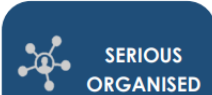
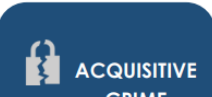


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Community Council Report Covering Mid Argyll and Kintyre – April ^{1st} – April 30 th 2026						
Service Demand & Recorded Crimes Per Beat Area		LB35 Calls:63 Crimes:38	LB36 Calls:27 Crimes: 7	LB37 Calls:29 Crimes:9	LB38 Calls:6 Crimes: 4	
LB42 Calls:72 Crimes:26	LB43 Calls: 52 Crimes: 31	LB44 Calls:11 Crimes: 2	LB45: Calls: 27 Crimes: 8		Total Calls: 287 Crimes: 125	
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?
 SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME You identified drug dealing / drug misuse as a priority We identified human trafficking as a priority	During April there have been: 7 seizures of Class B drugs Police stopped a vehicle on the A83 at Inveraray whilst on routine patrol. Three males within, aged 31, 39 and 41 were issued with Recorded Police Warnings for possession of cannabis.	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
 ACQUISITIVE CRIME You identified homes being broken in to as a priority We have also identified fraud as a priority	There have been 8 acquisitive crimes reported during April, including: 1 report of Housebreaking with intent to steal 1 report of Theft 1 report of Theft Shoplifting 2 reports of Theft of a Motor vehicle 1 report of Theft of a pedal cycle 2 reports of Fraud About 1845 hours on Friday 3rd April entry was forced to an empty property on John Street, Campbeltown. Following a Police investigation, a 14 year old male has been reported to the Children's Reporter. A red Honda Quad bike has been stolen from Brenchoille Farm, Auchindrain, Furnace between 1600 hours on Saturday 4th April and 1030 hours on Saturday 5th April. The investigation is ongoing. A 19 year old male was arrested and charged with Theft of a motor vehicle in Campbeltown and other road traffic	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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	offences on Saturday 4th April (as detailed in Road Safety Section). A 64 year old male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal following a Theft Shoplifting from a store in Campbelltown on the morning of Wednesday 4th April. An insecure green and gold Trek pedal cycle has been stolen from the bike rack at Colchester Square, Lochgilphead, between 0830 and 0900 hours on Tuesday 7th April. Police are investigating. On Friday 10th April an Argyll resident paid a sum of money for items advertised on Facebook Marketplace. The items were never delivered. Police are investigating. A Theft has been reported from an insecure property off the A816 near to Ardfarn, between 0600 and 1424 hours on Friday 10th April. Police have received two reports of cakes being stolen from an honesty box next to Inveraray Jail. The first theft occurred on Friday 24th April around 1551 hours. The second theft occurred on Monday 27th April around 1805 hours. Police are investigating.	
 ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME You identified road safety as a priority We identified drink / drug driving and reducing road casualties as priorities	There have been 50 Road Traffic Offences detected during April, including: • 4 reports of Drink Driving • 1 report of driving whilst unfit • 3 reports of Dangerous Driving • 4 reports of Careless Driving • 2 reports of driving without a valid licence • 1 report of driving with a provisional licence unaccompanied without L plates • 6 reports of driving without valid insurance	Road Safety Hubs A new initiative to enhance driving skills in Argyll and Bute launches across Argyll in February continuing through till May. Sessions include Winter Driving Speed Awareness Distracted Driving

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	• 2 reports of driving without a valid MOT • 3 reports of speeding. During the early hours of Saturday 4th April a 19 year old male driver was arrested for failing the roadside breath test following a collision with a parked vehicle in Campbeltown. The male was also charged with Theft of a Motor Vehicle. He was released on Undertaking to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court at a later date. A 59 year old male driver was arrested on the A83 at Inveraray on the morning of Saturday 4th April for failing the roadside breath test. The male was released on Undertaking to appear at court at a later date. A 61 year old male driver was arrested in Tarbert after failing the roadside breath test on the morning of Sunday 5th April. The male was released on Undertaking to appear at Dunoon Sheriff Court at a later date. On Monday 6th April a 22 year old male was arrested for driving without a valid licence and valid insurance on the A819 near to Inveraray. The vehicle was seized by Police. The circumstances will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal. On the afternoon of Wednesday 8th April a 32 year old male driver was cautioned and charged with driving without valid licence and valid insurance on Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead. The registered Keeper of the vehicle was cautioned and charged with causing and permitting the driver to drive without valid insurance. The circumstances will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal. On the afternoon of Thursday 9th April a 32 year old male driver was arrested for driving whilst unfit and possession of	Fitness to Drive Locations and dates too access the four sessions have been attached to the Community Council report
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cannabis on the A816 at Barravulin. The male was conveyed to Lochgilphead Police Station where blood samples were taken for toxicological analysis. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal once results have been analysed.

A 20 year old male driver was issued an Endorsable conditional offer for driving without valid insurance on the morning of Tuesday 7th April on the A83 at Ardrishaig.

A 68 year old male driver has been issued an Endorsable conditional offer for Careless Driving following a single vehicle collision on the A83 at Minard on Thursday 9th April.

A 38 year old male driver has been cautioned and charged with driving without a valid licence, valid insurance and possession of cannabis following a vehicle stop on Oban Road, Lochgilphead during the early hours of Sunday 12th April. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On the morning of Wednesday 22nd April a 31 year old male driver was cautioned and charged with driving without valid insurance on the A83 at Inveraray. The circumstances will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

A 41 year old male driver has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for driving with a child in the vehicle without the appropriate child seat or restraint, on the A83 near at Minard.

A 49 year old female driver has been issued a Conditional offer and had her vehicle seized by Police for driving without valid insurance on the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd April in Ardrishaig.

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	On the evening of Thursday 23rd April a 25 year old male driver has been arrested and charged after failing the roadside breath test on Kinloch Road, Campbeltown. The male was released on Undertaking to appear at court at a later date. About 1530 hours on Friday 24th April, a single vehicle has been involved in a collision, after taking evasive action to avoid a white Tesla that had overtaken on the A83 at Lochgair. Police are investigating.	
 You identified violent crime as a priority We have also identified domestic abuse as a priority	There have been 23 Crimes of Violence reported during April, including: • 1 serious assault • 5 reports of Assault to injury • 5 reports of assault • 8 reports of Threatening and Abusive Behaviour, including 1 against a retail worker • 2 reports of an offensive weapon • 2 reports of resisting an officer in execution of their duty On Saturday 4th April, a 20 year old male has been arrested and charged with assault (serious) following the report of an assault at an address in Campbeltown . The accused was released on Undertaking to appear at court at a later date. A male has been cautioned and charged with Threatening and Abusive Behaviour following in incident in Campbeltown on the evening of Monday 20th April. The circumstances will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.	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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	A 20 year old male is being reported to the Procurator Fiscal after behaving in a Threatening and Abusive Manner towards Police and hospital staff at Campbeltown Hospital on the evening of Friday 24th April. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal after a 58 year old male from Campbeltown was found in possession of a prohibited weapon on Thursday 2nd April. A 17 year old male has been issued with a Recorded Police Warning for assault to injury following an incident in Longrow, Campbeltown, on the afternoon of Saturday 5th April. A 39 year old female has been charged with assault to injury following an incident at an address in Campbeltown on the evening of Monday 27th April. The circumstances will be reported 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 42 Public Protection calls reported, and 8 Public Protection Crimes recorded in MAKI during April, including: • 1 report of Breach of Non-Harassment order • 1 report of failing to comply with undertaking conditions • 2 reports of engaging in a course of conduct abusive to partner or ex-partner On Friday 10th April a 21 year old female was arrested at an address in Campbeltown for Breach of Non-Harassment Order and Threatening and Abusive Behaviour. The female	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.

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	was kept in custody to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.	
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>	<u>General News</u> Anyone that wishes to receive alerts regarding local crimes and emerging trends that may impact you and your community, or advice on how to secure your property and any equipment can sign up to Rural Watch. Signing up is completely free and secure and anyone signed up only receives relevant, targeted messages from trusted providers, such as Police Scotland and Neighbourhood Watch Scotland. The Rural Watch Scotland website is: Home Page - Rural Watch Scotland There are now two officers in L Division trained to issue alerts via Rural Watch, alerts are normally issued via email. Our Preventions and Interventions team joined forces with local Royal Bank of Scotland in Oban on Tuesday 28th April and spoke to a local group on how to prevent fraudsters stealing their personal data or finances. One of the resources recommended was “Ask Silver” a free scam checker, details of which can be found at https://orlo.uk/sE87s Another great resource is the “Cyber and Fraud HUB” Scotland’s only charity that works closely with the banking industry, Policing and Technology Partners to support individuals who have fallen victim to online scams or Fraud. It provides educational and prevention resources to prevent others becoming victims of these types of crimes https://orlo.uk/UggiP Online crime reporting for Shoplifting is now live and can be done via https://orlo.uk/FQrxX However, staff should call 999 if someone is in danger, the incident is happening now, or the suspect is still there. If the incident has already happened and involved a crime other than a Theft, please call 101. Fly tipping can also now be reported online through https://orlo.uk/Argyll_Bute_Fly_Tipping_XM8Rs If fly tipping is happening now, please call 101 to report rather than online. The Road Smart team will be in Inveraray on Sunday 17th May from 1000-1500 hours at Front Street car park.	

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Present will be Police Scotland Safety Cameras, Police Scotland National Motorbike Unit, Roads Policing Officers and L Divisions Preventions Team, along with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. There will be taster sessions run on the day which can be booked at https://orlo.uk/book_a_sessionB4oPs

Police received a complaint regarding the manner of driving on the B8024 (Kilberry loop road which bypasses Tarbert). The speed limit on this road is officially 60mph however due to the road containing numerous blind summits and blind bends, there is an advisory 30mph speed limit.

The complaint was specifically in relation to dangerous driving, inappropriate speed and ferry traffic from Kennacraig being diverted that way by Satellite Navigation systems, leading to large volumes of traffic on an unsuitable single track road with passing places.

Roads Policing Officers in Campbeltown have been made aware as Community Officers are only authorised to carry out speed checks on 30mph roads. Bear Scotland have also been made aware, who have advised that Argyll and Bute Council are responsible for the B8024.

Between 1700 hours on Tuesday 31st March and 0700 hours on Wednesday 1st April 7 tyres have been punctured on a vehicle trailer parked next to the A83, between Muasdale and Muasdale Surgery. Police are investigating.

Between 1750 hours on Tuesday 7th April and 0810 hours on Wednesday 8th April, a window has been smashed at the Job Centre, Hall Street, Campbeltown. Police are investigating.

Between 0915 hours and 1145 hours on Wednesday 15th April, a blue Subaru Forrester sustained damage, consistent with being struck with another vehicle, potentially a white van, whilst parked across from the White Hart Hotel, Argyll Street, Campbeltown. Police are investigating.

Between 1700 hours and 1951 hours on Wednesday 15th April the skin of the polytunnel at Ardrishaig Community Garden at Glengilp, Ardrishaig has been deliberately damaged. Police are investigating.

About 1215 hours on Monday 27th April, a vehicle parked outside near to Virgin Money on Longrow, has been struck to the rear by a passing cyclist who has then cycled off. Police are investigating.

On Wednesday 29th April at 2115 hours, Police attended a fire at Bengullion. The fire had been set deliberately within the forest and had to be extinguished by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Police are investigating.

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Police received a report that trees had been cut down without authorisation near to Ballybrennan Farm, Southend, between 1900 hours on Wednesday 22nd April and 2115 hours on Monday 27th April. Police are investigating.

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.

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

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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 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).

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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**

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.mailchi.mp)
- **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

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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