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| Community Council Report Covering Oban, Lorn and the Islands – September 1 <sup>st</sup> – September 30 <sup>th</sup> 2026 |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                             |                                                                                    |                                 | <br><b>POLICE</b><br><b>SCOTLAND</b><br><small>Keeping people safe</small> |
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| Service Demand & Recorded Crimes Per Beat Area                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                               | LB23<br>Calls: 91 Crimes: 57 | LB24<br>Calls: 98 Crimes:55 | LB25<br>Calls30: Crimes:3                                                          | LB26<br>Calls: 9 Crimes:4       |                                                                                                                                                               |
| LB27<br>Calls:38 Crimes: 15                                                                                                | LB28<br>Calls:39 Crimes: 10                                                                                                                                                                   | LB29<br>Calls: 7 Crimes: 0   |                             |                                                                                    | Total<br>Calls: 312 Crimes: 144 |                                                                                                                                                               |
| Beat Area                                                                                                                  | OLI Councils Served                                                                                                                                                                           |                              | Beat Area                   | OLI Councils Served                                                                |                                 |                                                                                                                                                               |
| LB23 & LB24                                                                                                                | Oban Community Council                                                                                                                                                                        |                              | LB27                        | Dunbeg Community Council<br>Connel Community Council<br>Taynuilt Community Council |                                 |                                                                                                                                                               |
| LB25                                                                                                                       | Luing Community Council<br>Isle of Seil & Easdale Community Council<br>Isle of Colonsay Community Council<br>Kilmore & Kilbride Community Council<br>Kilmelford & Kilninver Community Council |                              | LB28                        | Avich & Kilchrennan Community Council<br>Glen Orchy & Innishail Community Council  |                                 |                                                                                                                                                               |
| LB26                                                                                                                       | North Connel Community Council<br>Ledaig Community Council<br>Benderloch Community Council<br>Barcaldine Community Council<br>Ardchattan Community Council                                    |                              | LB29                        | Appin Community Council<br>Lismore Community Council                               |                                 |                                                                                                                                                               |

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| Local Policing Priority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Local Good News                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | How can you help?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <div data-bbox="120 395 331 571">  <p><b>SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="342 395 672 571"> <p>You identified drug dealing / drug misuse as a priority</p> <p>We identified human trafficking as a priority</p> </div> | <p>There have been 11 reports of serious and organised crime during September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been 1 seizure of Class A drugs</li> <li>• There has been 7 seizures of Class B drugs</li> <li>• There has been 2 seizures of Class C drugs</li> <li>• There has also been 1 report of being concerned in the supply of a controlled drug.</li> </ul> <p>A 26 year old male has been cautioned and charged with being concerned in the supply of a controlled drug namely cocaine, after a search warrant was executed at an address in Oban on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The male was also charged with possession of cannabis. The male was released on Undertaking to appear at Oban Sheriff Court at a later date.</p> | <p>Help us keep these drugs off your streets - stop drug related crime by reporting any suspicions you may have either in person or anonymously via 101 or via crime stoppers online:</p> <p><a href="https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org">Crimestoppers in Scotland   Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org) 0800 555 111</a></p> |
| <div data-bbox="120 979 331 1155">  <p><b>ACQUISITIVE CRIME</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="342 979 672 1155"> <p>You identified homes being broken in to as a priority</p> <p>We have also identified fraud as a priority</p> </div>       | <p>There have been 17 acquisitive crimes reported during September, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Theft Housebreakings (1 dwelling, 1 non-dwelling)</li> <li>• 2 Theft of M/V's</li> <li>• 1 Theft from a M/V</li> <li>• 6 reports of Theft Shoplifting</li> <li>• 2 reports of Theft (including 1 Theft by finding)</li> <li>• 2 reports of Fraud</li> <li>• 1 report of intended theft curtilage</li> </ul> <p>Between 1030 hours on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August and 2035 hours on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September entry was forced to a dwelling house in Connel and items stolen from within. Enquiries are ongoing.</p>                                                                                                          | <p>Your local police would like for your Community Council to help us by following us on our social media channels and help us spread crime prevention advice and guidance.</p>                                                                                                                                               |

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On the evening of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September a 26 year old male driver was arrested and charged in Oban with failing to stop for Police, Theft of a M/V, driving with a provisional license, driving without valid insurance, Dangerous driving, failing to provide a blood or urine sample, driving whilst unfit, assault of an officer in the execution of their duty and possession of cannabis after being apprehended in Deanery Brae Oban.. The male was kept in custody to appear at Oban Sheriff Court.

Between 2130 hours on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September and 0700 hours on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September a pedal cycle was stolen from the rear of an unlocked vehicle parked at the car park at Corran Brae, Oban. Enquiries are ongoing.

A 51 year old male and a 38 year old female have been cautioned and charged with a Theft Shoplifting that occurred at Aldi, Lynn Road, Oban on the evening of Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. The circumstances will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On the evening of Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September Police received a report of a male within the curtilage of a premises in Oban acting suspiciously. A 54 year old male has been arrested and charged with Section 57 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. The male was released on Undertaking to appear at Oban Sheriff Court at a later date.

Police are following a positive line of enquiry after a Theft M/V was reported as having occurred from the A85 between Taynuilt and Oban between Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

A 62 year old male has been issued with a Recorded Police warning in relation to a Theft that occurred on the evening of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at Station Road in Oban.

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>Following a break-in to a premises in Oban between 0715 and 0730 hours on the Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, a 51 year old male has been arrested and charged and released on Undertaking to appear at Oban Sheriff Court at a later date.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|  <p>ROAD SAFETY<br/>AND ROAD<br/>CRIME</p> <p>You identified road safety as a priority</p> <p>We identified drink / drug driving and reducing road casualties as priorities</p> | <p>There have been 37 Road Traffic Offences detected during September. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 reports of dangerous driving</li><li>• 3 reports of Careless driving (including 1 report of causing serious injury by careless driving)</li><li>• 1 report of driving without a license of that class</li><li>• 2 reports of driving with a provisional license</li><li>• 6 reports of driving without valid insurance</li><li>• 2 reports of driving without a valid MOT</li><li>• 4 reports of drink driving</li><li>• 1 report of driving whilst unfit</li><li>• 3 reports of failing to stop after an accident</li></ul> <p>On the evening of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September a 69 year old male driver was stopped on Corran Esplanade Oban after checks revealed his vehicle was uninsured. The driver was unable to provide a valid certificate of insurance and has been cautioned and charged accordingly. The circumstances have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.</p> | <p>Road Safety Hubs</p> <p>A new initiative to enhance driving skills in Argyll and Bute launches across Argyll in February continuing through till May.</p> <p>Sessions include</p> <p>Winter Driving<br/>Speed Awareness<br/>Distracted Driving<br/>Fitness to Drive</p> <p>Locations and dates too access the four sessions have been attached to the Community Council report</p> |

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On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September a 52 year old male driver was cautioned and charged with driving without a licence of that class, failing to change the address on his licence and driving without valid insurance after being stopped by Police on Glencruitten Road, Oban.

Following a vehicle collision reported on the A816, during the early hours of Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September a 29 year old male driver was arrested and charged with Threatening and Abusive Behaviour, failing to provide details contrary to Section 172 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, failing to comply with a preliminary test and drink driving. The male was released on Undertaking to appear at Oban Sheriff Court at a later date.

Following a road traffic collision on the Unclassified Road at Kilchrenan on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September a 23 year old male driver has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for causing serious injury by careless or inconsiderate driving and driving without valid insurance.

On the evening of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September a 65 year old female driver was arrested in Soroba Road, Oban after failing the roadside breath test. The female was conveyed to Oban Police Station where she also failed the intoximeter procedure. The female was cautioned and charged, and the circumstances will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

During the early hours of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September a 58 year old male driver was arrested on the A828 at Connel Bridge after failing the roadside breath test. The male was conveyed to Oban Police Station where he also failed the intoximeter procedure. The male was cautioned and charged, and the circumstances will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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A 63 year old male driver has been cautioned and charged with careless driving following a collision with a motorbike on the A82 on the afternoon of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The circumstances will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

A 41 year old female driver has been cautioned and charged with driving without valid insurance and driving without a valid MOT after her vehicle was stopped by Police on the A85 on the afternoon of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September

During the early hours of Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September a 28 year old male was found to be travelling on an unregistered e-bike on Corran Esplanade. The male was cautioned and charged with riding an unregistered motor vehicle with a provisional license and driving without valid insurance. The e-bike was seized, and the circumstances will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Following a single vehicle collision on the evening of Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September a 62 year old male was arrested for failing to comply with the roadside breath test on the Loch Creran Loop road at Barcaldine. The male was conveyed to Oban Police Station where he failed the intoximeter procedure. The male was cautioned and charged with drink driving, failing to comply with preliminary test and failing to provide details under S172 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. The male was released on Undertaking to appear at Oban Sheriff Court at a later date.

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|  <p data-bbox="344 699 685 783">You identified violent crime as a priority</p> <p data-bbox="344 794 685 879">We have also identified domestic abuse as a priority</p> | <p data-bbox="712 204 1494 272">There have been 52 Crimes of Violence recorded during September, including:</p> <ul data-bbox="759 309 1494 692" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7 reports of assault (1 of which the retail worker was the victim and 1 serious assault)</li><li>• 1 report of assault with intent to rob</li><li>• 27 reports of Threatening and Abusive Behaviour (1 of which was on a retail worker)</li><li>• 10 reports of assault on officers in the execution of their duty.</li><li>• 3 reports of resisting an officer in the execution of their duty</li><li>• 1 report of racially aggravated behaviour</li><li>• 1 report of possession of an offensive weapon</li></ul> <p data-bbox="712 762 1494 999">On the evening of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September a 39 year old male was arrested and charged with an assault on a retail worker at a licensed premises in Oban. The male was also charged with 3 counts of Threatening and Abusive behaviour, failing to provide his details to Police, possession of cannabis and Culpable and Reckless Conduct. The male was kept in custody to appear at Oban Sheriff Court.</p> <p data-bbox="712 1035 1494 1203">A 41 year old male was arrested and interviewed after Police received a report of Threatening and Abusive Behaviour at Dalavich on the evening of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The male was subsequently issued with a Recorded Police Warning for the offence.</p> <p data-bbox="712 1240 1494 1374">A 49 year old male was arrested and charged with assault following an incident at a premises in Oban on the evening of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. The male was released on Undertaking to appear at Oban Sheriff Court at a later date.</p> | <p data-bbox="1525 651 2136 818">Your local police would like for your Community Council to help us with tackling Violent Crime by reporting any ASB or community concerns either in person via 101 or via crime stoppers online:</p> <p data-bbox="1525 855 2136 924"><a href="https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org">Crimestoppers in Scotland   Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org) 0800 555 111</a></p> |
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A 43 year old male was arrested and charged with serious assault and possession of an offensive weapon following an incident at a licensed premises in Oban on the evening of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The male was released on Undertaking to appear at Oban Sheriff Court at a later date.

A 29 year old male has been arrested and charged with 2 counts of Threatening and Abusive Behaviour, vandalism and possession of cannabis following incidents at South Pier, Oban and a licensed premises in Oban on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The male was released on Undertaking to appear at Oban Sheriff Court at a later date.

On the evening of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September a 50 year old male was arrested for 2 counts of Threatening and Abusive Behaviour within a hotel premises in Oban. The male was released on Undertaking to appear at Oban Sheriff Court at a later date.

During the early hours of Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September a 32 year old male was arrested following reports of a disturbance at an address in Oban. The male was subsequently cautioned and charged with 2 counts of Threatening and Abusive Behaviour, 2 counts of resisting arrest, and 4 assaults on officers in the execution of their duty. The male was kept in custody to appear at Oban Sheriff Court.

Following a report of Threatening and Abusive Behaviour at a licensed premises in Oban during the early hours of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, a 68 year old male was arrested and charged with Threatening and Abusive Behaviour and breach of bail. The male was kept in custody to appear at Oban Sheriff Court.

On the evening of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September a 68 year old male was arrested and charged with 2 counts of breach of bail, Threatening and Abusive behaviour and assault of an

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>officer in the execution of their duty on George Street, Oban. The male was kept in custody to appear at Oban Sheriff Court.</p> <p>A 23 year old male has been arrested and charged with Threatening and Abusive Behaviour and 2 counts of assaulting an officer in the execution of their duty at Corran Esplanade, Oban on the evening of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <div><b>PUBLIC PROTECTION</b></div> <div><p>You identified protecting children and adults at risk of harm as a priority</p><p>We identified missing persons, sexual crime and the management of registered sex offenders as priorities</p></div> | <p>Police received 40 Public Protection Calls during September and recorded 9 public protection crimes, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6 reports of failing to comply with bail</li><li>• 1 sexual assault</li><li>• 1 report of engaging in a course of conduct abusive to partner or ex-partner</li><li>• 1 report of threatening to disclose an intimate photograph</li></ul> <p>A 55 year old male was arrested by Police on Shore Street, Oban on the afternoon of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September for breach of bail conditions and Theft by finding. The male was kept in custody to appear at Oban Sheriff Court.</p> <p>A 48 year old female was arrested and charged for Breach of Bail conditions at an address in Oban on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September. The female was kept in custody to appear at Oban Sheriff Court.</p> | <p>Report to your local Police any concerns you may have regarding potential victims of Domestic Abuse or vulnerable persons, who may be being exploited or who may just need additional crime prevention support. Please report this to us either in person or anonymously.</p> |

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| <p>Issues &amp; Questions Raised by Community Councils &amp; Coucillors to the Communities Team</p> <p><i>*N.B. Where the issue is applicable to a section above, this is included there</i></p> | <p><b><u>General News:</u></b></p> <p><u>Change of email address</u><br/>Please note that the mail box for the division has now changed to:<br/><a href="mailto:ArgyllDunbartonshireCommunityPoliceKintyreObanLorn@scotland.police.uk">ArgyllDunbartonshireCommunityPoliceKintyreObanLorn@scotland.police.uk</a></p> <p>A 32 year old male has been cautioned and charged with encamping on land in Oban without the consent from the owner between 2000 hours on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September and 1305 hours on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The circumstances have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.</p> <p><u>Road Smart Hubs</u><br/>Road smart hubs are back across Argyll. This is an initiative between Police Scotland and the Institute of Advanced Motorists and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, delivered by enthusiastic and experienced local teams.<br/>We offer two 90 minute interactive sessions focusing on key risk areas: winter driving and night-time driving. These sessions address common causes of collisions ranging from minor vehicle damage to serious incidents and give you practical tools to stay safe on the road. Attend one or both.<br/>Cost: £10 donation to Glasgow North Group of Advance Motorists charity are welcomed to support ongoing road safety education.<br/>Events are taking place at Campbeltown Fire Station on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 1930 hours and at Oban Fire Station on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 1930 hours.</p> <p><u>Protect your home and vehicle</u><br/>Many break-ins and vehicle thefts are opportunistic. By taking a few moments to secure every part of your property you can drastically reduce the risk of being targeted.<br/>Houses: lock everything, always lock your front, back and patio doors, even when you are inside the house or out in the back garden.<br/>Check windows: ensure all ground floor and accessible windows are shut and locked before you leave the house or go to bed.<br/>Hide your keys: Keep house and car keys completely out of sight. Never leave them near doors, windows or letterboxes where they can be “hooked” form the outside.<br/>Keep valuables hidden: Do not leave laptops, tables or cash visible through ground floor windows.</p> <p>Cars and vehicles:</p> |
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Double check the click: Always lock your vehicle, even if only leaving for a few minutes.  
Clear the cabin: Remove all valuables from sight, including bags, wallets, phones, electronics and loose change.  
Signal Blocking: If your car features keyless entry, store your key fobs in a signal blocking Faraday pouch to prevent thieves from duplicating the signal while you sleep.

Garages and outbuildings:  
Secure the doors: keep garage and shed doors closed and locked at all times. Use high quality hasps or padlocks on shed doors.  
Anchor your valuables: Ensure your garage or shed is locked, chain expensive items like bicycles, lawnmowers and power tools to an immovable fixing point or floor anchor.  
Obscure the view: Use window covers or blinds so thieves cannot see what valuable tools or equipment are stored inside.

Around the property:  
Clear away tools: Do not leave ladders or garden tools lying around your garden, as criminal will use these items to force entry.  
Light the way: Consider installing dusk to dawn lighting fitted with low energy bulbs to provide an even spread of light on entry points and pathways to eliminate dark areas that intruders can hide in.

Please look out for your neighbours and report any suspicious activity immediately.  
In an emergency or to report a crime in progress, dial 999.  
For non-emergency or to report suspicious behaviour call 101 or report online.  
Share information 100% anonymously via Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111.

Fireworks and the law, what you need to know

Fireworks can be dangerous and disruptive if misused. It is a criminal offence to:  
Possess fireworks if you are under 18  
Sell buy or supply fireworks to anyone under 18 (excluding category F1 items like party poppers)  
Set off fireworks between 11pm and 6am (exceptions are midnight on bonfire night, 1am on Hogmanay, Chinese new year and Diwali).  
Throw or set off fireworks in any public space  
Cause unnecessary suffering to animals.  
If you know or suspect someone is misusing fireworks or setting deliberate fires, you can report 100% anonymously via Crimestoppers or <https://orlo.uk/UMDIM>

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### Bank Fraud concerns

159 is a public-facing initiative intended for use by consumers. 159 provides an easy route back to safety if you get an unexpected call about a financial matter. Easy to remember the number connects customers of more than 99% of the UK's retail bank current accounts safely and directly with their bank. Unlike many long form numbers, 159 cannot be spoofed or impersonated.

To find out more follow the link below

<https://orlo.uk/k7Qgf>

### White Ribbon Scotland

White Ribbon Scotland is a campaign to involve men in tackling violence against women. Most men in Scotland are not violent towards women, but many ignore the problem, or see it as something that has nothing to do with them. White Ribbon Scotland encourages all men to take the simple step of signing a personal pledge: I pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about men's violence against women.

Pledges can be made on-line at <http://www.whiteribbonScotland.org.uk/>

We also have a supply of white ribbon pins to promote the charity.

### *Useful Links/Contacts:*

- **Argyll and Bute Communitiy Directory** - <https://abcd.scot/> - this excellent site signposts you to all available services in your area, be it advocacy, counselling, debt advice or animal welfare;
- **Crimestoppers** – [Crimestoppers in Scotland | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/) 0800 555 111
- **Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime** – [www.scottishparc.co.uk](http://www.scottishparc.co.uk)
- **Women's Aid** - [Home - Women's Aid \(womensaid.org.uk\)](http://www.womensaid.org.uk)
- **Citizens Advice** – 0808 164 6000 & <https://www.abcab.org.uk/> - Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau is a local, independent charity which provides free, impartial and confidential advice and information to give you the tools you need to sort out any issues or problems;
- **Argyll and Bute Council Trading Standards** – 01546 605 519
- **Argyll and Bute Council** – <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-council/how-contact-us>
- **Transport Scotland** – road related incidents and road closures - <https://www.traffic.gov.scot/traffic-information/incidents>
- **Scottish Water** - <https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/Help-and-Resources/Contact-Us> 0800 0778 778
- **NHS24 (including mental health support)** – 111 or <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>
- **Scam Share Bulletin** [Trading Standards Scotland Bulletin 6 June \(mailchi.mp\)](https://www.scamshare.org.uk/)

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- **Age Scotland- Demetia Information and help-** <https://www.agescotland.org.uk/>
- **Neighbourhood Watch** - sign up to to receive local alerts and bulletins for your community area - <https://neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/#0>
- **Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)** - <https://www.sepa.org.uk/> - for pollution, environmental safety, flooding, waste disposal/carrying enquiries

*Follow us on Social Media and help share local appeals and education messages:*

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- X (formerly Twitter) – PSOSArgyllBute and PSOS ArgWestDunb

Please contact the officer below with any feedback or concerns raised at the meeting for further considerations or police action.

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| Report Completed by: | PC Sharon Carr                                                                                                                                                   |
| Contact for queries: | <a href="mailto:ArgyllDunbartonshireCommunityPoliceKintyreObanLorn@scotland.police.uk">ArgyllDunbartonshireCommunityPoliceKintyreObanLorn@scotland.police.uk</a> |

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