession of a Controlled Substance;
21/10 – Attempted Possession of a Controlled Substance;
21/10 – Assault;
21/10 – Theft;
24/10 – No Insurance;
25/10 – Failure to Report an Accident;
26/10 – Possession of a Controlled Substance;
27/10 – Possession of a Controlled Substance;
27/10 – Assault;
29/10 – Assault;
31/10 – Possession of a Controlled Substance;
31/10 – No Insurance;
31/10 – Sexual Assault;
31/10 – Drug Driving.

3. Local Police Plan 2020-23

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/1nvfendn/argyll-bute-local-policing-plan-2020-2023.pdf>

Oban, Lorn & the Isles, Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islands is one of three command areas in Argyll & West Dunbartonshire

Priorities

The priorities for your area are decided by data from our strategic assessment which details threats and risks, and also from feedback from local authorities, partners, and

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residents in the Your Police Survey <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/surveys/your-police-2020-2021/>

- Serious organised crime
- Acquisitive crime
- Road safety and road crime
- Violent crime
- Public protection

You can read more information about how these priorities are decided and how officers work with the local council and partners to improve your community and address these issues, in the Argyll and Bute Local Policing Plan.

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie is the local Area Commander in charge of the Response Officers, Community Officers, and Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Department, who work in the stations situated throughout our Policing Area. Underneath her is Community Inspector Paul Collins, who leads much of our stakeholder engagement and day to day operational processes.

You can email your local team by clicking on your area below. You can also follow your local teams on Twitter where they post about how they are policing your community.

Important: please note the email addresses and social media channels are not for reporting crime and are not monitored 24/7.

Kintyre: KintyreTheIslandsCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Mid Argyll: MidArgyllCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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Campbeltown: ArgyllDunbartonshireLPTCampbeltown@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Lochgilthead: ArgyllDunbartonshireLPTLochgilthead@scotland.pnn.police.uk

4. Forthcoming events

As per the previous circulations last month relating to awareness around Fraud and COP 26.

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