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# Area Community Planning Group

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REPORT FOR OBAN, LORN & THE ISLES

April 2022

## **AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

**Area:** OBAN

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**Name of officer submitting:** PC Lisa Neish

### **Update:**

- Your Dog Your Responsibility
- Counter Terrorism Awareness
- Fraud Prevention
- Local Police Plan 2022-23
- Forthcoming events
- Resourcing

### **1. Your Dog Your Responsibility**

As lambing season is upon us, and with new legislation launched in relation to livestock worrying, our Divisional launch of this was held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The new legislation for livestock worrying now covers a wider range of animals including camelids and ostriches. The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (amendment)(Scotland) Act 2021 includes amendments to the penalties people can face which includes a fine up to £40,000 or 12 months imprisonment. The message is clear, it's your dog and it's your responsibility. Always keep your dog in sight and under proper control when near livestock and avoid fields with sheep particularly at this time of year when any stress may cause them to abort their young. Funding from National Farmers Union Scotland (NFUS) has enabled crime prevention packs for those involved in agriculture and forestry work to be printed and these will be available shortly. Waterproof fence posters will also be available from your local police station

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in the coming weeks which can be fixed to fence posts advising people of this legislation.



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If you would like to become involved in promoting this or helping to display the fence posters then please let us know ([Laura.evans@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Laura.evans@scotland.pnn.police.uk)).

## 2. Counter Terrorism Awareness

PC Dave Burton is our local Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer and has been providing inputs to local Housing Association as an introduction to Counter Terrorism. This ensures that staff are aware of signs of radicalisation and any prevention work that can be done by them as a frontline measure.

## 3. Fraud Prevention

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To support Cyber Scotland Week 2022, Police Scotland in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch Scotland held a series of online seminars to raise awareness of scams and online safety. This is due to the increase in reported frauds we have seen since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. There were 3 sessions held – General Online Safety Tips, Child Protection (their safety, our responsibility) and Scams Prevention and Awareness. Neighbourhood Watch Scotland have now uploaded each presentation to their YouTube Channel so that they can be watched and shared at any time. Here is the link to view each recording:

- Online Safety Awareness - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0TmqVdyiQc>
- Their Safety, Our Responsibility - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CnFzGFPXGo>
- Scams & Digital Footprint Awareness - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKdmU7Y0fQk>

Inputs are continuing for community groups and call blockers continue to be installed for those most at risk of falling victim to scams.

#### **4. Local Police Plan 2020-23**

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/1nvfendn/argyll-bute-local-policing-plan-2020-2023.pdf>

Oban, Lorn & the Isles, Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islands is one of three command areas in Argyll & West Dunbartonshire

##### Priorities

The priorities for the area are decided by data from our strategic assessment which details threats and risks, and also from feedback from local authorities, partners, and residents in the Your Police Survey

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/surveys/your-police-2020-2021/>

- Serious organised crime
- Acquisitive crime
- Road safety and road crime
- Violent crime

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- Public protection

As we move into 2022, the priorities remain unchanged and we continue to focus on these according to local demand within Oban, Lorn and the Isles.

### **5. Forthcoming events**

As we progress further into 2022, we are starting to see restrictions from the Omicron variant of Covid-19 eased again. This will open up the opportunity for local events to commence again such as the Mull Music Festival, Tiree Music Festival, Oban Live and the Argyll Gathering along with other smaller functions. This will be a vital opportunity to re-engage face to face contact with many people in the community on a larger scale. Our planning department is fully engaged with regards to any such planning applications and resources and are adjusted to suit.

### **6. Resourcing**

We have recently advertised for Officers to work at Oban Police Station on a summer secondment which has generated some interest and we are hopeful we will soon be able to welcome some new officers to assist us through the busy summer months.

We will also be welcoming back our probationer officers this month. The 3 officers were with us for a short time recently before returning to the Police college to complete their training and will now return later this month to provide additional support to the Oban area.

End of Report.

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