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Community Council Police Report

OBAN LORN AND THE ISLES

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OLI COMMUNITY COUNCIL POLICE REPORT

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Foreword

This report is to serve as a guide to Police activity and the type of demand within the relevant council areas. Its content is there to help support discussion at the meeting with your policing representative. Should the Community Council have concerns that they wish to raise with the Police or advice that they are seeking, these can either be raised with the officer that attends the meeting, or directly with Sgt Shaw, who sends out this correspondence.

We are fortunate to live in a rural part of the world, with small communities that know one another. As such, the detail, in the report is deliberately lacking in specific content, except where a press release has been undertaken. This is to maintain the anonymity of victims of crime.

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Your Local Team

Chief Inspector Simon Shanks is the local Area Commander in charge of the Response Officers, Community Officers, and Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Department, who work in the stations situated throughout our Policing Area. Underneath him is Community Inspector Lee Page, who leads much of our stakeholder engagement and day to day operational processes.

You can also follow your local teams on Twitter where they post about how they are policing your community.

Important: please note the email addresses and social media channels are not for reporting crime and are not monitored 24/7.

Should you wish to contact the Communities Team, please link with Sgt Matt Shaw on the following email: matthew.shaw@scotland.police.uk

1. Crimes, Incidents & Demand

OLI policing area is divided in different 'beats' for recording crime and calls for service. The beats for OLI area are listed below and the applicable councils within them detailed.

| Beat | Councils Served |
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| LB23 & L24 | Oban Community Council |
| LB25 | Luing Isle of Seil & Easdale Isle of Colonsay Kilmore & Kilbride Kilmelford & Kilninver |

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| | Community Councils |
| LB26 | North Connel Ledaig Benderloch Barcaldine Ardchattan Community Councils |
| LB27 | Dunbeg Connel Taynuilt Community Councils |
| LB28 | Dalmally Avich & Kilchrennan Glen Orchy & Innishail Community Councils |
| LB29 | Appin Lismore Community Councils |
| LB30, LB31, LB33 & LB34 | Isle of Mull Isle of Iona (<i>included within Beat 34</i>) Community Council |
| LB32 | Isle of Tiree |

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The following lists detail the service demand and crimes that have occurred within the previous month for each of the respective beat areas. Where there has been a release to the press, this has been included to provide more context.

LB23/24: Has had **237** calls for service over the month of July. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **68** crimes being recorded. These crimes were as follows:

- 1 x Breach of the Peace;
- 9 x Theft;
- 14 x Threatening & Abusive Behaviour;
- 1 x Breach of Drinking Ban;
- 2 x Rape;
- 1 x Sexual Assault
- 3 x Failure to Report Accident;
- 3 x Possession of Controlled Substance;
- 3 x Vandalism;
- 7 x Common Assaults;
- 2 x Serious Assault;
- 1 x Licencing Breach;
- 2 x Extortion;
- 3 x No Insurance;
- 1 x No MOT;

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2 x Fraud;

3 x Breach of Bail;

1 x Dangerous Driving;

1 x Make View Sexual Image without Consent;

1 x Cause Death by Dangerous Driving;

1 x Driver without Due Care/Attention;

2 x Pedlar Offence;

1 x Assault Police Officer.

The press releases for this area were:

Threatening & Abusive Behaviour: at 4.10pm on Sunday 9th July, at George Street, Oban, Police were called to a report of a drunk teenage girl lying on the floor. Upon attendance a girl was identified as requiring support, but was in company with another young woman who allegedly began swearing at Officers and members of the public as they tried to assist. A 17 year old female was subsequently arrested and charged with the offence detailed. She was issued a Recorded Police Warning;

Theft: on Wednesday 5th July, at Albany Stores, Oban, it was reported to Police that two men had attended in the early hours of the morning and stolen items from the rear of the store, damaging containers in the process. Officers have investigated the matter and charged a man, 41 yrs with the offence detailed. A second man, 29 yrs, is currently outstanding, but will be charged in due course. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Serious Assault: on Wednesday 5th July, at Tesco, Lochside Street, Oban, Police were called to a reported disturbance where two men were allegedly fighting. Upon arrival a man, 51 yrs, has been found unconscious. As a result of enquiries made a man, 41 yrs, was located and arrested in connection with this offence. He has since been charged and released on Undertaking;

Threatening & Abusive Behaviour and Resisting Arrest: at 1am on Friday 7th July, at Victoria Crescent, Oban, Police on patrol allegedly encountered a male who was part of a large group who was continually swearing and acting in an abusive manner.

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Failing to desist with the behaviour when asked the man was arrested, whereby it is alleged that he resisted being conveyed to the waiting Police Van. A male, 23 yrs, has been charged with the offences detailed and a case has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Vandalism: between 6pm on Sunday 25th June and 9am on Monday 26th June, at a resident's car park on Longsdale Road, Oban, unknown person/s have used an implement to scratch the driver's side panels of white VW Passat. Police are investigating and are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, quoting reference LB00270723;

Assault: between 1210am and 1240am on Saturday 22nd July, on the route between Tweedle Street and Tesco in Oban, a 17 year old male has allegedly been assaulted, suffering minor head injuries. Police are investigating and are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, quoting reference LB01990723;

Possession of Controlled Substance: at 9.45pm on Thursday 20th July, behind Corran Hall, Oban, Police on patrol have had cause to stop and search two males under the Misuse of Drugs Act. As a result of these searches it is alleged that a male, 16yrs, was found in possession of 1.7g of Cannabis and another male, 17 yrs, in possession of 0.5g of Cannabis. Both boys received a Recorded Police Warning;

Threatening & Abusive Behaviour: at 12.45am on Saturday 22nd July, at Station Road, Oban, Police were called to a report of a disturbance. Upon attending a male was trying to instigate a fight with another man. The male refused to desist when challenged by Officers. A 19 year old male was subsequently arrested and charged with the offence detailed. He was issued a Recorded Police Warning.

Threatening & Abusive Behaviour, Police Assault, Resist Arrest, Trespass on Railway Line: at 10.15pm on Saturday 22nd July, at Station Square, Oban, Officers on patrol have received abuse off two teenagers, who were in the area. Both ran off upon Police attempting to interact with them. One boy, 14yrs, was quickly located and taken home to his parents and charged with Threatening & Abusive Behaviour. The other boy, 13, when located, resisted arrest, threw a bottle at officers and then ran onto a train line to try and evade capture. He was subsequently arrested and charged with the offences detailed. He has been released on Undertaking with

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curfew conditions. A report concerning the behaviour of both is being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Supply of Controlled Substance: at 8.40pm on Wednesday 19th July, near to Corran Brae, Oban, Officers on patrol had cause to stop and search 3 males under Misuse of Drugs Act powers. Two males, 17 & 19 yrs, were allegedly found in possession a quantity of Cannabis and material indicative of supplying a controlled substance. Both were arrested and all items seized. Following interview they have been released without charge for further investigation to confirm the nature of offences that will eventually be charged;

Threatening & Abusive behaviour: at 9.20pm on Tuesday 25th July, at Albany Road, Oban, Police were called to a report of a fight between two males. Following attendance and review of available CCTV, two males, 41 and 32 yrs, were charged with the offence detailed. A case has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Breach of Undertaking Conditions, Threatening & Abusive Behaviour: at 1220am on Friday 28th July, at Lochavullin Road, Oban, Officers on patrol have identified a male that was out of his house in breach of curfew conditions that he was subject to. The boy, 13 yrs, was arrested, subsequently being taken back to parental control. It is alleged that during this arrest he was abusive towards officers. A report has been submitted to both the Procurator Fiscal and Scottish Children's Reporter Administration;

Police Assault & Possession of Controlled Substance: between 1.30pm on Saturday 29th July and 6am on Sunday 30th July, at Oban Hospital, Police were engaged with an arrested detainee who was requiring treatment. During this time the man was found to be in possession of two wraps containing a quantity of tablets, which he had allegedly secreted. Further, during this time, the man allegedly became volatile and kicked out Officers, catching one in the neck. The man, 33 yrs, was charged with the offences detailed and was presented before the next available court.

LB25: Has had **42** calls for service over the month of July. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **5** crimes being recorded. These crimes were as follows:

2 x Threatening & Abusive Behaviour;

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1 x Extortion;

1 x Supply of Controlled Substance;

1 x Pedlar Offence.

There were no press releases for this area.

LB26: Has had **23** calls for service over the month of July. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **7** crimes being recorded. These crimes were as follows:

2 x Threatening & Abusive Behaviour;

2 x Pedlar Offence;

2 x Common Assault;

1 x Drink Driving.

There were no press releases for this area.

LB27: Has had **44** calls for service over the month of July. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **5** crimes being recorded. These crimes were as follows:

1 x Dangerous Driving;

1 x Driving without Due Care/Attention;

1 x Drug Driving;

1 x Common Assault;

1 x Malicious Communications.

The press releases for this area were:

Fraud: at 12am on the morning of Wednesday 26th July, at Dunbeg, Police were called to a report of a male that had obtained the services of a Taxi knowing that they could not pay for the service rendered. As a result of enquires made at the time

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a man, 42 yrs, was arrested for the offence detailed. A case has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

Drug Driving, Speeding & No MOT: at 5.15pm on Saturday 29th July, on the A85 near to Taynult, Officers were undertaking a speed check, when they had cause to stop a silver VW Polo allegedly travelling at 44mph in a 30mph zone. Upon being stopped Police suspected that the driver had consumed Controlled Substances, leading to a drug wipe. It is alleged that this test showed positive for Cannabis and Cocaine. Further checks showed the vehicle to have no valid MOT. A man, 36, was arrested for the offences detailed and evidential blood samples have been obtained for review. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

LB28: Has had **59** calls for service over the month of July. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **8** crimes being recorded. These crimes were as follows:

3 x Threatening & Abusive Behaviour;

1 x Dangerous Driving;

1 x No Insurance;

2 x Failure to Report Accident;

1 x Speeding.

The press releases for this area were:

Threatening & Abusive Behaviour: at 9.30pm on Friday 7th July, on the B840, near Portsonachan, Police were called to a report of a male allegedly threatening 3 r fishermen with a beer bottle. Upon attendance a man was identified to Police and subsequently arrested. A man, 54 yrs, has been charged with the offence detailed and a case has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Threatening & Abusive Behaviour: at 9.15pm on Wednesday 19th July, at the park in Dalmally, Police have received a report of a male allegedly filming two children and acting in an abusive manner towards them. Following investigation, a man, 53 yrs, has been charged with the offence detailed and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

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Threatening & Abusive Behaviour: at 10pm on Wednesday 19th July, at the Scott Terrace, Dalmally, Police have received a report of a man acting in an abusive manner towards another male. Following investigation, a man, 55 yrs, has been charged with the offence detailed and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal;

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Arrest: at 8.20pm on Wednesday 26th July, at Dalmally Community Park, Police were called to a report of a male filming and acting in an abusive manner to children, playing within the park. As a result of enquiries made at the scene, a man, 53 was arrested. It is alleged that the man tried to resist the arrest and then was abusive and threatening to officers during the time he was in custody. It is further alleged that once in a Police vehicle, he deliberately removed a colostomy bag and emptied the contents onto the inside of the vehicle. The man has been charged with all of the offences detailed and has subsequently been released on Undertaking to attend court at a future point. A case has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

LB29: Has had **6** calls for service over the month of July. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **2** crimes being recorded. These crimes were as follows:

1 x Theft;

1 x Threatening & Abusive Behaviour.

There were no press releases for this area.

LB30/31/33/34 (Isle of Mull): Has had **60** calls for service over the month of July. When reviewed by Beat the breakdown is as follows:

Beat 30 had **31** of these calls, with the crime recorded being:

1 x Fraud;

1 x Theft;

1 x Failure to Report Accident,

Beat 31 had **11** of these calls, with the crime recorded being:

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1 x Common Assault;

1 x Failure to Report Accident.

Beat 33 had **5** of these calls, with the crime recorded being:

1 x Pedlar Offence.

Beat 34 (Inc. Iona) had **13** of these calls, with the crime recorded being:

1 x Failure to Report Accident.

There were no press releases for this area.

LB32: Has had **17** calls for service over the month of July. Of the calls that we received, this translated to **1** crimes being recorded. These crimes were as follows:

1 x Drink Drive.

There were no press releases for this area.

2. Local Police Plan

The new Policing Plan for your local area is currently under review and we want to have it shaped by you.

Police Scotland wants to know and understand the views of Scotland's diverse communities. One of the ways the service listens and understands the views of people living here is the Your Police survey.

[Your Police 2023-24](#) is live on their Engagement Hub and Police Scotland is inviting anyone to take part.

The survey is open all year and asks about your experiences of feeling safe in your community and what you think about the police. The survey also aims to help the

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police understand more about your experiences of interacting with them. The police will make decisions using the insights gathered through the survey to help inform local service delivery. It's about all of us working together to improve safety and wellbeing in communities throughout Scotland.

Everyone is invited to take part, even if you have taken part previously. This is your opportunity to shape policing in your local area. Responses are reviewed regularly and reports are shared each month with the Police Scotland Executive. Senior management teams in local areas use what you say in the survey to respond to local needs and priorities.

Take part in the survey here: <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2023-2024/consultation/intro/>

An easy read and British Sign Language version of the survey is also available via the above link.

3. Forthcoming events & Announcements of Note

PEDLAR WARNING

July (continuing into August) has seen a spike in an unusual crime type within OLI and MAKI, whereby a coordinated group of visitors to the area sought to engage our more rural communities with doorstep selling, in contravention of the Pedlars Act 1871. The reason such laws are in place is due to the pressure techniques used against residents during such selling and the fact that such acts tend to go hand in hand with dishonesty offences, such as thefts, rogue trading and frauds. Over 2 days Police responded to multiple calls and arrested 3 different people. This response was assisted by use of media to spread awareness of the issue taking place, whereby the communities then fed back timely information to permit action by our Officers. The response and support from the public meant that the group quickly moved on from the area, realising that it was not possible to continue their activities without

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sanction. This is a strong example of the strength the communities in Argyll have in tackling issues like this, when we all pull together to tackle it. However, new groups have come into the area recently, again seeking to target vulnerable households. Please, never purchase items, or services from people that turn up unannounced at your door. Contact the Police and check on elderly neighbours should you witness such activity.

WATER SAFETY SCOTLAND OFFERS ADVICE ABOUT BUYING SECOND-HAND EQUIPMENT

Buying a second-hand kayak/canoe/stand-up-paddleboard (SUP) should be encouraged. It's not only an affordable option, it also has a positive environmental impact. There are many different options available, so it is important to ensure that you are buying the correct craft for the environment you intend to use it in.

As well as considering the correct equipment for the activity, always consider what safety measures you should take. Water Safety Scotland has produced safety codes for [kayaking/canoeing](#) and [stand up paddleboarding](#) and encourages everyone undertaking these activities to familiarise themselves with the advice offered.

Water Safety Scotland has created the following advice to help with purchasing second hand water sports equipment:



Warning Regarding Developing Crime Trend



SEXtortion

BEWARE of the online scam leaving victims **EXPOSED!**

I sent you the pic

Thanks! I will now send this to all of your friends unless you send me £500

Wait! Please stop! I don't have £500

Pay me now!

Hurry up!

I'm waiting!!!

- Don't** panic
- Don't** pay
- Don't** delete messages
- Stop** all communication with the scammer
- Deactivate** your account
- Report** to the Police

We will deal with your case seriously

For more information scan the QR code with your camera app or visit:
www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/internet-safety/sextortion



The above crime type is growing. Predominantly male victims are being persuaded to send pictures of themselves to real women, via social media and internet platforms, who then use the picture to extort money from the sender. Please follow the steps below, report all matters to Police and never send intimate pictures of yourself to strangers online.