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Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Dafydd Llywelyn's Newsletter



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Welcome ...

Welcome to the November edition of my Newsletter.

This edition looks back at some highlights from September and October. It has been a busy period for me and my office, not forgetting Covid-19 and how this has impacted on our new way of working. Inside this edition you will find articles on my activities around the use of Penally Camp to house asylum seekers, the activities that took place as part of Hate Crime Awareness week which included the youth webinar I hosted during the week, plus many other interesting articles.

Thank you for taking the time to read my Newsletter; I hope you find it enjoyable and informative. You can find past editions on my website, here: <http://www.dyfedpowys-pcc.org.uk/en/your-neighbourhood/newsletters/>.

If you have any questions about the information I've shared, please do get in touch.

Take care,
Dafydd Llywelyn
Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner

Victim Engagement Forum

Hearing from victims about the services received is important in improving victim services throughout the Criminal Justice System and I'm very pleased to say that, in collaboration with partners on the Dyfed-Powys Criminal Justice Board, our Dyfed-Powys Victim Engagement Forum is now up and running.

In my Police and Crime Plan, I stated that I would work closely with other organisations through the local Criminal Justice Board to develop a more effective and responsive Criminal Justice System and secure the best possible service and outcomes for victims.

In order to be able to do this, I must find out from those who have been affected by crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) what is working well in terms of victim services, what's not working so well, and what improvements are needed.

Our Victim Engagement Forum is a very important project through which my Office will contact individuals affected by crime and ASB to let them know about engagement opportunities linked to victim services. This could involve completing a survey, sending me your feedback on specific processes, policies or documents, or taking part in a group discussion.

To find out more about this project, please contact my office: Email OPCC.Communication@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk or ring 01267 226440 and leave a message for a member of the team to get back to you. Diolch, thank you.

Volunteers - recruitment and restarting scrutiny activities

Recruitment continues into the volunteering roles within my Office. We are looking for individuals to become part of our much valued extended volunteer family as:

- (1) Independent Custody Visitors; and
- (2) Quality Assurance Panel members.

The vital role of an **Independent Custody Visitor (ICV)** involves visiting custody suites in pairs, unannounced, in order to provide an independent check on the welfare of the detainees in custody. You would be part of a dynamic volunteer team who checks on conditions at police cells. This scheme - and others run by my office - helps to protect vulnerable people and ensure professionalism in Dyfed-Powys Police.

The **Quality Assurance Panel** was established to scrutinise the quality of Police contact with the public, in a transparent and independent manner, on behalf of the communities within the Dyfed-Powys area. The Panel scrutinises areas of Police contact with the public, for example, complaint cases, Stop and Search incidents, use of force incidents and police handling of calls in to the Force's Communication Centre i.e. 101 and 999 calls.

To **volunteer with us** you must be over the age of 18, live, work or study within the Dyfed-Powys area, have been resident in the UK for at least 3 years, be independent of the Police and Criminal Justice System, and be able to make unbiased observations and informed judgements in which the public can have confidence.

For further information, please phone 01267 226440 and leave a message for my Assurance Support Officer, Caryl Bond or email opcc@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk and Caryl will get back to you.

You can also download the Handbooks and application forms from my website:

- (1) ICV Scheme - <http://www.dyfedpowys-pcc.org.uk/en/the-office/volunteer-schemes/independent-custody-visitors/>
- (2) Quality Assurance Panel - <http://www.dyfedpowys-pcc.org.uk/en/the-office/volunteer-schemes/quality-assurance-panel/>

I'm pleased to say that my volunteers have been able to restart their important scrutiny activities. Due to Covid-19 and the welfare of my volunteers, where roles could not be undertaken remotely, activity had been put on hold. Checking on the welfare of detainees is a very important role and Caryl has been closely monitoring the situation and regularly liaising with the Force.

The decision was made on the 12 of August to introduce ICV Skype calls into Custody Suites. ICVs began to make weekly calls to Ammanford, Aberystwyth and Haverfordwest Custody Suites, and fortnightly calls to the Custody Suites in Powys in order to speak directly with detainees - who accept their call - to check on their welfare and to ensure they had been made aware of their rights and entitlements.

From 5 October, ICVs have been carrying out a mixture of both Skype calls and physical face-to-face visits. The situation with physical visits is continuously being reviewed, and adjusted within each county, depending on Covid-19 levels and localised lockdowns.

Due to the fact that it is a statutory duty for a Police and Crime Commissioner to have an ICV scheme in place, I am pleased to say that ICVs have been recognised as Key Workers by the Home Office.

My Animal Welfare Visitors restarted their visits with Dog Handlers and their dogs on 14 September. This situation is also being monitored and reviewed. I have 7 Animal Welfare Visitors who visit the Dog Handlers assigned to them at least once every 6 months.

The Dog Section

Dyfed-Powys Police currently has 17 Dog Handlers and 29 Police Dogs.

You can keep up to date with the Dog Section on Twitter @DPPDogs where information is shared on their operational activities and successes.

Read about new Police Dog Max finding a missing mother and baby on his first ever shift - well done Max!

<https://www.dyfed-powys.police.uk/en/newsroom/press-releases/missing-mum-and-baby-found-after-night-outdoors-thanks-to-police-dog-on-his-first-shift/>



Launch of CYCA - Connecting Youth, Children & Adults Centre of Excellence, Llanelli;

In September it was an honour to be given the opportunity to open the new Wales Emotional Health & Wellbeing Centre of Excellence and to celebrate C.Y.C.A's 40th anniversary, a move to bigger and better premises at Dragon 24 (North Dock Llanelli) and to launch their new branding.

The Centre of Excellence brings together 40 years of experience of working in this sector and a new move to a digital hybrid offer where online activities can provide support to more people, from the security of their own homes where possible, and at times convenient to them.

C.Y.C.A is an independent charity providing different support and specialise in providing emotional health and well-being support for children, young people and families through a range of projects and services, with the ultimate aim of improving the lives of people they work with. Everything they do is about promoting positive well-being and empowering individuals to reach their potential. Their work is pro-active encouraging learners to build a strong belief system.

CYCA are one of the few charities that are purely focused on improving the wellbeing of a child in every aspect of their life. The centre of Excellence will work with children, young people and their families on improving the lives and wellbeing of the individual and helping children to thrive. Support services include training, counselling and mentoring as well as host of activities, the new premises at Dragon 24 is also set up to welcome people to the Centre and also to support people online, with new technology and a focus on doing more to support the most vulnerable through these difficult times of increased isolation.

Tracy Pike MBE, said that, *"children are at the core of everything we do, which is why we have moved from focussing on the child to their wider support group and direct family, we now work with the whole unit in order to benefit and bring it back to the child". I want to do more to protect children online and in the round, 'with the rise of technology and the addictive use of social media, we want to educate children and their families on how to stay safe online, this work needs to be within a wider context of breaking negative familial patterns and resetting a family for a more positive new cycle. We currently give young people and their families the tools they need to make them more resilient; what we would like to do next is to help them thrive. It was an honour to have Dafydd Llywelyn officially open our Centre of Excellence, it's important that we work closely with all the essential services in the region and there is so much that CYCA can do in partnership with the police force."*



Lianna Davies, Community Connector Manager/Specialist Training Coordinator:

"It's all going really well at CYCA, with the impending firebreak we are here now more than ever for our community. We have lovely things planned online from fitness for children, to Pilates for adults, online training for adults. Our services remain in place"



"I really enjoyed my visit at the new centre for the launch, and I would personally like to thank Tracy Pike, Chief Executive officer and her team in CYCA for their valuable work in supporting people in the community and look forward to working and supporting you where I can in the future"

For more information on what CYCA has to offer visit their website on; www.cycaonline.org

Estates: Update on several projects, including the new Llanelli Policing Hub and Custody Suite for Carmarthenshire

My dedicated Estates team have continued to maintain, upgrade and improve Dyfed-Powys Police's land and buildings, for which I am responsible for. This encompasses many things, but the main aim remains to ensure a cost-effective and fit-for-purpose estate.

Wednesday 11th November is the planning application proposed date for the Carmarthenshire Custody project and Police station at Llanelli. Significant works are currently ongoing around the fabric and mechanical and electrical condition assessment of the portfolio, ensuring best use of public funds aligned with prioritisation of works on a risk based model. This will support the 10 year financial picture from a backlog and forward maintenance plan for the OPCC Estate across Dyfed-Powys Police.

The Estates team have been working hard to support the operation in maximising the use of space during the pandemic period. Training facilities have been enhanced, Force Communications Centre improvement project is in phase three of works and significant moves and changes have been supported. This all aligns with the future new way of working based on providing an agile environment and working principle across the force.



Housing 230 Asylum Seekers at Pembrokeshire Military Camp

Since the news broke of the plans to use the camp as a location to house 230 asylum seekers temporarily, I have been calling for greater community engagement and detailed strategic planning to ensure that local residents are fully aware of developments.



I have been frustrated by the lack of communication from the Home Office in regards to the developments, and the lack of planning, communication, consultation and information, is totally unacceptable, and shows a lack of respect to not only the local residents in Penally and the surrounding area in Pembrokeshire, but also a lack of respect to local service providers and partners.

I have since attended several multiagency meetings involving Police, Unitary Authority, Health and Welsh Government colleagues, to ensure this decision made without consultation is responded to efficiently and effectively. There has been no clarity on the strategic plan and insufficient engagement to ensure we support and safeguard these vulnerable individuals whilst also addressing local concerns, and I am now demanding that the Home Office apologises to the local residents for their lack of respect.

Specifically, I am concerned about the suitability of the dilapidated site, the lack of local infrastructure for the intended residents, the potential for this to become a focal point for far right attention and finally, the lack of strategy which for me, has echoes of the Windrush scandal.

In my letter to the Home Secretary, I asked for support of my position of wanting detailed planning, community engagement and transparency of decision making.

Following a visit of the site in Penally - where I observed accommodation which is in a poor state of repair and is not adequate for housing 230 young men through the winter, I asked the Home Secretary to halt any further movements to the Penally site until such time that progress can be made to fully consider unintended consequences, community impact assessments and that all key stakeholders can be engaged to consider all available options to support these vulnerable individuals.

The beginning of October I demanded the Home Office make a public apology to Pembrokeshire residents over the lack of public engagement around using the ministry of defence camp in Penally to house asylum seekers.

It has been left to our local agencies including the Police to pick up the pieces of this impractical Home Office decision and I am therefore asking for a direct apology. This way of working is not acceptable. I will continue to involve myself and be proactive in these developments to support the local community of Penally and Pembrokeshire and ensure these vulnerable individuals are safeguarded and provided with adequate services.



Hate Crime Awareness Week

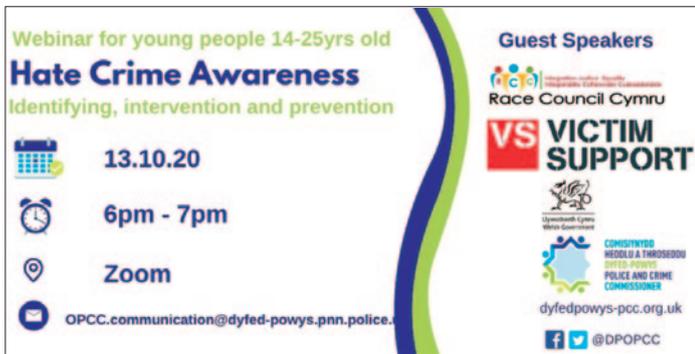
In October, hate crime awareness week took place between October 10th and 17th, and I was pleased to be involved in several activities as part of this increasingly important campaign.

Experiencing hate crime can be a particularly frightening experience, as individuals are targeted because of who they are, or who or what the attacker thinks they are. Unlike non-identity related offences, the attack is very personal and specifically targeted, which means it's less likely to be a random attack.

To that extent, Hate Crime Awareness week was an opportunity for us to discuss and identify the various forms of hate crime that affect people, how they can often escalate to crimes or tension in a community, and how incidents are reported and dealt with by the Police and organisations.

Webinar for Young People

On Tuesday, 13th October, I hosted a webinar for young people with the focus on identifying hate crime, how to intervene and report a hate crime, the work that's being done by organisations and campaigners to prevent and raise awareness of hate crime; and the call for action for young people.



I invited experts and professionals who work to tackle hate crime and raise awareness of hate crimes, as guest speakers for the Webinar to share their experiences and advice with young people. They included Becca Rosenthal, Hate Crime Training and Engagement Officer in Dyfed Powys with Victim Support; Chief Inspector Stuart Bell who is Dyfed-Powys Police Strategic Lead on Hate Crime; Joanne Maksymiuk-King, Community Support Officer in South and West Wales with Race Council Cymru; Ali Abdi from Race Council Cymru; and Nirushan Sudarsan who is the Wales Hate Crime Service Delivery Assistant with Victim Support and who also is a member of the Race Council Cymru National BAME Youth Forum.

The event went extremely well, with over 35 in attendance, and was an opportunity for us to educate young people about their responsibilities as young citizens and provide them with the knowledge and skills to help them challenge the attitudes and behaviours that lead to hate crime

At the beginning of the webinar we did a quick poll with attendees asking four questions on hate crime. We then repeated the poll at the end of the webinar to see if their views and understanding of hate crime had changed in anyway. You can see the results in the tables on the side of this article, and I am extremely pleased to see that the results show that there is a significant difference in people's understanding of what hate crime is between the two results, and also their understanding of how to report hate crime. What is a concern for us however is that we saw an increase

Q1 I know what a hate crime is

	Beginning of webinar	End of Webinar
Yes	84%	100%
No	0%	0%
Not Sure	16%	0%

Q2 I have been a victim of or/and a witness of hate crime

	Beginning of webinar	End of Webinar
Yes	61%	96%
No	13%	0%
Not Sure	26%	4%

Q3 I know how to report a hate crime

	Beginning of webinar	End of Webinar
Yes	19%	35%
No	61%	61%
Not Sure	19%	4%

Q4 I would know where to go and how to get support if I had been a victim of Hate Crime:

	Beginning of webinar	End of Webinar
Yes	45%	91%
No	10%	0%
Not Sure	45%	8%

in the percentage of attendees that said they had been a victim of or/and a witness of hate crime. This goes to show that hate crime is a crime that people sometimes take in their stride without understanding that what they've been subjected to is a criminal offence.

Now more than ever it is important for us all to understand more about Hate Crime and the impact it has on victims, their families and our communities. It's really key to continue conversations in our communities about where hate crime is coming from and how we can all play a part in tackling it and reporting what we see.

I'm grateful to all the guest speakers for their valued contribution to the webinar discussions and to all that attended.

Twitter Takeover

Other activities that happened during hate crime awareness week included a Twitter takeover of my Office's twitter account. The Victim Support Hate Crime Team took control of the Office's @DPOPC Twitter account on Wednesday evening between 6pm and 7pm to promote messages around hate crime, and to encourage discussions with our followers on hate crime. This is the first time we've participated in an activity of this sort, and the response was great with many people sharing and replying to the messages. We will definitely look to work with other partners in the future to repeat this sort of activity on our social media platforms.

Hate Crime Charter

My Office, as well as Dyfed-Powys Police, in our preparation to hate crime awareness week have signed up to the newly launched Victim Support 'Hate Crime Charter' which outlines and reinforces victims' rights.

It sets out in detail the rights of victims, and the commitments of organisations in playing a part in tackling hate crime, providing support and information for victims, and to raise awareness of hate crime among staff and the communities we work within.

Organisations that adopt the charter are committing to ensuring that staff and volunteers are all expected to abide by the charter's promises whenever they come into contact with those affected by hate crime and work to build strong and inclusive communities, which of course is extremely important for myself and my office as well as Dyfed-Powys Police

The image below outlines the victims' rights and what our commitments are.

Victim Support Hate Crime Charter

- The Right to be Heard**
We will listen to you and acknowledge the impact the Hate Crime has had on you. We will do this whether you wish to report the incident to the Police or not.
- The Right to Report Hate Crime**
We will help you report the Hate Crime to the police, either directly or through Victim Support's National Hate Crime Report and Support Centre, where you can remain anonymous. We will record the hate element as the motivating factor to the Police or Victim Support.
- The Right to Free and Confidential Support**
We will provide guidance on accessing free and confidential support from Victim Support that is tailored to you and your needs. We will signpost you to other specialised services if required ensuring you get the support to help you cope and recover from the impact of Hate Crime.
- The Right to be Treated with Respect**
We will treat you with respect and as an individual in your own right.
We will celebrate diversity and inclusion in our organisation and communities that we work with.
- The Right to Privacy**
We will ensure your data is kept securely and not shared with anyone without your consent. You always have the right to request any data we hold about you, or request its deletion from our records complying with General Data Protection Regulations.
- The Right to Information**
We will make sure information about hate crime and accessing support is available to you in a way that you can understand. We will work with communities and organisations to raise awareness of hate crime.
- The Right to Make a Complaint**
We will provide guidance on how to make a complaint if you are not happy that your rights have been adhered to.

Siarter Troseddau Casineb Victim Support

- Yr Hawl i gael eich Clywed**
Byddwn yn gwrandao arnoch chi ac yn cydnabod yr effaith mae'r Drosedd Casineb wedi'i chael arnoch chi. Byddwn yn gwneud hyn p'un a ydych am adrodd am ddigwyddiad i'r Heddlu ai peidio.
- Yr Hawl i Adrodd am Droseddau Casineb**
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- Yr Hawl i Gymorth Am Ddim a Chyfrinachol**
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- Yr Hawl i gael eich Trin â Pharch**
Byddwn yn eich trin â pharch ac fel unigolyn yn eich rhinwedd eich hun.
Byddwn yn dathlu amrywiaeth a chynhwysiant yn ein sefydliad a'r cymunedau rydyn ni'n gweithio gyda nhw.
- Yr Hawl i Breifatrwydd**
Byddwn yn sicrhau bod eich data yn cael eu cadw'n ddiogel ac na fyddant yn cael eu rhannu ag unrhyw un heb eich caniatâd. Mae genym ych yr hawl bob amser i ofyn am unrhyw ddata sydd gennym amdanoch, neu ofyn iddyn gael eu dileu o'n cofnodion gan gydymffurfio â'r Rheoladau Cyffredinol ar Ddiogelu Data.
- Yr Hawl i Wybodaeth**
Byddwn yn sicrhau bod gwybodaeth am droseddau casineb a chymorth ar gael i chi mewn ffordd y gallwch ei deall. Byddwn yn gweithio gyda chymunedau a sefydliadau i godi ymwybyddiaeth o droseddau casineb.
- Yr Hawl i Wneud Cwyn**
Byddwn yn darparu arweiniad ar sut i wneud cwyn os nad ydych yn hapus bod eich hawliau wedi'u bodoni.

VS HATE Report It Wales
 @VictimSupportHC
 @VictimSupportHC
 @vsaleshatecrime
 Arweiniad gan Llywodraeth Cymru Funded by Welsh Government
 www.orgoflithofvictimsupport.org.uk

If you've been a victim of hate crime, know that it can affect people differently, there is no 'right' way to feel. You have a right to emotional and practical support to help you to overcome what's happened.

I would like to reassure our communities that by reporting crimes and incidents as they happen, police can investigate, bring offenders to justice and stop this from happening to someone else. Whether you are a victim or a witness to hate crime, please report it to us, we want to hear from you and stop this together.

National Social Media Campaigns

I have supported several national social media campaigns recently. Details of all campaigns can be seen below, and if you follow my Office's social media accounts, please share these important messages so that together, we can help make a difference.

Respect Phone Line

In late September and early October we provided the public with information via social media about the Respect Phone Line. This service provides support for people who have or who are currently using violence and domestic abuse in their relationship, and who want to change. The service has extended its opening times to Mondays to Friday between 9am and 8pm over the telephone. There is also a webchat service from Wednesdays to Fridays between 10am and 11am, and 3pm and 4pm. Finally, those seeking support can contact them via e-mail on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 12pm, and 4pm and 6pm.

Anyone needing support with this issue should contact Respect on **0808 8024 040**
www.respectphoneline.org.uk #ChooseToStop #DrawTheLine



Fearless

In late September and early October, the OPCC provided you with information on social media regarding Fearless' 'Running the Lines' campaign.

Fearless is a site which provides non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality. Fearless lets service users find a safe place to give information about crime completely anonymously.

Fearless produced a short film called 'Running the Lines' to raise awareness of how county lines drugs gangs exploit young people to sell drugs. 'Running the Lines' tells the story of Evan as he is groomed and exploited by a London-based organised crime gang before experiencing threats and abuse.

Evan's story is happening to young people in communities all over the UK, and this film aims to make more people aware of the threat of county lines to young people and communities.

You can contact Fearless via the contact form on their website, or you can e-mail them on Fearless@crimestoppers-uk.org



Crimestoppers

At the end of September, we told you via our social media accounts about Crimestoppers' new campaign across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Powys to highlight organised crime and the terrible effects of this type of crime on communities. The campaign carried the hashtag #ProjectDiogel.

Crimestoppers asked for your help to combat organised crime by reporting any suspicious criminal activity completely anonymously. Crimestoppers asked you to get in touch if you had any information or doubts that organised crime was taking place in your community.

Crimestoppers are committed to keeping Dyfed-Powys safe, and will continue to encourage you to speak up about criminal activity in your community.

Crimestoppers is an independent charity that gives people the power to speak up and stop crime completely anonymously.

If you would like to report a crime to Crimestoppers contact their Freephone number on **0800 555 111**



Live Fear Free

As the new 'fire-break' lockdown approached at the end of October, many people may be isolated at home with a violent or an abusive partner, so like many others, we have started to share @LiveFearFree's important messages that signpost people who are concerned, or are experiencing abuse at home to the relevant place. Live Fear Free is a Government campaign which aims to end violence against women, domestic abuse sexual violence.

Home shouldn't be a place to fear. We understand it may not be easy for someone experiencing violence or abuse at home to reach out. The @LiveFearFree helpline is open 24/7, and can offer help and support for anyone who needs it. You can contact them on;

☎ 0808 80 10 800

✉ Text 0786 007 7333

✉ Email info@livefearfreehelpline.wales

💻 Live chat <http://gov.wales/livefearfree>



Launching the Commissioner in Conversation live broadcasts

During October, I launched a new initiative of mine, something that I have been keen to do for a while now, which is a series of Facebook live broadcasts - the Commissioner in Conversation.

The Commissioner in Conversation is a one-hour live broadcast, every fortnight, on my Office's Facebook page, where I interview and discuss various topics and issues with different people, both within the Force, and outside. The first broadcast took place on the 15th of October, and I felt that it would be appropriate to launch the series with a conversation with Dyfed-Powys Chief Constable Mark Collins.

It was great to be able to have an informal and open conversation with the Chief Constable, to hear more about his background, how his career has

progressed over the years, and his achievements over the last four years as Chief Constable in Dyfed-Powys. The feedback we received following the first broadcast was very positive and by today, the conversation has been viewed over 4000 times on Facebook.

The second conversation took place on the 27th of October with Superintendent Ifan Charles. Ifan was born and bred in Carmarthenshire, and became the BCU Commander for Carmarthenshire in May this year. He started his career with the Force in 2004, and since then has worked in all four regions of the Force areas. I've recently worked close with Ifan on the participatory budgeting scheme that I am funding, and which Ifan is leading on within the Force. He is doing fantastic work and is highly regarded by colleagues within the Force, and the general public, and It was great to have another informal and open live conversation in front of the public, to hear about some of his experiences.

My next live broadcast will be with Deputy Chief Constable Claire Parmenter, and it will take place on Thursday evening, 12th of November, at 8pm over on my office's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/DPOPC.



Recruiting additional Youth Forum members

During October we had a recruitment drive to recruit additional members for my Youth Forum.

I am passionate about building a strong relationship with young people, and want to better understand what leads some young people to crime and disorder and how they can be helped to make positive choices in life. Since coming into office, I have regularly engaged with various groups of young people across the force area, and in December 2018 I established the first ever Youth Forum for Dyfed-Powys Police.

Youth Forum members are known as Youth Ambassadors and represent the views of their peers within their youth group/society. As well as taking part in discussions during Forum meetings, Youth Ambassadors consult with young people on the ground on my behalf, on topical Police and Crime issues, and report back on their opinion.

Last year I commissioned Hafan Cymru to work alongside our current Youth Ambassadors to allow us to identify ways of growing the forum in future to maximise opportunities for me to engage with young people across the force area.

As part of the commissioned work, Hafan Cymru arranged a series of youth engagement activities across the region, building relationships with youth partners, and conducted this research on my behalf. I had an opportunity to discuss some of the survey findings with key partners at a Youth Conference held in March.

Since lockdown came in to place earlier this year, I have met regularly with the Forum, and I am now looking to recruit additional members to ensure that we have a true representation of young people from various backgrounds within Dyfed-Powys. The response so far to the recruitment drive has been great, with many showing an interest. I would encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a member to email my office on OPCC@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk. I look forward to welcoming the new forum members to the meeting scheduled with them at the end of November.

Our Youth, Our Future Working Group

Also in October, I consulted with many partner youth organisation within Dyfed-Powys for their input and views on some of the youth engagement activities that I am planning for 2020-21. It was extremely pleasing to have so many organisations

wanting to be part of the discussions, and as a result, I will be establishing the Our Youth Our Future working group as a forum to continue the dialogue and discussions on a strategic level with these key partners.

**EIN LLAIS!
OUR VOICE!**

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON
POLICING AND CRIME
MATTERS**

**OUR YOUTH FORUM FOR 14 TO 25 YEAR OLDS IS AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO TELL YOUR POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER ABOUT THE ISSUES YOUNG PEOPLE FACE
AND WHAT ACTIVITIES YOU'D LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IN YOUR
AREA**

WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU

**CONTACT HELEN TO BE PART OF OUR FORUM
OPCC.COMMUNICATION@DYFED-POWYS.PNN.POLICE.UK
CLOSING DATE - 24.10.20**

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Official unveiling of memorial stone in Police Headquarters

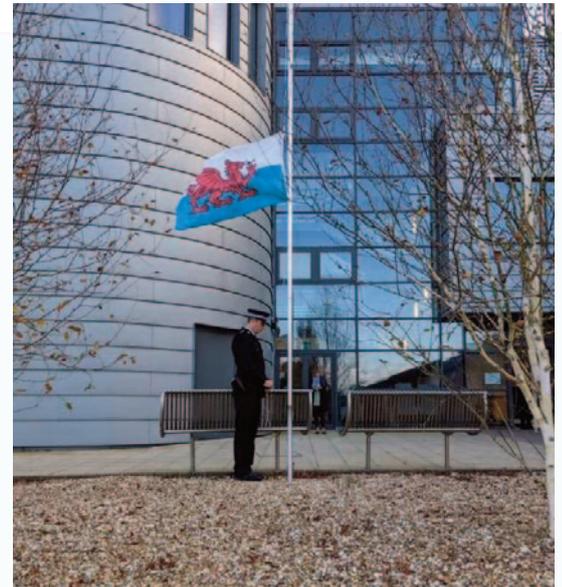
It was a privilege for me to join Chief Constable and colleagues of Dyfed-Powys Police and to take part in a service at police headquarters on Monday, October 26, to remember the police officers who tragically lost their lives in the line of duty. The service also marked the unveiling of a memorial stone, which is dedicated to their memory. We will never forget them.

The date was chosen as it falls during the month of the 30th anniversary that four officers were killed on duty while on surveillance training, in October 1990.

It also coincides with what would have been the rescheduled Unity Tour, an event to raise money for families of police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The usual event didn't take place this year due to covid-19 restrictions, but officers and staff up and down the country participated in a virtual cycle ride instead.

The force chaplain, Reverend Tom Evans, led a dedication to the fallen officers:

- PC Thomas Gareth Davies - died 18 June 1971, aged 23.
- PC Hefin John Llewellyn - died 14 August 1971, aged 22.
- PC David Christopher Hinchliff - died 3 June 1979, aged 19.
- Sergeant William Mervyn C. Williams - died 30 July 1979, aged 36.
- DC Roger Meyrick - died 18 October 1990, aged 37.
- DC Nicholas George Tabraham - died 18 October 1990, aged 29.
- DC Leonid Evans - died 18 October 1990, aged 41.
- DC Paul John Hetherington - died 29 October 1990, aged 35.
- DC Barrie Davies - died 11 October 2005 aged 38.



Free Community Crime Prevention Kits to be distributed to residents in the Llanelli area through secured funding

Over the coming weeks, residents from both the Tyisha and Glanymor areas in Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, will receive free crime prevention kits that will aim to deter offenders and make both communities safer.

The prevention kits have been purchased through funding that I secured from the Home Office's Safer Street Fund.

The Funding of £195,673 will go towards measures proven to cut crime, and will include employing two Community Wardens; purchase of SelectaDNA kits, Community crime prevention activity support, Environmental improvements and Community Crime Prevention kits.

SelectaDNA kits and Bike register kits are two of the Community Prevention kits that will be distributed to residents within the local communities over coming weeks.

The SelectaDNA kits are property marking kits that include a unique formula of DNA, UV tracer and microdots, which people can use to mark their valuable household items, so that if stolen, police are able to trace them.



Similarly, the bike register kits include stickers, frame markings and microdots to uniquely identify a bike. Users can add descriptions and photos to ensure that in the event of a theft, their bicycle can be easily identified and returned by Police through the BikeRegister Scheme.

Hopefully, as they are distributed over the coming weeks, we will see that they will have a positive impact within the area. Criminals know that DNA is the police's most powerful weapon in convicting criminals therefore the DNA fear-factor is highly understood and acts as a huge deterrent.

I have invested significantly in the area over recent years with community grants I made available in addition to the new CCTV system that is in place across the town. These new crime prevention kits that have been purchased through the new additional Safer Streets funding will further build upon my work over recent years and I hope the residents will feel a positive difference in their communities.

Both Tyisha and Glanymor areas are considered to be two of the most deprived areas in Carmarthenshire according to the Welsh Government's Index of Multiple Deprivation. The funding secured will focus on tackling all acquisitive crime such as burglary, vehicle

theft and robbery within the identified areas.

Ensuring the security and safety of residents is a priority of mine - everyone deserves to live safely, and free from harm. Acquisitive offences are the crimes that the public are most likely to encounter, and they are estimated to cost society billions of pounds every year. There is strong evidence that these crimes can be prevented by tactics that either remove opportunities to commit crime or act as a deterrent by increasing the chances of an offender being caught. I now look forward to continue working closely with all partners that have supported us with our bid, to tackle these crimes in both areas and to ensure that they become safer environments for community residents.

Participatory Budgeting: Funds of £140,000 towards community projects

Earlier this year, I committed an investment of £140,000 in the Neighbourhood Policing Teams across Dyfed-Powys to fund community projects through a participatory budgeting process. Each of the 14 Neighbourhood Policing Teams across the Force area will receive £10,000 to be spent on projects, with communities themselves being the key decision makers in how the money is allocated.

Participatory Budgeting is a democratic way of empowering communities by allowing them to bid for money to fund projects that meet the theme of the planning group: in this case improving community safety. I have committed to fund this new and innovative approach to community funding as I think it's vital that local residents have a say in how money is spent in their area.

They are best placed to work with the police, and other partner agencies, to identify where the money is needed and what would most benefit the local communities.

A participatory budgeting event took place on Saturday 31st October at Llandrindod Wells, where 9 applications from applicants were put forward for a portion of a £14,000 fund.

In addition to the funding of £10,000 that I have invested for this process in this area, additional funding of £4000 has also been supplied by Llandrindod Wells Town Council (£2000), and Wales and West Housing (£2000).

The name of the group is ELED Llandrindod YVYC and updates can be seen on their website; <https://llandrindod.co.uk/sites/default/files/Llandrindod%20YVYC%20application%20final.pdf>
Facebook; Llandrindod - Your Voice Your Choice/Eich Llais Eich Dewis

The results of the Participatory Budgeting event held on Saturday 31st October 2020, are as follows:

Dementia Matters in Powys: £500 to cover their 'Winter Games' activities which members can complete at home and then share their experiences with others.

Ysgol Trefonnen: £2000 to start an after school Gardening and Nature Club, and also conduct refurbishments to their pond.

Friends of Cefnlllys School: £2000 towards installing an all-weather sports track around their school field.

Joint 3rd: Bracken Trust £2000 towards bereavement services through a course of 6 week cookery and ICT sessions, and a nurse to facilitate these activities.

Joint 3rd: Llandrindod Community Events: £2000 towards facilitating the town raft race, junior fishing club, family bush craft and more events such as Christmas grotto, Easter Hunt, Halloween Events.

Joint 4th: 579 Llandrindod Wells Air Cadets: £2000 towards developing an area of land for outdoor activities, camps and training.

Joint 4th: Llandrindod Wells Youth Club: £1110 to run a 12-week project covering 4 topics relating to self-care and being healthy in body and mind.



ELED Llandrindod YVYC

A Participatory Funding Event

Radnorshire Indoor Bowls Association: £2000 towards providing 3 disabled parking spaces closer to the entrance of the stadium.

Due to two of the groups not requesting the full £2000, this has allowed for all groups to benefit from funding.

As a result, **Powys Floating Support Mind and Sense** have been offered the remaining £390 towards their online community clubs.

I am pleased to hear that all groups have benefited from the funding and look forward to visiting some of the successful projects in the New Year to see how they are getting on.

My Weekly Highlights

For a while now, I have been providing updates within issues of this bi-monthly Newsletter on the work I'm involved in during the preceding two months.

However, I wanted to be in a position to provide more regular updates - as an elected official, it's important residents are informed about my work, and that of my office.

Therefore for several months now I have been publishing a Weekly Highlights post on social media every Friday afternoon. Here are a couple of examples of the type of information I share...

Highlights of the week...

- Spoke to new Dyfed-Powys Police recruits as they complete their training. It was a pleasure to welcome these dedicated individuals into the Force and see their enthusiasm for making a difference in their local communities.
- Attended an Asylum Accommodation Strategic Engagement Working Group with other representatives across Wales.
- Attended a 21-day review update with the First Minister and other Commissioners in Wales to discuss how progress is being made across the country with regard to Covid-19.
- Attended a meeting of the All Wales Criminal Justice Group. This is an important opportunity to link in with partners and other organisations in Wales to ensure that we are all working together to provide the public with the best possible services.
- Attended the Annual General Meeting of Embrace - Child Victims of Crime. I am a trustee of this charity which works to support child victims of crime and their families and always value an opportunity to see the excellent work being progressed.

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Highlights of the week...

- Visited the Ministry of Defence site in Penally currently being used to house asylum seekers. I have also spoken to religious leaders in the community, and continue to engage with the Home Office regarding the decision making process for housing asylum seekers in Penally.
- Attended a virtual meeting of the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners. I had an opportunity to engage with my counterparts across England and Wales and receive updates on a range of national projects.
- Attended virtual Question and Answer sessions regarding the Black Asian Minority Ethnic community with students from the University of Wales Trinity St. David's and representatives from Dyfed-Powys Police.
- Attended an interview with the Welsh language television programme Prynawn Da to discuss Hate Crime. I spoke about how people can identify a hate crime and what action is being taken to stop hate crime from taking place.
- Attended a virtual 'Deep Dive' session with the College of Policing and counterparts from other OPCCs across England and Wales.

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Police and Crime Commissioner



Social Media November 2020

In November 2020, my office will be arranging for social media posts to be published during White Ribbon Day which is happening on Wednesday 25 November. White Ribbon Day raises awareness of violence against women, and we at the Commissioner's Office join other organisations across the country who are saying "No" to violence against women by supporting this campaign.

Our social media posts will signpost the public to a number of organisations which can assist those suffering from domestic violence. These include:

Refuge: Supports women and children who experience all forms of violence and abuse, including domestic violence, sexual violence, female genital mutilation, forced marriage, so-called 'honour'-based violence, and human trafficking and modern slavery. **0808 2000 247** @RefugeCharity

Men's Advice Line: Provides a helpline and advice for male victims of domestic abuse. **0808 8010327** @RespectUK

Rape Crisis England and Wales: Supports the work of Rape Crisis Centres across England and Wales. They raise awareness of sexual violence and abuse. If you require support visit their 'get help' page <https://rapecrisis.org.uk/get-help/> @RapeCrisisEandW



Keep an eye out on social media for all the White Ribbon messages, and please share.

Police and Crime Commissioner meets newest intake of Student Police Officers

On the 26th of October 2020 Police and Crime commissioner Dafydd Llewelyn visited the newest intake of Student Police officers based at Police Headquarters to discuss the role of the PCC. These 24 new officers have recently joined from a variety of backgrounds and have started their 28 week initial training course which runs in partnership with the University of South Wales as part of the Police Education Qualifications Framework programme introduced in 2019. This programme involves the officers undertaking a degree program as well as their initial Police training and covers a large variety of practical and academic inputs as well as an extensive driving course and an introduction to Police Interviewing skills.

Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic the Classroom inputs are being conducted in a Socially distanced setting with the students wearing face coverings at all times. Despite the challenging situation caused by the virus the team at Dyfed-Powys Police Learning and development department have continued with this essential training in order to continue to provide training for new officers ready to serve the Communities of Dyfed-Powys.

These officers have been recruited as part of the Governments new Operation Uplift program which seeks to increase the number of Police Officers and is the fourth such intake of new officers recruited by Dyfed-Powys in 2020.



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