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Community Council Report Covering Oban, Lorn, Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands – Covering July 2024					
Service Demand & Recorded Crimes Per Beat Area		LB23/24 Calls: 218, Crimes: 51	LB25 Calls: 31, Crimes: 5	LB26 Calls: 18, Crimes: 2	LB27 Calls: 79, Crimes: 13
LB28 Calls: 62, Crimes: 16	LB29 Calls: 10, Crimes: 0	LB30 Calls: 22, Crimes: 9	LB31 Calls: 11, Crimes: 2	LB32 Calls: 13, Crimes: 5	LB33 Calls: 5, Crimes: 1
LB34 Calls: 9, Crimes: 0	LB35/36 Calls: 72, Crimes: 33	LB37 Calls: 30, Crimes: 6	LB38 Calls: 11, Crimes: 0	LB39 Calls: 14, Crimes: 2	LB40 Calls: 17, Crimes: 6
LB41 Calls: 10, Crimes: 0	LB42 Calls: 108, Crimes: 32	LB43 Calls: 33, Crimes: 9	LB44 Calls: 15, Crimes: 18	LB45 Calls: 25, Crimes: 7	Total Calls: 813, Crimes: 217
Beat Area	OLI Councils Served	Beat Area	MAKI Councils Served		
LB23 & L24	Oban Community Council	LB35 & LB36	Campbeltown Community Council		
LB25	Luing Community Council Isle of Seil & Easdale Community Council Isle of Colonsay Community Council Kilmore & Kilbride Community Council Kilmelford & Kilninver Community Council	LB37	West Kintyre Community Council Southend Community Council Laggan Community Council Gigha Community Council		
LB26	North Connel Community Council Ledaig Community Council Benderloch Community Council Barcaldine Community Council Ardchattan Community Council	LB38	East Kintyre Community Council		
LB27	Dunbeg Community Council Connel Community Council Taynuilt Community Council	LB39, 40, 41	Islay Community Council Jura Community Council (included within Beat 39)		
LB28	Dalmally Community Council Avich & Kilchrennan Community Council Glen Orchy & Innishail Community Council	LB42	Lochgilphead Community Council North Knapdale Community Council Dunadd Community Council Craignish Community Council South Knapdale Community Council		
LB29	Appin Community Council Lismore Community Council	LB43	Furnace Community Council West Loch Fyne Community Council Inveraray Community Council		
LB30, LB31, LB33 & LB34	Isle of Mull Community Council Isle of Iona (included within Beat 34)	LB44	Tarbert Community Council		
LB32	Isle of Tiree Community Council Isle of Coll Community Council	LB45	Ardrisaig Community Council		




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Local Policing Priority	Local Good News	How can you help?
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<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #1a3d4d; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px; margin-right: 10px;">  <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">ACQUISITIVE CRIME</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #1a3d4d; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; font-size: 0.9em;"> <p>You identified homes being broken in to as a priority</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #1a3d4d; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; font-size: 0.9em; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>We have also identified fraud as a priority</p> </div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 crimes relating to theft – with no emergent patterns identified; 13 recorded Frauds in the month of July – these continue to primarily be through online methods and by phone – remember, be fraud aware, the phone and internet is an access point for criminals into your home/private life; Rogue trading – MAKI & OLI area was recently targeted by tradesmen going door to door offering to tarmac drives. As a result of community feedback a number of vehicles were intercepted. This has led to a vehicle being seized for no insurance, along with two people being arrested for Immigration and Road Traffic Offences, who were held in Police custody to present before the next available court. Further, witnesses have come forward providing evidence of 	<p>Your local police would like for your Community Council to help us by following us on our social media channels and help us spread crime prevention advice and guidance.</p> <p>Have you thought about starting your own Neighbourhood Watch Group?</p> <p>Rogue Trading Advice from Trading Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you do want work done, get quotes from reliable tradesmen and take your time to choose. A reputable trader will be happy to let you do this; To find a reputable tradesman ask friends and neighbours for recommendations;



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	<p>potential offences under the Consumer Contracts Regulations 2013. All this information is being collated and passed to Trading Standards for their review;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have received reports of a male in the OLI area going door to door asking for scrap metal. Anyone that does this requires a licence to undertake such work, otherwise they commit a Criminal Offence. You can check whether the person is a legitimate scrap trader through accessing the register on the SEPA website. Please report any suspicious activity of this nature to SEPA on 0300 099 6699.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phone a local company, get a quote and fix a date and time. That way, you know the caller is genuine;• Don't part with any money or a deposit unless you are sure you want to buy;• Never pay the full amount or a large deposit up front;• Ask for a detailed receipt with the trader's full address and telephone number on it;• Beware of traders who will only accept cash or are prepared to 'do a deal' for cash;• NEVER accept any offers of a lift to the bank or building society to get money for the trader.
 <p>ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME</p> <p>You identified road safety as a priority</p> <p>We identified drink / drug driving and reducing road casualties as priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 56 crimes relating to road traffic offences within the time period;• Police Scotland is developing a program of driving initiatives for older drivers to help test check their standards of driving and give advice around safer driving practices. Look out for these initiatives being advertised in your areas in the coming months;• Unfortunately, further serious road traffic collisions have occurred in the area with a fatality of a motorcyclist on both the A85 and A83 in July. Our Road Policing Department continues to undertake patrols and safety initiatives on these roads and they are recognised hot spots for speed checks.	<p>Your local police would like for your Community Council to help us with ensuring Road Safety by reporting anyone who is suspected of drink or drug driving within your community either in person via 101 or via crime stoppers online:</p> <p>Crimestoppers in Scotland Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org) 0800 555 111</p>

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 <p>VIOLENT CRIME</p> <p>You identified violent crime as a priority</p> <p>We have also identified domestic abuse as a priority</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 common assaults and 0 serious assaults recorded over the month;• Whilst assaults have come down, drink related Threatening & Abusive Behaviour continues to be a factor in our town centres on the weekends, especially when the weather is hot. We are working hard with licensees to address this;• We are continuing to target Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) within our local policing plans and set specific patrol measures every weekend. Specific measures have been put in place covering Summer Anti-Social Behaviour in town centres.	<p>Your local police would like for your Community Council to help us with tackling Violent Crime by reporting any ASB or community concerns either in person via 101 or via crime stoppers online:</p> <p>Crimestoppers in Scotland Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org) 0800 555 111</p>
 <p>PUBLIC PROTECTION</p> <p>You identified protecting children and adults at risk of harm as a priority</p> <p>We identified missing persons, sexual crime and the management of registered sex offenders as priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Protection has numerous strands to it, ranging from concerns about a neighbour who might not be coping with their mental health to serious sexual assaults. The below figures relate to our more common call types during the month: Missing Person Calls – 11; Concern for Person calls – 33; Child Protection Calls – 4; Sexual Offences Calls – 2;• Context Information: Concern for person calls tend to be from members of the public and partner agencies relating to a concern that someone might have mental health issues, behaving erratically or has gone missing. Many of our Missing Person calls start off as a 'Concern for Person'. Police work hard to understand this demand type and ensure it is channelled to the correct agencies as, often, other agencies should be attending first, like Crisis Teams, Ambulance, Care Workers etc. We work hard to try and reduce our footprint in these areas to prevent	<p>Report to your local Police any concerns you may have regarding potential victims of Domestic Abuse or vulnerable persons, who may be being exploited or who may just need additional crime prevention support. Please report this to us either in person or anonymously.</p>

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stigmatising those that wouldn't necessarily want or require contact from the Police.

Issues & Questions Raised by Community Councils & Coucillors to the Communities Team in July 2024

**N.B. Where the issue is applicable to a section above, this is included there*

You Raised...

- 1) Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council raised concern re driving standards in the area and people parking in passing places, causing disruption. Advice was provided on a number of requested topics as well as patrols tasked in the area to address any issues observed;
- 2) Mossfield Stadium, Oban, has been raised through partner agencies with regards to anti-social behaviour at the site. We are meeting with the ASB Coordinator from Argyll & Bute Council this month to review a strategy to solve this problem;
- 3) Mull Community Council have asked for a Fraud input to develop an article on the subject area – local officers have been approached and will be assisting;
- 4) Oban Community Council has asked for greater data analysis on the figures provided at the top of this document. Due to the size of our population areas, number of calls, and the way legislative crime recording works, individual breakdowns for areas in great detail would be, i) too time consuming making it impracticable, ii) provide limited ability to review/identify trends (1 incident might have 5 crimes attached to it, i.e. officers stopping a car that has no insurance, no MOT, is speeding, the driver has no licence and they also have Cannabis on them). Without detailed context it won't be evident that this is an isolated crime spike. This kind of issue accounts for why the Beat Code LB44 has had a sudden spike in crime this month. By looking at the whole of MAKI and OLI area these artificial spikes are subsumed into the wider data, providing a more accurate picture on demand. **This slightly more in-depth look will be provided in documents produced for the Area Planning Groups (that Community Councils attend), which will mirror this format, but have more analysis within them.** This will review trends for the MAKI & OLI areas. In looking at this wider picture, this is Police Scotland acknowledging that trends and activity within the areas we cover are rarely unique to one geographical locality and often impact across Community Council borders. Again, should Community Councils wish for more specific data work to take place on a given problem in their area, please contact us and it will be considered. As stated, before such work, we would need a rationale for why this is required and what would be done with the data once obtained.

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Useful Links/Contacts:

- **Argyll and Bute Communitiy Directory** - <https://abcd.scot/> - this excellent site signposts you to all available services in your area, be it advocacy, counselling, debt advice or animal welfare;
- **Crimestoppers** – [Crimestoppers in Scotland | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) 0800 555 111
- **Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime** – www.scottishparc.co.uk
- **Women’s Aid** - [Home - Women's Aid \(womensaid.org.uk\)](http://www.womensaid.org.uk)
- **Citizens Advice** – 0808 164 6000 & <https://www.abcab.org.uk/> - Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau is a local, independent charity which provides free, impartial and confidential advice and information to give you the tools you need to sort out any issues or problems;
- **Argyll and Bute Council Trading Standards** – 01546 605 519
- **Argyll and Bute Council** – <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-council/how-contact-us>
- **Transport Scotland** – road related incidents and road closures - <https://www.traffic.gov.scot/traffic-information/incidents>
- **Scottish Water** - <https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/Help-and-Resources/Contact-Us> 0800 0778 778
- **NHS24 (including mental health support)** – 111 or <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>
- **Scam Share Bulletin** [Trading Standards Scotland Bulletin 6 June \(mailchi.mp\)](https://www.tradingstandards.scot.gov.uk/bulletin-6-june)
- **Age Scotland- Demetia Information and help-** <https://www.agescotland.org.uk/>
- **Neighbourhood Watch** - sign up to to receive local alerts and bulletins for your community area - <https://neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/#0>
- **Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)** - <https://www.sepa.org.uk/> - for pollution, environmental safety, flooding, waste disposal/carrying enquiries

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- X (formerly Twitter) – PSOSArgyllBute and PSOS ArgWestDunb

Please contact the officer below with any feedback or concerns raised at the meeting for further considerations or police action.

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