

Partner Update

Police Scotland

Appropriate Adult – Training still continues within Argyll and Bute with another day possibly going ahead in November/December. Demand is increasing for this service particularly in the more populated areas of Argyll and Bute. To date this has been a great success.

Training

Officers will be taking part in Training dates in and November which have been organised by the Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drugs Partnership.

Education for Schools

Safer Communities Officers in Argyll will be again be working in the schools this year in partnership with Youth Workers, The Waverly Project and Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project {MECOPP}.

Police Scotland – will give an input on Hate Crime, Bullying/Cyber Bullying and being a Bystander. Youth Workers – will talk to the students and discuss the difficulties in being a young carer and help them have a better understanding of the stresses such an individual can endure and the stigma sometimes connected to it especially if the parent is addicted to alcohol or drugs. MECOPP - will discuss "Two Sides of the Same Story" a leaflet regarding 'Understanding the Barriers Faced by Gypsy/Travellers'.

The Waverly Project - cover understanding gender, Trans and Intersex identities.

The project is delivered over two days and is aimed at 3rd and 6th year students. An evaluation of the course will be carried out throughout. The Project has initially started in the MAKI area and will then be offered to the rest of the schools in the LB area.

Partnership Working – Police Scotland & Argyll and Bute Trading Standards Officers

Partnership Work is ongoing with Argyll and Bute Trading Standards Officers and Police Scotland with regards to combating people who are believed to be getting targeted and falling victim to SCAMS. A list of about 120 residents within Argyll and Bute may be vulnerable to such SCAMS and Officers will be visiting those potential victims over the coming weeks. The Visit Objectives will be as follows:

To assess those visited and identify scam victims or vulnerable individuals who may be susceptible to scam/fraud.

Give advice and information about mass marketing scams to those being targeted or vulnerable to such scams.

Having identified scam victims or those considered vulnerable, to provide support to reduce the risk from further harm and from other crimes such as doorstep crime.

On conclusion of the initiative there will be media coverage offering advice and support.

Road Safety

Argyll and Bute Multi Agency Road Safety Group now meets on a quarterly basis. The following list indicates initiatives that are going to be carried out in the weeks ahead:

23 to 30 November - National Road Safety Week

04 Dec to 01 Jan 2016 - Festive Drink and Drug Driving Campaign.

The 20mph speed limits' outside schools in the MAKI section are covered by both Road Policing and local Divisional Officers.

Officers give attention to the schools where possible at the appropriate times of the day but obviously due to the number of the temporary speed limits and operational commitments they are unable to police this on every occasion. If one of the schools were having a particular problem then an Action Plan can be raised and extra attention would be afforded to the area.

Local Officers provided some advice to Southend Primary School at their request in relation to parents stopping to drop the children at school. The school were asked to highlight the issue to the parents and ask them to refrain from doing it. Officers policed the school at opening and closing times and advice was given to parents at this time. There were no offences reported at this time.

Road Policing Traffic Management will liaise with the Council Roads Dept. with regards to the issue and will report back with their findings.

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