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Community Council Report Covering Mid Argyll and Kintyre – December 1 <sup>st</sup> – December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2025					 <b>POLICE SCOTLAND</b> Keeping people safe	
Service Demand & Recorded Crimes Per Beat Area		LB35 Calls:67 Crimes:57	LB36 Calls: 37 Crimes: 6	LB37 Calls:29 Crimes: 19		LB38 Calls: 13 Crimes: 2
LB42 Calls: 76 Crimes:21	LB43 Calls: 25 Crimes: 13	LB44 Calls: 19 Crimes: 1	LB45: Calls: 13 Crimes: 2			Total Calls: 279 Crimes: 121
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			

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Local Policing Priority	Local Good News	How can you help?
 <p>You identified drug dealing / drug misuse as a priority</p> <p>We identified human trafficking as a priority</p>	<p>There have been 10 drug seizures during December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 seizures of Class A drugs, including 1 reported for possession with intent to supply</li><li>• 8 seizures of Class B drugs</li></ul> <p>Police stopped a vehicle travelling on the A816 at Barravullin, around 2330 hours on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. The vehicle and occupants were searched under Section 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, during which a quantity of cannabis was recovered within the vehicle. A 30 year old male passenger will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.</p> <p>On the morning of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, a 33 year old female was arrested on an outstanding warrant at an address in Kirk Street, Campbeltown. The female was found in possession of a quantity of cannabis for which she was cautioned and charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. The female was kept in custody to appear at court the following day.</p> <p>On the evening of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December Police stopped a vehicle on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead. A 28 year old male passenger was detained under Section 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and found to be in possession of a quantity of cocaine. The male was subsequently cautioned and charged with possession with intent to supply. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.</p> <p>On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, following a vehicle stop on the A83 at Inveraray, the 32 year old male driver was found in possession of a quantity of cannabis. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.</p>	<p>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:</p> <p><a href="http://crimestoppers-uk.org">Crimestoppers in Scotland   Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org) 0800 555 111</a></p>

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On the evening of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December, a 48 year old male was found in possession of a quantity of cocaine, in Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, for which he was issued a Recorded Police Warning.

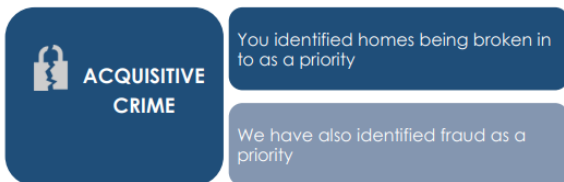
A 16 year old male was male was cautioned and charged in the presence of a responsible adult, after being found in possession of a quantity on cocaine, when stopped by Police on Longrow, Campbeltown, during the early hours of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December. The circumstances will be reported to the Children's Reporter.

Following a vehicle stop by Police on the morning of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December, on the A83 at Furnace. A 22 year old male passenger has been detained under Section 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and found in possession of a quantity of cannabis. The male was cautioned and charged, and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

There have been 11 acquisitive crimes reported during December, including:

- 5 reports of Theft
- 1 report of Theft OLP
- 1 report of Fraud
- 2 reports of Theft Shoplifting
- 1 Theft of a pedal cycle
- 1 reported of intended theft, curtilage
- 2 reports of Theft Housebreaking

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.



**ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

You identified homes being broken in to as a priority

We have also identified fraud as a priority

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Between 1830 hours on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November and 0830 hours on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, a clothes airer, containing items of washing has been taken from an outhouse at the rear of Tangy Place, High Street, Campbeltown. The items missing include 2 towels, a Fat face hoody and a khaki Marks and Spencer jacket. Police are investigating.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December a 64 year old male was arrested and charged with Theft Shoplifting following a Theft that had been reported at the Kintyre Larder, Main Street, Campbeltown on the afternoon of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November. The male was released on Undertaking to appear at court at a later date.


About 2215 hours on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December a quantity of copper has been stolen from Telephone Exchange, Lorne Street, Lochgilphead. Police are investigating.

Between Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December an anti-fascist flag has been stolen from the garden of a property in Ford. Police are investigating.

About 2000 hours on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December a resident in the Campbeltown area received a call from a fraudster, purporting to be from their bank, The Royal Bank of Scotland. The fraudster claimed their account had been compromised and the only way to ensure their funds would remain safe, would be to transfer them to another account, which they provided the sort code and account number of. The fraudster has then asked the complainer to download two apps, one of which was Clearpay, in order to transfer the funds. Police would like to make it clear that Banks would not contact customers requesting that they move money from their accounts into another account. If you receive a call which you are in any doubt about, hang up. Contact your bank directly, either in person or by

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	<p>telephoning the number on the bank of your bank card. Police are investigating.</p> <p>A pedal cycle was stolen from outside of the Bee Sweet store on Colchester Square, Lochgilphead between 1630 and 1800 hours on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December. The cycle was later recovered near to the Co-op Car park at 0100 hours on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January. Police are investigating.</p> <p>A housebreaking has occurred at Morvern, Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead between midnight on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December and 1700 hours on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Police are investigating.</p> <p>A housebreaking has occurred at between 1500 hours on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December and 2150 hours on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January at Fasgadh, Furnace. Police are investigating.</p>	
 <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>	<p>There have been 38 Road Traffic Offences detected during December, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 report of drink driving</li> <li>• 1 report of drug driving – cannabis</li> <li>• 9 reports of speeding</li> <li>• 2 reports of Careless Driving</li> <li>• 1 report of Dangerous Driving</li> <li>• 1 report of failing to stop for Police</li> </ul> <p>About 0915 hours on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December a 65 year old male driver was cautioned and charged with speeding on the A83 at Lochgilphead. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.</p> <p>At 0920 hours, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, a 34 year old male was cautioned and charged with Speeding on the A83 at</p>	<p>Road Safety Hubs</p> <p>A new initiative to enhance driving skills in Argyll and Bute launches across Argyll in February continuing through till May.</p> <p>Sessions include</p> <p>Winter Driving Speed Awareness Distracted Driving Fitness to Drive</p> <p>Locations and dates too access the four sessions have been attached to the Community Council report</p>

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Lochgilphead and issued with an Endorsable conditional officer.

On the evening of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, a 41 year old female was arrested for failing a roadside breath test, following a road traffic collision at Millknowe, Campbeltown. The female was released on Undertaking to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court at a later date.

About 2240 hours, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December a white Volkswagen Golf has been travelling at excessive speed between Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig and has failed to stop for Police. Police are trying to identify the driver of the vehicle.

On the evening of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, a 44 year old male driver was arrested on Burnbank Street, Campbeltown, after failing the roadside drug wipe for Cannabis. The male was conveyed to Campbeltown Police Station. Blood samples were taken for toxicological analysis and a report will be sent to the Procurator Fiscal once analysis has been completed.

A 20 year old male driver was issued with an Endorsable Conditional Offer for speeding on the A83 at Killegruer, on the afternoon of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

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There have been 32 crimes of violence reported during December, including:

- 18 reports of assault (7 resulting in injury)
- 2 reports of an offensive weapon
- 1 report of Breach of the Peace
- 1 obstructing an officer in execution of their duty
- 10 reports of Threatening and Abusive Behaviour

A 29 year old female was arrested following a report that she had assaulted a member of Acha Housing Staff in Campbeltown on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Following enquiries, the female was issued with a Recorded Police Warning for Threatening and Abusive Behaviour.

A 44 year old male was arrested and charged with 2 counts of Threatening and Abusive Behaviour, following a disturbance at Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, during the early hours of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

A 20 year old male was arrested and charged with assault to injury following an incident at Harvey's Lane, Campbeltown on the evening of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. The male was released on Undertaking to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court, at a later date.

A 21 year old male was issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice for Breach of the Peace following a disturbance outside of the Argyll Arms Hotel, Main Street, Campbeltown about 0100 hours on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

During the early hours of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, a 39 year old female was arrested following a report of an assault at Longrow, Campbeltown. The female was subsequently



You identified violent crime as a priority

We have also identified domestic abuse as a priority

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:

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cautioned and charged with two counts of assault to injury, two counts of possession of an offensive weapon and Culpable and Reckless Conduct and was held in custody to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court the following day.


A large disturbance was reported to Police at Millknowe about 0120 hours on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, during which a 33 year old male was assaulted. Police are investigating. The investigation so far has resulted in a 21 year old female being arrested and cautioned and charged with Breach of Non-Harassment order and failing to comply with Undertaking Conditions. The female was kept in Custody to appear at Dumbarton Sheriff Court. A 33 year old female has also been arrested and cautioned and charged with two counts of failing comply with Bail conditions, Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 and two counts of assault. The female was released on Undertaking to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court at a later date. Enquiries are ongoing.

A 19 year old male was issued a Recorded Police Warning for Threatening and Abusive Behaviour at Cross Street, Campbeltown, during the early hours of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December for shouting and swearing at Police, when they requested him to walk on the pavement in Glebe Street rather than the roadway to allow traffic to pass.

A 19 year old male was arrested on suspicion of assault from an address in Southend during the early hours of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December. The male was subsequently cautioned and charged and released on Undertaking to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court at a later date.

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 <p><b>PUBLIC PROTECTION</b></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>	<p>There have been 32 Public Protection calls to Police during December, which include domestic incident, concern for person calls, child protection calls, sudden deaths and missing persons.</p> <p>There have been 17 Public Protection related crimes recorded during December including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7 reports of failing to comply with Bail conditions</li><li>• 4 reports of failing to comply with Undertaking conditions</li><li>• 2 reports of breach of Non Harassment Orders</li></ul> <p>About 0220 hours on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December a 41 year old female was arrested for Breach of Non-harassment order in Campbeltown. The female was released on Undertaking to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court, at a later date.</p>	<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>
<p>Issues &amp; Questions Raised by Community Councils &amp; Coucillors to the Communities Team</p> <p><i>*N.B. Where the issue is applicable to a section above, this is included there</i></p>	<p><b><u>General News</u></b></p> <p>Between 1700 hours on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November and 0900 hours on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December a picnic bench near to the first tee at Machrihanish Dunes Golf Course has been set on fire. Police are investigating.</p> <p>Between 1600 hours on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November and 1700 hours on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December a polytunnel in the rear garden of Brookfield, Ferry Road, Tayinloan has been deliberately slashed along its entire length. Police are investigating.</p> <p>On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, Police were made aware of a vandalism that had occurred at Machrihanish Air Base between 0900 hours on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November and 0900 hours on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Two unoccupied buildings have had windows smashed, by bricks being thrown at them. Police are investigating.</p>	

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Between 1400 hours on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and 0430 hours on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December the door of the common close at 44 Main Street, Campbeltown has been damaged. Police are investigating.

About 0415 hours on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December Police were called to a report of a male trying to kick in a door at Broad Street, Campbeltown. Police attended and searched the area with a negative result. Police are investigating.

A metal sign has been removed from a gate at Achamore House on the Isle of Gigha sometime between Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Police are investigating.

Windows at Job Centre Plus have been damaged by unknown means sometime during 1715 hours on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December and 0815 hours on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December. Police are investigating.

Sergeant Karen Cairns, based at Campbeltown Police Station, will be taking over as the Sergeant for the Preventions and Partnerships team within LB division as of Monday 23rd February, where her role will involve working with Community Councils in order to tackle anti-social behaviour.

**New Year New Look?**

Following on from engagements with Community Councils, we'd like your help in ascertaining what is useful to you in the information we provide. We went through this process about 4 years ago, which saw the information being shared develop to the document currently issued.

Whilst some Community Councils like the document, others do not. This is your opportunity to help shape it. Please, can you review with your members what you'd like to see published each month and get back to us with the feedback. We'll then collate and review this, to understand what we can do to accommodate the requests and potentially reconfigure the look and content of what is shared. Equally if no one wishes for changes, we can continue with the current format.

Important in these considerations is the framework that we have to work within. Firstly, we cannot make the report more bespoke, the 4 current localities (1. Mid argyll/Kintrye, 2. Islands associated with MAKI, 3. Oban Lorn, 4. Islands associated with OLI) is as far as it will be broken down. This is down to the amount of time it takes to create and the competing workstreams that carry more threat, harm and risk. Secondly, the data is deliberately 'high level' for the reasoning previously shared, that being to comply with our obligations under

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the Data Protection Act and to ensure anonymity of those that link with the Police, owing to the ability to identify such parties through the data if it is too precise. It is also true that by breaking down the data lower than the levels given, anomalies provide false results when compared to the wider regional picture, which can lead to undue concern.

It still stands that we'll do our best to send officers to meetings where demand permits as we are aware of the benefit that meeting in person brings. Further, the officer's local knowledge can add much needed insight and colour to any shared report. Should you wish to, please provide feedback directly to:

[argylldunbartonshirecptkintryremidargyllobanlornislands@scotland.police.uk](mailto:argylldunbartonshirecptkintryremidargyllobanlornislands@scotland.police.uk)

### **Road Safety**

It is clear that road safety is a key concern for those council areas that have an arterial route running through them. Reoccurring themes that we see from direct contact by Community Councils and Elected Members frequently include:

- Speeding by traffic;
- Application of signs and furniture to control speed limits;
- Speeding and noise complaints regarding motorcyclists;
- Road closures due to accidents;
- Diversion routes owing to accidents.

It is important to note that Police Scotland is a stakeholder for many of these issues, but not the lead agency. This means that with many approaches we have to signpost individuals to the correct agency who have the power to implement measures to address the complaint. For, example, Transport Scotland would be responsible from considerations around road furniture, signage and speed cameras on the trunk roads, and Argyll & Bute Council for other minor, adopted, roads. Equally BEAR Scotland assist with coordinating official closures and diversions.

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### **What does Police Scotland Do?**

Police Scotland, through its dedicated Road Policing Unit and Local Policing Teams, patrol all the trunk roads on a daily basis. In doing so, any contraventions of road traffic legislation are dealt with at the time, giving a visible deterrent. These patrols are supplemented by targeted action of known accident hotspots and problem areas highlighted to us through our engagement with the varying Community Councils and through other avenues, i.e. direct communication from members of the public. Enforcement might include, but is not limited to, static patrols - providing a presence that calms motorists whilst also gaining a reputation for Police presence in a geographical locality, as well as Unipar (speed gun) taskings.

Enforcement is supplemented with educational processes. Our Preventions Team are proactive on our social media streams to make sure that we are fully engaging with our communities to maximise our footprint by providing advice and guidance to influence road users. The Preventions Team have set up Community Road Safety Hubs across Argyll, run in conjunction with the Advanced Driver Institute. This initiative helping to educate drivers on risks and standards required for vehicles, helping to deliver better driving standards amongst key groups in the area.

### **So why are we writing to you?**

It has come to our attention that a number of Community Councils are seeking to coordinate a holistic approach to the problems above and Police Scotland has been approached about the best method by which to achieve this. As such it was agreed that this message would be passed out to all community Councils.

There are two obvious routes Community Councils can undertake:

- 1) Link with your local MSP to review brokering round table discussions involving all Community Councils about working groups to review the issues on the trunk roads in our catchment areas – they would then look to invite all applicable stakeholders to be part of those discussions;
- 2) Raise this as an agenda item through the 2 Area Planning Groups that cover OLI and MAKI, which you should be all part of, to look for consensus for those that wish to work together to look at themes across the areas.

The above is purely for information to advise of potential gateways and not a direction in any way. You'll also be aware that you can access one another's contact details on the Argyll & Bute Website, should you wish to

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communicate directly. Whilst Police Scotland would not lead the initiative/narrative we will support and feed relevant information into any groups that are formulated and will continue to provide advice should you require (enquiries to be sent to the email detailed above).

### **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.**

**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**

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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 \(crimestoppers-uk.org\) 0800 555 111](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/)
- **Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime** – [www.scottishparc.co.uk](http://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- 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

*Follow us on Social Media and help share local appeals and education messages:*

- 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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