

# ALLOA COMMUNITY COUNCIL 27th March 2018

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The new ward officers for Alloa are now:

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## CALLS TO POLICE

During period 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018, PSOS received 458 calls to incidents in Alloa;

- Beat A01 69 calls received for area leading from town towards Cambus.
- Beat A02 173 calls received for area behind Tesco out towards Clackmannan
- Beat A03 **118** calls for town centre
- Beat A04 **98** calls received for area leading out towards Tullibody

Calls range from public looking for advice from Police, member of the public reporting drug related issues, disturbance, road traffic offences and concern for person. Not all calls result in a report(s) having to be submitted.

#### RECORDED CRIME

During period 29th January 2018 to 27th February 2018;

- 73 crimes recorded
- **33** undetected
- 40 detected

Detection rate 55%, with 82% of undetected incidents marked as having enquiries still ongoing.

#### **COMMUNITY ISSUES**



Two men charged with murder following the death of a man in Pine Grove, Alloa. A 29 year old man was found by police with a number of injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. This was an isolated incident and there was no wider risk to the community. Additional patrols are in the area.

ASBO still in force for a male resident within Shaftesbury Street, Alloa. He unfortunately beached this numerous times this month and has now moved away from the area. Discussions are undergoing with a view to how to solve this issue. Possibility of house being put up for sale.

Additional patrols have been conducted in Alloa town centre, to deter anti-social behaviour and drug/alcohol misuse especially around Shillinghill and Forth Valley College. This is prevalent on Friday/Saturday evenings with a large number of youths congregating.

Parking in town centre still continues to be an ongoing issue. Additional patrols being conducted and tickets being issued. Police enforcement to continue for the foreseeable future. A number of business owners have voiced their displeasure at police giving out tickets to their customers, however business owners have been given the advice that this is preventable by customers parking legally.

There has been 2 persons reported for Drugs Offences.

There has been 2 knife related crimes in Alloa in the last month. Both of these are detected with 2 males reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Facebook and Twitter – Community Messages can be placed on local Police sites via Community Sergeant.

Any information regarding drug dealing or other criminality can be reported to police or **Crimestoppers** and can be done so anonymously. Telephone: **0800 555 111** 

## SAFETY ADVICE

With the lighter evenings coming, this is a reminder about home security, a majority of people expect that housebreakings happen in the dark of night, which is not always the case! Having your home broken into is something many people fear, although it is not a common occurrence. There are however many ways that you can help secure your home from intruders. They don't all cost money – some are purely down to common sense and good housekeeping.

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#### What's the first area I should think about?

First think about the outer perimeter of the home, which may be the **garden** or alternatively a **common close or stairwell**.

#### What basic steps can I take to protect my home?

First, think about basic good housekeeping routines that aren't expensive.

- Many thieves are actually opportunists who do not have to break in at all because a door or window has been left open or unlocked. Keep your home securely locked at all times.
- Don't leave keys on the inside of door locks, under mats or anywhere else an intruder may easily find them.
- Don't put your name or room number on your keyring if you live in shared accommodation. If it is lost or stolen, the thief will have information that could direct them to your home and your property.
- Don't keep house keys and car keys on the same key ring.
- Avoid keeping large amounts of cash in the house. If you must then disperse it in various locations.
- Security mark your property with a UV marker pen. You can use this pen to place an invisible imprint of your postcode and house number on your possessions.
- Record details of your valuables, such as mobile phone, cameras, laptops and tablets on the national mobile property register at www.immobilise.com.
- Don't leave valuables in sight of windows.
- If you have a wall calendar, avoid mounting it near a window from where appointments can potentially be seen this may give an indication of when a property will be empty.

More advice can be found on http://scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/

## FEEDBACK FROM MEETING

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