

Police Scotland Update

Fraud Prevention and Awareness

Our popular and educational Scam Savvy Quiz inputs have continued with our vulnerable groups as crimes of fraud are still of concern. Locally there was an input provided at Centre 81 in Garelochhead in partnership with Helensburgh and Lomond Carers, Centre 81 and Garelochhead Station Trust focussed on digital safety. This had a fantastic turnout with

have ideas or suggestions on how we can help educate young males on the risk involved with this type of offences.

Bereavement Support

Local officers meet people affected by bereavement as part of their daily role. Officers are now able to provide family and friends of deceased person with a full support pack which has practice advice and emotional support contacts. Working with Argyll and Bute Registrars, NHS Highland Chaplaincy, Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau, Change Mental Health and Cruse Bereavement, packs provide those suffering from bereavement with advice they can look at when they are ready to and aims to reduce distress.

Road Safety

Following a fatality on the Argyll road network involving a towing vehicle, a series of Safe Towing videos have been produced and shared via our social media channels. This follows a change in legislation around driving licence requirements for those towing trailers, caravans, boat trailers and horseboxes. Police Scotland worked with a DVSA approved assessor in Campbeltown to produce these videos. These aim to help people understand legal towing limits, hitching, unhitching and safety checks.

A Partnership Approach to Road Safety group is being formed with representation from

Youth Engagement

Our Youth Engagement Officers worked closely with Live Argyll to welcome back the Friday Night Football project which ran throughout the summer holidays. This focussed on deterring youths from ASB and provided them a focus during the weekend. Officers also assisted the Live Argyll GIVE project where youths were asked to volunteer in their community and attend inputs around ASB.

Our Helensburgh and Lomond Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) visited HMNB Clyde for the day during the summer holidays to see a different side of policing and the work of other emergency services in the area. Police Scotland working closely with Ministry of Defence Police arranged a demonstration from the Dog Unit, Clyde Marine Unit and Defence fire service. This work helps to break down barriers with our younger people with some of our PSYV being from disadvantaged and care experienced backgrounds.

Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Police Division have welcomed a new Youth Engagement

down barriers with young people at Hermitage Academy and other areas of Helensburgh and Lomond. PC Gallagher will deliver various presentations designed to raise awareness and promote personal safety to young persons as well as working closely with the school