

Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee - Thursday 21 March 2019

From that start of 2019, Police Scotland have been, and will continue to, increase pro-active patrols. Officers are being deployed on plain clothes duties to address acquisitive crime and anti-social behaviour offences. This has proved to be positive, both with the officers and with regards detections of offenders.

Road blocks will be a tactic utilised as we move into spring, these will be given an operational name and will be planned rather than deployed on an ad-hoc basis. I have a new intelligence officer moving to Helensburgh on a full time basis this month (Feb) and he will drive these through intelligence led policing.

Officers based in Helensburgh are being encouraged to take a more active role in the disruption of the illegal drug trade. We have already craved and been granted a warrant which will be executed in due course by Helensburgh officers supplemented by our drug unit based at Dumbarton. This will allow for daily business to carry on as usual. The experience taken from such operations will benefit Police Scotland and the community. It will be publicised in the press.

There continues to be an increase in vandalisms, especially random damage to vehicles, again this is an area to be targeted by both uniform and plain clothes officers.

General disorder at this time of the year is not an issue with regards licensed premises. Disorder within the community is an issue on occasion. We will liaise with housing to identify problematic tenants and addresses.

I recently attended the launch night of our new Police Scotland Youth Volunteer Group (PSYV) 24 youths have joined. They will require some training and uniforms are on order. Once established over the coming months I will utilise them at public events such as the Highland Games etc. They can also assist in the community with charitable events, letter drops and such like.

PC Stephen Carr is the new Youth Engagement Officer for Helensburgh & Lomond, he will be developing the role as we move forward. He has 11 primary school talks booked for Internet awareness / safety inputs.

Officers will continue to attend all (unless operational demand is excessive) Community Council meetings.

I have met with Jackie Baillie MSP and Councillor Freeman regarding recent concerns around Blairvadach Children's Unit and good progress has been made.

Resource numbers at Helensburgh remain at a good level.