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# Community Council Police Report

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MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & ISLANDS (MAKI)

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## **MAKI COMMUNITY COUNCIL POLICE REPORT**

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### **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. Should the Community Council have concerns that they wish to raise with the Police or advice that they are seeking, these can either be raised with the officer that attends the meeting, or directly with Sgt Shaw, who oversees the production of this correspondence.

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.

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**Your Local Team**

Chief Inspector Simon Shanks 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 him is Community Inspector Karen MacLennan, who leads much of our stakeholder engagement and day to day operational processes.

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.**

Should you wish to contact the Communities Team, please link with Sgt Matt Shaw on the following email: [matthew.shaw@scotland.police.uk](mailto:matthew.shaw@scotland.police.uk)

**1. Crimes, Incidents & Demand**

MAKI policing area is divided in different 'beats' for recording crime and calls for service. The beats for MAKI area are listed below and the applicable councils within them attached detailed.

<b>Beat</b>	<b>Councils Served</b>
<b>LB35 &amp; LB36</b>	Campbeltown Community Council
<b>LB37</b>	West Kintyre Community Council Southend Community Council Laggan Community Council Gigha Community Council
<b>LB38</b>	East Kintyre Community Council
<b>LB39, 40, 41</b>	Islay Community Council

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	Jura Community Council
<b>LB42</b>	Lochgilphead Community Council North Knapdale Community Council Dunadd Community Council Craignish Community Council South Knapdale Community Council
<b>LB43</b>	Furnace Community Council West Loch Fyne Community Council Inveraray Community Council
<b>LB44</b>	Tarbert Community Council
<b>LB45</b>	Ardrishaig Community Council

The following lists detail the service demand and crimes that have occurred within the previous month for each of the respective beat areas. Where there has been a release to the press, this has been included to provide more context.

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**LB35/36:** Has had **184** calls for service over the month of March 2024 and April 2024. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **39** crimes being recorded including those of dishonesty, crimes against the person, animal related calls and road traffic offences.

### **The press releases for this area were:**

#### **Attempted Theft**

Between 8 am and 6 pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, on Longrow, Campbeltown, at the junction of Aqualibrium Avenue, a flat has been entered by unknown persons and search potentially taken place within for property of value. Police are investigating this matter and appealing for witnesses.

#### **Possession With Intent to Supply**

At 2.45 pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, at Hillside Road, Campbeltown, Police conducted a Misuse of Drugs Act Warrant. During the course of this warrant it is alleged that 70 grams of Cocaine, £1340 and paraphernalia connected with drug supply were seized. A 26 yr old man was arrested in connection with this warrant, subsequently being charged with the offence detailed. He has been released on Undertaking and a case has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

#### **Threatening & Abusive Behaviour**

At 11.15am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, at Burnside Street, Campbeltown, Police were called to a report of a man allegedly making abusive statements to an employee at one of the shops. Following investigation, a man, 45, was arrested and charged in connection with this offence, being released on Undertaking to attend court at a later date.

#### **Threatening & Abusive Behaviour**

At 10pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, at High Askomil, Campbeltown, Police were called to a report of a woman allegedly banging on windows and shouting at the occupiers of a residence, causing them fear. A woman 60 was arrested and charged in connection with this offence, being released on Undertaking to attend court at a later date.

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### **Malicious Communications**

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April in Campbeltown, Police were called to a report of a woman receiving a voicemail whereby the message was allegedly threatening in nature. Following investigation, another woman, 50 yrs, was arrested and interviewed regarding the matter. She was subsequently charge with the offence detailed and has been released on Undertaking to attend Court at a later date.

### **Possession of Controlled Substance**

At 11 pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, at Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, Officers on foot patrol have had cause to attend and address following suspicions that Cannabis was at the location. Upon engagement with the householder, it is alleged that they were found to be in possession of 2.2 g Cannabis. The man, 50 yrs, was offered and accepted a Recorded Police Warning.

### **Dangerously Out of Control Dog**

At 8.20pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, on Hutcheon Road, Campbeltown it has been reported to Police that woman was walking her dogs on a lead when another dog has attacked them causing injury to the extent that one required treatment at a vet. Police were called and the owner of the alleged attacking dog, a man, 41 yrs, has been charged with the offence detailed. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

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**LB37:** Has had **59** calls for service over the months of March and April. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **9** crimes being recorded. These crimes included road traffic matters, fraud, animal related calls and communications offences.

**Press releases were:**

**None**

**LB38:** Has had **11** calls for service over the months of March and April. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **0** crimes being recorded.

**The press releases were:**

**None**

**LB39/40/41 (Isles of Islay & Jura)** - had **69** calls for service over the months of March and April. When reviewed by Beat the breakdown is as follows:

**Beat 39** had **30** of these calls, 2 with the crime recorded being:

Road traffic and Fraud

**Beat 40** had **20** of these calls, 5 with the crime recorded being:

Public Nuisance and Fraud

**Beat 41** had **19** of these calls, with 3 of the crime recorded being;

Assault and Public Nuisance

**The press release for this area were:**

**None**

**LB42:** Has had **176** calls for service over the months of March and April. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **35** crimes being recorded. These crimes included

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Assault, Communications Offences, Animal related calls, Road Traffic and crimes of dishonesty.

**The press releases for this area were:**

### **Possession of Controlled Substance**

At 8 pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, at Manse Brae, Lochgilphead Officers on foot patrol have had cause to stop two youths and search them under Misuse of Drugs Act Powers. It is alleged that one male, 17 yrs, was found in possession of 0.2g of Cannabis, and the other, male, 16 yrs, in possession of 0.3 g of Cannabis. Both males were offered and accepted a Recorded Police Warning.

### **Threatening & Abusive Behaviour**

At 8.15 pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, at Dochas Place, Lochgilphead, a group of teenagers containing boys and girls, has caused a disturbance before running towards an elderly pedestrian whilst one of them brandished a long metal washing pole, causing fright and distress. Police are investigating this matter and appealing for witnesses. Should you have information, please phone us on 101, anonymously through Crimestoppers (online or by phone: 0800 555 111), or email us using the 'Contact Us' form on Police Scotland's website. Please quote crime reference CR/0098445/24.

### **Housebreaking, Theft of Motor Vehicle, Possession of Controlled Substance**

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, Police in Lochgilphead received report of break-ins and thefts from Scottish Water Sewage Works and Kilmory Nursery, with a car allegedly being stolen from the first location and driven to the second site, dumped and then a second car stolen. Following investigation, the second missing vehicle was located at a local address and a 34 yr old male arrested. It is alleged that other items stolen within the two break-ins were found in possession of the man. The man was charged with the offences detailed, being held custody to present before the next available court.

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### **Possession of Controlled Substance**

At 6 pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, on A83, near Castleton, Officers on patrol have had cause to stop a vehicle and search it and the occupants under Misuse of Drugs Act Powers. It is alleged that a 28 year old male was found in possession of 4.5 g Cannabis. He was offered and accepted a Recorded Police Warning.

### **Possession of Controlled Substance, Attempt Pervert Course of Justice, Arrest on Warrant**

At 1 pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, Officers on foot patrol have had cause to stop a man and search them under Misuse of Drugs Act Powers. It is alleged that a 29 year old male was found in possession of 58.6 g Cannabis. During the interaction it is alleged the man gave false details to try in attempt to avoid officers finding out that there was a warrant out for his arrest. The man has been charged with the offences detailed and was held to present before the next available court.

### **Drug Driving & Possession of Controlled Substance**

At 3pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, at Lochgair on the A83, Police on patrol located a single car accident. Upon engagement it is alleged that the male driver showed signs of impairment, leading to a search under the Misuse of Drugs Act. It is alleged that 0.4g of Cocaine was located. The man, 28 yrs, was arrested for both offences and evidential blood samples have been taken for review of impairment. A case has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

### **Possess Controlled Substance, Pervert Course of Justice & Breach of Bail**

At 12pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, on the A816 near to Cairnbaan, Police were called to a report of a male acting suspiciously. Officers located the male involved and had cause to search him under the Civic Government Act (looking for stolen property). During the source of this search and subsequent checks it is alleged that the man was found in possession of a bottle of medication, suspected to be Methadone, provided false details to Police and was found to be in breach of court bail conditions. It is also alleged that the male was wanted for outstanding warrants, issued by the court. The man, 30 yrs, was arrested for the offences detailed, charged and held to present before the next court. A case has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

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### **Breach of Bail**

A 10.30 on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, at the Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead, Police on patrol sighted a male exiting the hotel that allegedly had live bail conditions not to attend the location. A man, 25yrs, was arrested and charged for the offence detailed and has been held in Police Custody to present before the next available court.

**LB43:** Has had **65** calls for service over the months of March and April. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **12** crimes being recorded. These crimes included Road Traffic, Drugs, animal related calls and crimes of dishonesty.

### **Press releases for this area were:**

None

**LB44:** Has had **26** calls for service over the months of March and April. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **4** crimes being recorded. These crimes included Road Traffic and Vandalism.

### **Press release for this area:**

### **Vandalism**

Between 4pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April and 8.50am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, at Tarbert Academy, Tarbert, unknown person/s have smashed two windows at the school. Police are investigating this matter and appealing for witnesses. Should you have information, please phone us on 101, anonymously through Crimestoppers (online or by phone: 0800 555 111) or email us using the 'Contact Us' form on Police Scotland's website. Please quote crime reference CR/0138270/24.

**LB45:** Has had **29** calls for service over the months of March and April. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **4** crimes being recorded. These crimes included drugs and crimes against the person

### **The press release for this area:**

None

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### 2. Local Police Plan

**The new Policing Plan for your local area is currently under review and we want to have it shaped by you.**

Police Scotland wants to know and understand the views of Scotland's diverse communities. One of the ways the service listens and understands the views of people living here is the Your Police survey.

[Your Police 2023-24](#) is live on their Engagement Hub and Police Scotland is inviting anyone to take part.

The survey is open all year and asks about your experiences of feeling safe in your community and what you think about the police. The survey also aims to help the police understand more about your experiences of interacting with them. The police will make decisions using the insights gathered through the survey to help inform local service delivery. It's about all of us working together to improve safety and wellbeing in communities throughout Scotland.

Everyone is invited to take part, even if you have taken part previously. This is your opportunity to shape policing in your local area. Responses are reviewed regularly and reports are shared each month with the Police Scotland Executive. Senior management teams in local areas use what you say in the survey to respond to local needs and priorities.

Take part in the survey here: <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2023-2024/consultation/intro/>

An easy read and British Sign Language version of the survey is also available via the above link.

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### 3. Forthcoming events & Announcements of Note



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**Dogs pose a serious threat to livestock, particularly young lambs and calves.**

If you find a field with young animals in it on your walk, please ensure you choose an alternative route.

- Keep dogs in sight, on a lead and under control around livestock.
- Where possible avoid livestock as they can be dangerous - release your dog if threatened.
- Choose alternative routes rather than through fields of young calves or lambs.
- Leave gates as you find them.

**It is a criminal offence to allow your dog to attack or worry livestock on agricultural land. Failure to control your dog can result in a fine up to £40,000 or a 12-month prison sentence.**

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### Police Station – Public Consultations

We're looking for your views on proposals to close the current Oban Police Station and create a new co-location facility. This would maintain our presence within Oban, but with the view to modernising our infrastructure, whilst sharing the new building with other key partners that are involved in the care of and service to the public.

Do you have a view on this? If so read more about our plans and provide your feedback at <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/involving-you-in-the-future-of-our-estate/>

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**We are now recruiting police officers to support our rural communities.**

As a police officer in Argyll and West Dunbartonshire, you will often be the first responder to incidents, and you will quickly see how your actions can help people at their time of need.

If a career where you can make a real difference appeals to you, we want to hear from you.

We are looking for recruits of all ages and backgrounds, but you do have to be physically fit, hold a valid driving license and be 18 years of age or over.



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