

## ALLOA COMMUNITY COUNCIL 24th November 2015

## **INTRODUCTION**

Since your last meeting, Police Scotland's new deployment model was introduced on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 and your new ward officer is PC 342 Iain Moffat, who can be contacted either on 101 or email <u>iain.moffat@scotland.pnn.police.uk</u>.

## CALLS TO POLICE

During period 1<sup>st</sup> October to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015, PSoS received 910 calls to incidents in Alloa;

Beat A01 – 167 calls received for area leading from town towards Cambus.

Beat A02 – 369 calls received for area behind Tesco out towards Clackmannan.

Beat A03 – 216 calls for town centre.

Beat A04 – 158 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 having to be submitted.

Recently there have been a number of calls to/from various locations around town regarding youths causing annoyance and throwing items at passing vehicles. 5 local youths traced by 342 Moffat and colleague on Saturday (21<sup>st</sup> November) night, taken home and parents made aware. Further criminal incident involving these youths on Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup> November), which is still currently being investigated, but will result in youths being reported.

### RECORDED CRIME

During period 27th October to 24th November 2015:-

136 crimes recorded.

49 undetected which relate in the main to vandalism, shoplifting and other theft related offences, with a number of positive lines of enquiry still ongoing.

87 detected, which includes a number for misuse of drugs, road traffic, ASB (Assault) and domestic related offences.

Detection rate 64%.

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015, joint customs/police operation resulted in over £3000 and a quantity of tobacco being seized and 2 people reported.

2 drivers traced whilst driving under influence of alcohol. One driver recorded as being 6 times over limit.



8 recorded crimefiles relate to incidents in and around a licensed premises in Mill Street. Additional Police visits to the premises, which will continual to closely monitored and any further issues highlighted to Licencing board.

9<sup>th</sup> November 2015, fire discovered at rear of Marshall Construction building. £6000 damage caused and enquiries ongoing.

## **ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES**

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

Operation Core running throughout entire division focusing on drugs, violence and road traffic, with pre-planned operations in line with community concerns.

Parking issues still arising in and around local primary schools. We are making every effort to address this and linking in with schools and Council.

On 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015, PSoS festive safety marketing campaign launched with a focus on online safety.



In addition to online safety, the five week marketing campaign will also cover shopping safely, partying safely and home safety.

**Online Safety** encourages people to think about what they are posting on social networking sites and to make sure their web browser and internet security is up to date.

**Shop Safely** by keeping presents out of sight in cars and being careful when using cash machines.

**Party Safely** messages include planning ahead for nights out, sticking with friends and being sensible about how much alcohol is consumed.

Home Safety advice includes tips on keeping homes secure and ensuring presents are kept out of sight.

Whether enjoying a festive night out, shopping for gifts locally or online, or at home in the run up to Christmas, members of the public will come across elements of the marketing campaign. It involves:

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- Advertising within train stations across Scotland
- Digital advertising
- Working with partners including shopping centers, bars, and charities
  - Social media

Speaking about the campaign Superintendent Ross Aitken, Safer Communities, said: "Communities across Scotland become busier day and night over the festive period with shoppers and people out celebrating. We want to ensure people have a great time this Christmas by providing some basic prevention advice – whether shopping, socialising, within the home or online.

"Unfortunately there are those who exploit the festive period for the wrong reasons. Prevention is essential in removing opportunities for criminals.

"In the run up to Christmas everyone is busy making preparations, whether out shopping, buying gifts online or out celebrating with friends and family. We are asking you to take a moment to think about the simple preventative measures you can take to discourage criminals and to stay safe. Our message is simple 'This Christmas, Keep Safe'."

#### **Counter Terrorism Awareness Week 2015**

#### 23/11/2015

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November PSoS launched the Counter Terrorism Awareness Week 2015, a campaign from the police service and partners to inform the public about the threat we face from terrorism and offering practical advice about how to stay safe whether at home, in business or online.

Counter Terrorism Awareness Week has been planned for a long time but its relevance is all the more obvious due to the atrocities we have all witnessed over the last few weeks following the recent terrorist activity in France and in Mali.

The threat could manifest itself in many ways; from an individual working alone to terrorist networks planning coordinated attacks.

It is important to highlight that the threat level to the UK from international terrorism remains at SEVERE, which means an attack is highly likely. The UK has been operating at this level since August 2014 and it is important that following these events all communities remain alert but not alarmed and report any suspicious activity.

The Service carries out daily activities to help maintain the protection and security of all our communities and this week gives us an opportunity to remind communities about this threat and what we are doing to tackle it, as well as providing information to help them to take the necessary steps to stay safe.

The launch today outlines the current threat and what is being done to tackle it.

On Tuesday the focus will be on public vigilance to help report terrorist activity - both online and off - and explains what to look out for and how the public can get in touch with the police if they have concerns or information about suspicious behavior or activity.

Wednesday will see the conversation move toward how businesses and industry can be best prepared against the online threat from cyber terrorism.

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On Thursday efforts will concentrate on the dangers of online radicalisation and how to safeguard those who are vulnerable.

At the end of the week, in advance of one of the busiest shopping weekends of the year, we will highlight useful information that will explain how to keep popular digital gift items safe from unwanted external influences.

Deputy Chief Constable Iain Livingstone, Crime and Operational Support, Police Scotland said: "While people in Scotland remain safe going about their day to day business with family, friends and colleagues, I would encourage everyone to be vigilant, alert and avoid complacency. We are working tirelessly to confront the terrorist threat we all face. To do this we need the help of the public. Communities defeat terrorism, which is why our relationship with Scotland's communities is so important and it now needs to be stronger than ever before."

Visit the <u>NaCTSO website</u> today and every day this week for information about how to stay safe online and how to be vigilant against the threat from terrorism.

Follow Twitter activity and web chats at: @Policechiefs or <u>https://twitter.com/PoliceChiefs</u>. #CounterTerrorismUK

## FEEDBACK FROM MEETING