

## Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee

19 February 2021

Change of Area Commander for Helensburgh, Lomond, Cowal and Bute.

CI Douglas Wilson moving to another department and being replaced by CI Emma Grimason who has worked in this area previously in various ranks and already has a good understanding of the area.

Business as usual for the Police as you would expect, crime figures remain favourable in the Helensburgh and Lomond area.

Police Scotland have maintained the 4 x E's policing response to policing the covid19 pandemic:

**Engage**

**Encourage**

**Educate**

**Enforce**

On occasion, people have been at certain locations with a flagrant disregard for the travel restrictions having arrived from out with A&B. These individuals have been charged and issued with fixed penalties and we will continue to police the area in this manner. 2 males have been reported for Culpable & Reckless Conduct after requiring rescued from The Cobbler by the Mountain Rescue Team having travelled from Bellshill to climb.

My resources remain very good, effect by covid or other seasonal illnesses has been minimal, we are working very hard to keep our staff safe and have had no transmission of the virus within the workplace. PPE is readily available when and if required to all officers.

Joint work ongoing with the National Park since last year to be ready for the potential influx of visitors should travel restrictions be eased and international travel remain blocked. NP will have extra facilities in place to deal with increased numbers.

Recent joint exercise with British Transport Police to address slight increase in youth disorder on the rail network to and from Helensburgh. Successful weekend and deterred a number of youths from travelling, will continue to work with BTP should we see any issues.

Ongoing virtual engagement with all partners to maintain good working relations during this time.

Fraud remains an issue in general, numerous methods, phone calls, email scams, social media messaging. Persons calling under the pretence of being from a bank, DVLA, NHS, HMRC, Investment opportunities. We have used social media to warn but very difficult to police and almost impossible to detect once fraud committed.

Continued liaising with all Community Councils via monthly reports during pandemic.