

EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE POLICING PRIORITIES

Your Local Policing Priorities 2020-2023

The priorities for your area are decided by data from our strategic assessment which details threats and risks, and also from feedback from local authorities, partners and residents in the Your Police Survey.

Our focus is on reducing the crimes that cause greatest concern and on detecting those responsible.



Violent Crime

We will ensure our officers are effectively deployed as part of our tasking and coordinating approach in priority locations. We will exploit investigative opportunities to bring offenders to justice. We will proactively manage known violent offenders in the community and we will make appropriate use of legislation and other more immediate options, e.g. fixed penalty notices.

Crimes of dishonesty

We will identify crime patterns in relation to robbery, housebreaking, theft of motor vehicles and other acquisitive crimes. We will deploy specialist officers to ensure a knowledge of offences and offenders is developed and every effort is made to prevent crime by target hardening, raising awareness and engaging known offenders.

Disorder and antisocial behaviour

We will engage with partner agencies to ensure that licensed premises are operating in a responsible manner and not selling alcohol to young people. We will maximise opportunities to reduce disorder and antisocial behaviour through our weekly Tasking and Coordinating Partnership meeting.

Cybercrime

We will adapt to improve our response to cybercrime investigations. Key areas of focus include online child sexual exploitation, cyber bullying and sophisticated organised cyber frauds.

Hate Crime

We will deliver our ambitious Equality Action Plan in line with Police Scotland's Equality Outcomes. We will identify vulnerable communities and provide appropriate advice, guidance and support. We will refer victims to appropriate support agencies and partners.

Drug Supply and manufacture

We will continue to gather intelligence and enforce legislation to arrest those involved in the supply of controlled drugs. We will target those responsible for the manufacture and distribution of controlled drugs to reduce their availability and prevent harm in our communities.

Road Traffic Offences

We will robustly enforce road traffic legislation to influence driver behaviour and improve safety on the roads. We will utilise intelligence and analytical products to identify repeat offenders and will target individuals who drive whilst disqualified or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT – Milton of Campsie – Ward 4

Date: February 2022

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 throughout 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.

UPDATE: Police Scotland has partnered with a national security company to help tackle house crime and bike thefts. We have purchased security marking systems from Selectamark Security Systems PLC, which owns Bike Register and SelectaDNA.

Bike Register kits contains two highly durable and tamper-resistant QR barcode labels, which can be scanned with a smart phone to identify your bike on the BikeRegister website, and determine whether it is stolen. Each kit marks one bike and serves as a visible deterrent, as well as providing police with an enhanced investigative tool in the event a cycle is stolen and subsequently recovered.

You can register your bike for free at www.bikeregister.com, or you can purchase a unique bike marking kit directly from them.

We plan to have a Bike Register event in June, where we will be able to mark a limited number of bicycles for free. – Further details will be provided nearer the time.

SelectaDNA is a patented, unique forensic marking solution using the encoding power of DNA, enabling users to mark and identify items of property.

SelectaDNA codes are completely unique.

The SelectaDNA codes are recorded on the SelectaDNA Police and Insurance approved database so that a code found on an item of property or criminal can be identified back to a specific owner or location.

Housebreaking is a huge business for criminals. Use SelectaDNA to mark your property, making it less desirable to thieves

SelectaDNA has proven results in reducing housebreaking by up to 83%, Assists police in securing convictions, linking criminals to crime scenes. Supported by Crime Stoppers.

You can purchase SelectaDNA kits direct from www.selectadna.co.uk using our unique discount code XXXXX

Bogus Crime

East Dunbartonshire Police have a dedicated team to deal with Bogus Crime, Operation Skipjack was created to target those involved in this crime type.

Keep your home secure

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- Do not accept work from unknown persons at your front door without doing thorough checks on the company.
- Ask to see identification of any person attending your house. If in doubt do not answer the door
- If you have an alarm make sure it's set.
- Keep valuables out of sight of windows.
- If you share a communal stairwell, ensure the door entry system is well maintained.
- Do not keep large sums of cash in your home.
- Make your house look occupied when you are out - use timer switches on lights even when you are at work.
- Keep car and house keys well away from your doors. Thieves use fishing rods and poles with magnets to reach through letterboxes and open windows in order to steal keys.

Make sure your house, outbuildings and vehicles are locked, and close all windows at night and when you are not at home

Disorder and antisocial 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.

In last months report I commented on youth disorder on Craighead Road whereby eggs were being thrown at properties. There has been a positive identification of those involved as a result of the community providing information.

We encourage members of the community to report these types of incidents either through 101, the community email box or if an emergency 999.

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

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- 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

There has been an increase in the reporting of Whatsapp frauds. This is when an unknown number messages pretending to be a family member and thereafter requests money. The advice of Police is to not trust a number you do not know. Call the number back and ask to speak with the family member or call the family member on the number that you have for them.

Another example of fraud incidents is when a person is chatting with another online and they engage in sending illicit photographs. The person receiving the photographs then requests money or they will share the images with family members or distribute them online. Once the money is sent they will continue to blackmail asking for more and more. Advice is to only share images with a trusted person and not strangers online. The distribution of images without consent is a crime however once the image is out there it could be at the hands of many people and it is impossible to stop its distribution.

Any incidents of this nature should be reported to Police.

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](#).

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;

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Ceartas,
Suite 5-7,
McGregor House,
10 Donaldson Crescent,
Kirkintilloch,
Tel 01417750433
Email Info@ceartas.org.uk

Or

Deafblind Scotland,
1 Neasham Drive,
Kirkintilloch,
0141 777 6111
Email 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. They continue to apply for 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

Local Officers are dedicated to detecting individuals in the community concerned in the supply or manufacture of controlled drugs. As previously stated these detections rely heavily on community members coming forward and reporting incidents to police.

Things to inform police about include, strong smells of drug use, persons coming and going from the property at all hours and high traffic of vehicles at an area.

Road traffic offences / Parking Issues

Vehicle 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.

We have also being responding to concerns from our community across East Dunbartonshire and including your ward regarding dangerous parking in and around schools

There has been an incident this month whereby a cyclist was knocked off his bike due to a driver not giving adequate room. As such Operation Closepass which I have mentioned in previous reports will be taking shape next month. This will allow officers to engage and educated the public on sharing the road with cyclists. Officers will host a day whereby members of the public can attend and have their bike registered as part of the Bike Register scheme and have questions answered.

We continue to rely on information regarding those who drive under the influence of drink and drugs. The impact these persons can have on a community are huge and Police Scotland take these matters seriously.

There has been an increase in drivers being reported to the Procurator Fiscal for driving without a valid policy of insurance. Even if a person has the entitlement with their insurance to drive other

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vehicles, a vehicle must have its own policy of insurance in order to be fully covered. The onus for having insurance on a vehicle will land with the driver at the time and thereafter subsequently the registered keeper of the vehicle. Charges against the keeper can be brought if they have knowledge that the vehicle has been driven by an uninsured person.

Sexual Crimes

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Local contact details

Police Scotland

Kirkintilloch Police Office

45 Southbank Dr

Kirkintilloch

G66 1XJ

Dial 999 for an emergency that requires urgent Police attention.

For non-emergency contact, call 101, the single non-emergency number.

If you have information about crime in your area and wish to provide it anonymously, call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111

Service users who are deaf or have a hearing impairment can contact Police Scotland via Text Relay on 18001 101 for non-emergency, or 18000 in an emergency.

Your Local Community Team

(If emailing, please send to both email addresses)

Pc Emma Davidson – Emma.Davidson@scotland.pnn.police.uk

GreaterglasgowLPSTMilngavie@scotland.pnn.police.uk

We will continue to keep in touch with you to keep you updated on the ongoing work being done to tackle the issues that are affecting life for you and your community.

You can also follow us on the following social media sites:

Twitter: [@http://www.twitter.com/EastDunbPol](http://www.twitter.com/EastDunbPol)

Facebook: [@Greater Glasgow Police Division](#)

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