

## **COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT**

**Bishopbriggs North and Campsie – Ward 4**

**Community Sergeant Steven McCooey**



### **Your Local Policing Priority Crime**

Our focus is on reducing the crimes that cause greatest concern and on detecting those responsible. Throughout December and January, Officers have dealt with reports of theft and vandalism with Milton of Campsie.

### **Violent Crime**

Officers are deployed as part of our tasking and coordinating to priority locations that are identified through call demand, community intelligence and crime pattern analysis. We continue to proactively manage known violent offenders within the ward area and across East Dunbartonshire.

### **Crimes of Dishonesty**

We continue to provide a mix of plain clothes and hi-visibility patrols within East Dunbartonshire in order to prevent and detect housebreakings and theft of motor vehicles that the area has been subject to. Specialist officers are also used to ensure a knowledge of offences and offenders is developed and known offenders are engaged with at every opportunity.

Over the Christmas and New Year period additional foot patrols were deployed and maintained in and around retail premises to provide reassurance to the public and retailers. These patrols will be maintained.

### **Disorder and Anti-Social Behaviour**

Local officers continue to be supported by divisional and national resources in order to maximise opportunity to reduce disorder and antisocial behaviour. Locations for extra attention and directed patrols are identified through our weekly tasking and coordinating meeting chaired by your Local Area Commander Chief Inspector John Menzies. This meeting is attended by Community Inspector Alan Ferris, Response and Community Sergeants and representatives from East Dunbartonshire Community Safety Department.

## Cybercrime



Some criminals are using the pandemic as an opportunity to trick people into parting with their money or information.

In some cases people are urged to “take advantage of the financial downturn”, using emails and social media platforms to advertise fake investment opportunities in cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin. Others include criminals offering their assistance with Universal Credit applications, while taking some of the payment as a fee for their “services”.

It's important to remember that criminals are experts at impersonation, using official branding and language used by trusted organisations and government departments to convince you their emails are genuine. These may include offering you or your business a government grant or a reduction in your council tax with links contained leading to fake websites designed to obtain your personal and financial information.

In East Dunbartonshire as elsewhere there has been an increase in Banking Fraud. This can occur through online, telephone and mobile banking.

How to spot banking fraud

- Your account details have been changed and you may not be able to access your account
- Your bank account has new payees, direct debits and standing orders set up that you didn't authorise
- There are transactions on your bank statement you don't recognise

## Hate Crime

Hate crimes are abhorrent and target marginalised and vulnerable members of our communities with devastating effect on both victims and their families.

We are committed to making it as easy as possible for victims to report hate crime.

We will continue to identify vulnerable communities and provide appropriate advice, guidance and support. We will refer victims to appropriate support agencies and partners.

If you or someone you know is the victim of hate crime, we have various ways that you can report it. Call us on 101, visit your nearest police office or use our [online form](#).

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In some cases victims/witnesses of Hate Crime do not feel comfortable reporting the matter directly to the Police and may be more comfortable reporting it to someone they are familiar with.

To ensure all victims/witnesses are able to report Hate Crimes, Police Scotland works in partnership with a wide variety of partners who perform the role of 3rd Party Reporting Centres. Staff within 3rd Party Reporting Centres have been trained to assist a victim or witness in submitting a report to the police and can make such a report on the victim/witnesses behalf.

Examples of 3rd Party Reporting Centres participating in the scheme range from Housing Associations to Victim Support offices and Voluntary Groups.

Your nearest third party reporting centers are;

Ceartas,  
Suite 5-7,  
McGregor House,  
10 Donaldson Crescent,  
Kirkintilloch,  
Tel 01417750433  
Email [Info@ceartas.org.uk](mailto:Info@ceartas.org.uk)

Or

Deafblind Scotland,  
1 Neasham Drive,  
Kirkintilloch,  
0141 777 6111  
Email [finance@dcscotland.org.uk](mailto:finance@dcscotland.org.uk)

### **Drug Supply and manufacture**

Your community police team are committed to targeting those responsible for the manufacture and distribution of controlled drugs in order to reduce their availability and prevent harm in our communities. The team have successfully gathered intelligence in the past month on a number of individuals and properties. They have applied for, been granted and successfully executed warrants under the Misuse of Drugs Act. We will continue to gather intelligence and enforce legislation to arrest those involved in the supply of drugs in our community.

We ask that any information relating to this or any other criminality be shared and can be done anonymously via crime stoppers

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### **Road traffic offences**

Local Community Officers have been disappointed in the number of detections that they have made in relation to driving offences including several persons detected under the influence of drink or drugs and various other offences throughout East Dunbartonshire. Vehicles have, and will continue to be seized under relevant powers and your officers will robustly enforce legislation to influence driver behaviour and improve safety on the roads. Intelligence and analytical products have and will be used to identify repeat offenders and will target individuals who drive whilst disqualified or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Officers have attended at Birdston Road and Campsie Road with our speed detection devices. Officers will continue to deploy to the area where they will engage with motorists.

We have also been responding to concerns from our community across East Dunbartonshire and including your ward regarding dangerous parking in and around schools. Prior to Christmas break and now lockdown we have committed to joint patrols with community wardens which has received positive feedback. This is something that will be routinely maintained when schools return.

### **Sexual Crimes**

We will work closely with partners to encourage victims to report offences. We will utilise specially trained staff to engage with victims, to ensure all available support is provided and a dedicated unit will oversee the management of offenders in the community.