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Community Council Report Covering Mid Argyll and Kintyre 1 st – 31 st August 2025						
Service Demand & Recorded Crimes Per Beat Area		LB35 Calls:93 Crimes:66	LB36 Calls :31 Crimes: 11	LB37 Calls: 38 Crimes12	LB38 Calls: 9 Crimes: 2	
LB42 Calls:136 Crimes:45	LB43 Calls: 32 Crimes: 16	LB44 Calls : 17 Crimes:2	LB45 Calls : 37 Crimes:10		Total Calls:393: Crimes: 162	
Beat Area	MAKI Councils Served		Beat Area	MAKI Councils Served		
LB35 & LB36	Campbeltown Community Council		LB42	Lochgilphead Community Council North Knapdale Community Council Dunadd Community Council Craignish Community Council South Knapdale Community Council		
LB37	West Kintyre Community Council Southend Community Council Laggan Community Council Gigha Community Council		LB43	Furnace Community Council West Loch Fyne Community Council Inveraray Community Council		
LB38	East Kintyre Community Council		LB44	Tarbert Community Council		
			LB45	Ardishaig Community Council		

Local Policing Priority	Local Good News	How can you help?
 SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME You identified drug dealing / drug misuse as a priority We identified human trafficking as a priority	13 seizures of class B drugs 1 seizure of class C drugs On Thursday 21st August a drugs warrant was executed at Brodie Crescent in Lochgilphead. A 26 year old female was found in possession of Class B drugs, for which she was issued a Recorded Police Warning.	Help us keep these drugs off your streets - stop drug related crime by reporting any suspicions you may have either in person or anonymously via 101 or via crime stoppers online: Crimestoppers in Scotland Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org) 0800 555 111

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ACQUISITIVE CRIME You identified homes being broken in to as a priority We have also identified fraud as a priority	There were a total of 11 acquisitive crimes reported during August in MAKI. These figures include: • 3 reports of Theft • 2 reports of Theft Shoplifting • 3 reports of Fraud • 1 report of attempted Fraud • 1 report of Theft by OLP • 1 report of Theft Motor Vehicle An 18 year old male has been cautioned and charged with Theft Shoplifting, reported to have occurred at the County Garage, Millknowe, Campbeltown, on the afternoon of Saturday the 2nd August. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. On the 8th August a resident of Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown reported to Police that two pedal Boardman Pedal Cycles (one mountain bike and one road bike) had been stolen from an insecure outbuilding at the rear of their premises. The Theft is believed to have occurred in the previous 2 months. A witness appeal was placed in the local newspaper. Following the report of a Theft Motor Vehicle from Wallace Way, Lochgilphead, on the evening of Friday 15th August 2025, the vehicle was traced a short time later on the A816 near to Ardfarn. A 26 year old was subsequently arrested and charged with taking and driving away a motor vehicle, drink driving, driving without a licence and driving without valid insurance. The male was kept in custody to appear at Court on Monday 18th August 2015.	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.
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 You identified road safety as a priority We identified drink / drug driving and reducing road casualties as priorities	There were a total of 31 road traffic offences recorded in MAKI during the month of August. • One report of driving without a license • One report of driving with a provisional license • Three reports of person driving whilst unfit • Three reports of careless driving • Four persons have been charged with speeding, three of which were issued Endorsable conditional offers and another was reported to the Procurator Fiscal. • Three reports of driving with no insurance • Three reports of driving with no MOT During the early hours of the morning on Sunday 3rd August 2025, Police stopped at vehicle whilst on a routine patrol at Minard on the A83. The 34 year old male driver was found to be under the influence and was also found in possession of Class B Drugs. The driver was arrested and cautioned and charged with driving whilst unfit, and possession of Class B Drugs. The Circumstances have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.	Police Scotland aim to reduce the number of Road Traffic Collisions on Scotland's Roads. Despite the new drink drive limit coming into effect on the 5th December 2014 Police are continuing to detect people driving over the prescribed limit. We would encourage members of the public to report anyone they suspect of drink driving to make Scotland's roads safer. Members of the public can contact 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.
 You identified violent crime as a priority We have also identified domestic abuse as a priority	There were a total of 60 violence related crimes in MAKI during the month of August. These figures include 25 reports of threatening and abusive behaviour and two reports of threatening and abusive behaviour towards retail staff. • Three reports of Breach of the Peace • Seventeen reports of assault, including three on Police Officers. • Seven reports of assault to injury • Three reports of resisting arrest	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: Crimestoppers in Scotland Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org) 0800 555 111

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- One report of obstructing Police
- One report of possession of an offensive weapon
- One report of possession of a knife

Police were made aware of an assault on a child on the A819 at Inveraray on Friday 15th August 2025, after which both parties entered a vehicle which left the locus. Extensive enquiries led to Police tracing a 42 year old male, who was thereafter arrested and charged with assault for which he was given a Recorded Police Warning.

About 2230 hours, on Saturday 16th August 2025, a 16 year old male was arrested by Police at Kinloch Park, Campbeltown, after being found drinking alcohol. The male refused to provide his details and tried to run off from Police. He was subsequently charged with several offences, including Police assault. The circumstances will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On the evening of Sunday 17th August, a 49 year old male was arrested outside of the Commercial Inn, Cross Street, Campbeltown for threatening and abusive behaviour. The male was charged with behaving in a disorderly manner within a licensed premises and resisting arrest. The male was released on Undertaking to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court at a later date, with special conditions not to enter any public houses or restaurants in the Campbeltown area.

A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal following the report of a 25 year old male exhibiting abusive and threatening behaviour towards staff on Thursday 22nd August, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Blarbuie Road, Lochgilphead. The same

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	male was issued a Recorded Police Warning for possession of Class A drugs. Between approximately 1500 and 1515hours on Saturday 23rd August, a male was assaulted within the close at 34 High Street, Campbeltown. A witness appeal was placed in local newspapers. About 0030 hours, Sunday 31st August 2025 a 55 year old male was arrested and charged with two counts of assault and threatening and abusive behaviour, at a property in Longrow, Campbeltown. The male was released on Undertaking with special conditions not to approach either of the victims. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.	
 PUBLIC PROTECTION You identified protecting children and adults at risk of harm as a priority We identified missing persons, sexual crime and the management of registered sex offenders as priorities	There have been a total of 58 public protection calls in MAKI during August.	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.
Issues & Questions Raised by Community Councils & Coucillors to the Communities Team <i>*N.B. Where the issue is applicable to a section above, this is included there</i>	Other news: Between 1600 hours on Thursday 7th August 2025 and 0845 hours on Friday 8th August, a black Corsa was vandalised , whilst parked within the Stag car park in Lochgilphead. A witness appeal was issued. Between 1700 hours on Friday 8th August and 0650 hours on Saturday the 9th August 2025, a white 67 plate Mercedes was vandalised. The vehicle was parked in Smith Drive overnight, however was parked in Park Terrace and Crosshill Avenue prior to that. A witness appeal was placed in the local newspaper. At 2210 hours on Saturday 8th August a rear window pane of a property in Tarbert Road, Campbeltown has been smashed by a golf ball. Police are currently investigating and a witness appeal issued.	

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Between 0005 and 2215 hours on Monday 11th August 2025 damage has been deliberately caused to the locks on a telecoms box at Dalavich. A witness appeal was placed in the local newspaper.

Police have received a report from West Coast Motors that over the weekend of Friday 15th August until Monday 18th August, youths have been throwing stones over the wall into the bus depot yard, where the buses are parked overnight. This has resulted in a coach window being smashed.

At 1848 hours on Thursday 21st August, Police received further reports of stones being thrown into the bus depot yard at Saddell Street, Campbeltown. An appeal for witnesses to come forward was placed in the local newspaper.

Between 1600 hours and 2100 hours, on Tuesday 26th August a small white yacht was deliberately untied from its mooring at the tow path on the Crinan Canal, near to Oakfield Bridge, Lochgilphead. The boat was resecured by the owner, prior to any damage occurring to the vessel. Three young persons, two males and a female, were seen in the area at the time and Police would like to speak to them in relation to the incident. A witness appeal has been placed in the local newspaper.

Between 11th and the 29th of August 2025, there have been numerous calls to Police regarding ongoing issues at an address in Orchard Park, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig.
Just after midnight on Friday 29th August, three persons were arrested within a property for Breach of the Peace. All three were released on Undertaking pending further investigation. A 24 year old male and a 22 year old female, were released with special conditions not to enter the said address. A 21 year old male was also charged with threatening and abusive behaviour towards Police. An appeal was issued for witnesses to come forward and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

There have been 5 Frauds and 1 attempted Fraud across LB during the month of August.
Most Frauds reported to Police involve phone calls from suspects claiming to be from Fraud departments and asking victims to transfer their money to different bank accounts to prevent it from being compromised. Banks and Building societies would never request persons to transfer funds from their account into another account. Another common scam is to send unsuspecting victims a link to a fake website. One this month claimed to be from DVLA regarding vehicle tax alerts.

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Another common scam is to claim to be from a telecommunications company that request that you download malware onto your computer that allows the fraudster access your computer remotely thus gaining access to victims online banking.

This month a teenage child received a text asking for a verification code for Tik-Tok due to an account lock out. The child had received the message from a friend, who's phone had been hacked. The teenage child's parent reported that three separate payments were then made from the mobile phone account to "Be Sony". Police would advise all mobile phone users, and parents of children with phones to be vigilant, and to set caps on payments made on any phone contracts.



CAMPBELTOWN EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY

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Campbeltown Emergency Services day took place on Saturday 16th August 2025. In attendance were the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Scottish Ambulance Service, HM Coastguard, I am Roadsmart, RNLI and Police. The event was well attended by members of the public.

With the fair visiting Campbeltown during the month of August as well as the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival taking place from the 21st to the 24th August 2025, there was an influx of visitors.

Four recorded Police Warnings were issued to persons drinking in the street as well as two fixed penalty notices for urinating in the street.



During the month of August there have been three reports of sextortion within LB division.

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Sextortion is where a person demands a payment from someone and threatens to share intimate videos or images of that person, if they do not receive said payment. Criminals will often set up fake profiles in a deliberate attempt to lure potential victims. Often these criminals are part of Organised Crime Gangs in foreign countries. They generally set up these accounts on social media platforms such as Facebook, Tik Tok, Snapchat and Instagram. Where they then encourage victims to stream intimate moments online, or share intimate pictures using platforms such as Whatsapp or Telegram. They then threaten to share these images/videos with friends or family of the victim, unless they are paid. Criminals can also obtain intimate pictures and videos by hacking victims accounts. Police Scotland would encourage members of the public not to stream intimate moments with strangers online or share intimate pictures. We would also encourage members of the public to be mindful of where they store any such videos or images, and not to store them on social media accounts / clouds where they are more easily hacked.

Planning an Event?

Visit the Argyll & Bute Website:

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-community/events-guidance>

The above website provides useful information and guidance when planning an event including duties and responsibilities, identifies key tasks and gives advice you may need.

Before any application commences, ensure you have sufficient time for your application:

- **TTRO (Temporary Traffic Regulation Order) if required, minimum 3 month's notice;**
- **All events require a minimum 28 days' notice, to allow the relevant services and partners to be contacted.**

Where Events require a licence (drinks, food etc.), this may require you to adopt more stringent controls and conditions, allow enough time for licence application process.

The Council will process your event application and keep you informed of its progress. It is the event organisers responsibility to ensure that they have read and understood the applicable terms and conditions, guidance notes (available on the web) and also complete all application forms and licence applications on time and accurately. All these forms are found at the above link.

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Event applications must be completed on-line. There are different categories of events, please ensure you complete the correct on-line application, a minor event will require less information than a major one and it is important that you provide the correct details to the Council for the event type you are planning. Numbers referred to below are total attendees, including organisers, officials and attendees.

- Minor (less than 50 people at event)
- Major (more than 50 people at event)
- Funfair

There may be fees involved for some processes, such as TTROs.

The application process permits the Council to link with other relevant agencies such as the Police, directly through their Operational Planning Department, so you will not need to approach them directly.

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Useful Links/Contacts:

- **Argyll and Bute Community 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.scamshare.org.uk/)
- **Age Scotland- Dementia 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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- Facebook - Police Scotland Argyll and West Dunbartonshire
- 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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