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



Welcome ...

Welcome to the January edition of my newsletter, which looks back at some of the highlights for November and December. It's hard to believe it is already 2021; what a year 2020 has been! The pandemic has affected so many of us, and my sincerest well wishes go out to all.

Whilst some aspects of our lives were put on hold during 2020, my work as Police and Crime Commissioner has very much continued. Looking back, I'm proud that my team and I have been able to continue to:

- Give young people a voice through my Youth Engagement Forum - we now hold all discussions online;
- Give victims a voice on improving victim services through the Victim Engagement Forum;
- Share vital messages within our communities, such as support available for vulnerable persons, and the anti-violence and knife crime messages accompanying the Knife Angel's successful visit to New town at the start of the year;
- Meet regularly with residents and business owners - albeit not through my preferred face-to-face approach, but virtually - ensuring that you have a voice in policing matters;
- Provide funding for those who need it, including securing additional Government funding to provide support to the most vulnerable in Dyfed-Powys during the pandemic; and to
- Ensure communities have a say in how funding from my Office is spent, through the part participatory budgeting community initiative.
- I look forward to continuing in my responsibilities as Police and Crime Commissioner this year, as we work to keep the communities of the Dyfed-Powys area safe.

I hope you enjoy the information provided in this newsletter on some key activities during November and December, and may I wish you all a peaceful and healthy New Year!

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

HIGHLIGHTS

**Policing Priorities
2021/22**

**Restorative Justice
Week**

**Police & Crime
Panel**

**Virtual Community
Engagement Day**

Public Consultation - Policing Priorities and Funding 2021/22

December 2020 saw the launch of my public consultation on policing priorities and police funding; giving the public the opportunity to influence important policing decisions.

Two of my main responsibilities are to set the policing priorities for Dyfed-Powys Police and to set the annual police budget along with the level of the police precept - the amount you pay for policing in your council tax.

It is important to me that I am able to represent our communities in my decision-making, and in order to do this effectively, I must engage with residents and business owners across the force area on important policing matters. On this occasion, I developed a short online survey to allow individuals to share their views with me.

Through the survey, I asked for consideration to be given to the following questions:

- What do you feel Dyfed-Powys Police should prioritise as an organisation?
- What crime types need addressing most in the Dyfed-Powys area?
- Would you be willing to pay more to support local policing?

Thank you to all who took the time to complete the survey. 600 of you. Diolch.

The survey closed on Sunday 3 January, having been open for 4 weeks, and I will take the results and feedback provided by respondents into account when making my decision on the precept level, and when looking ahead at Dyfed-Powys Police's priorities. Your input is vital - thank you again.

Restorative Justice Week 2020

Restorative Justice Week took place in November 2020. This is an important annual awareness week where, alongside our partners, we have the opportunity to further promote and raise awareness of the Restorative Justice process.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK
15 - 22 November 2020



Restorative Justice is about victims and offenders communicating in a supported environment to discuss the harm that has been caused, enabling everyone affected by a particular incident to play a part in repairing the harm and finding a positive way forward.

I am fully supportive of the use of Restorative Justice within our local Criminal Justice System, and fund a Restorative Justice service for adults within the Dyfed-Powys area. To find out more about this service - along with others I commission - please visit my website: <http://www.dyfedpowys-pcc.org.uk/en/your-neighbourhood/services-available-to-you/>

During Restorative Justice Week, my office ran a public survey to find out more about how those affected by crime viewed and understood the Restorative Justice process. The survey results will be considered further both by my office and partners. Thank you to those who responded.

To find out more about my other activities during Restorative Justice Week, watch my short video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6mkmRlwFm8>

For Welsh version...

Welsh Services page:

<http://www.dyfedpowys-pcc.org.uk/cy/eich-ardal/gwasanaethau-sydd-ar-gael-i-chi/>

Welsh YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqeuDhtD5nl>

The Police and Crime Panel for Dyfed-Powys

What is a Police and Crime Panel? The Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel plays a very important role to support and scrutinise the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Panel consists of individuals who have been nominated by the four county councils in the Dyfed-Powys Force area. These are of course Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Powys. The Panel must also include at least two independent members; there are currently 14 members of the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel.

The Panel has a wide range of powers and responsibilities which ensure that the Police and Crime Commissioner uses his power appropriately. The Panel are responsible for:

- Reviewing the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan;
- Reviewing the Commissioner's annual draft budget, with the power to veto the level of precept;
- Dealing with complaints against the Commissioner or his deputy;
- Scrutinising decisions and actions taken by the Commissioner;
- Reviewing the appointment or removal of the Chief Constable;
- Supporting the work of the Commissioner;
- Making reports or recommendations to the Commissioner;
- Reviewing the Commissioner's conduct;

To see when the next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel is, and to learn how you can take part, please follow the link to the Panel's website:

<https://www.dppoliceandcrimepanel.wales/home/meetings/search-results/>

Questions for Panel Members

Panel Member: Alun Lloyd Jones (Chair)

What is your role on the Police and Crime Panel?

I am the present Chair of Dyfed-Powys Police & Crime Panel, having been the vice-chair and a member of the old Police Authority for a number of years.

What do you enjoy most about being on the Police and Crime Panel?

To scrutinise the Commissioner's decisions and work with him for the benefit of the area of Dyfed-Powys.

What do you do outside of your work with the Police and Crime Panel?

I have been a Community, District, and Ceredigion County Councillor since 1991. I am also a trustee of my local village

hall in Llanfarian, and am vice chair of Ceredigion's Licensing Committee. I was a Cabinet member of the County Council for some 5 years or so.

Panel Member: Keith Evans

What is your role on the Police and Crime Panel?

My prime role as one of the 3 elected Ceredigion Local Authority members on the Panel is to scrutinise the work of the Commissioner on behalf of the Ceredigion electorate. The Panel have also resolved to make me the Lead Member on Finance sub-group and in particular to scrutinise the Commissioner Precept proposals providing an annual report to the Panel at budget setting time. I also sit on the Commissioner's Advisory Board, scrutinising the commissioning of services from third party organisations as well as attending the Police Accountability Board where the Commissioners scrutinises and holds the Chief Constable to account.

What do you enjoy most about being on the Police and Crime Panel?

The greatest pleasure that I derive from my membership is the ability to have influence on the Commissioner's Crime plan proposals. The opportunity to work with colleagues from neighbouring County Councils within the Dyfed-Powys Force area, and the two valuable Independent Members is most rewarding, as is the pleasure of working alongside professional and knowledgeable Officers. I value greatly the ability also, to get an appreciation and perspective of the service at Regional, National and British context

What do you do outside of your work with the Police and Crime Panel?

I am heavily involved and committed with Local Government work as well as my lifetime involvement with community groups in my area. Regarding some me time, I love to follow my preferred sports of rugby in winter and cricket in the summer.

Panel Member: Helen Thomas

What is your role on the Police and Crime Panel?

Since 2016 I have been one of the two independent members of the Panel and the only woman among 14, with my Panel colleagues being elected members of Local Authorities from across Dyfed-Powys. Our role is to scrutinise the actions of the PCC and be a critical friend. As the only woman member I can obviously bring a different view to discussions on issues such as domestic violence, mental health, victim support to mention just a few and at present I am a member of a sub group looking at CCTV across the Force.

What do you enjoy most about being on the Police and Crime Panel?

Over many years in public life I have served on numerous organisations including Carmarthen Town Council and the former Carmarthen District Council for 17 years, a school Governor, a non Executive Director of an NHS Trust for 12 years and an Independent Member of the former Dyfed-Powys Police Authority. I am pleased to have the opportunity use my experience to make hopefully a constructive contribution to the work of the Panel, which has a part to play in ensuring Dyfed-Powys Police service is as efficient and effective as possible and understands its communities.

What do you do outside of your work with the Police and Crime Panel?

As a former journalist I am always interested in news and current affairs as well as giving time to organisations such as Carmarthen Family Centre and the Mayor's Charity Committee. To really relax I enjoy music, reading and walking. Most important of all however is spending time and being in touch with my family.

Next issue

In the next edition of the Commissioner's Newsletter we will be putting these questions to other members of the Police and Crime Panel for Dyfed-Powys so you can learn about their work and their role in scrutinising the Commissioner.

Virtual Community Engagement Day

On Thursday 26th November, I held a virtual Community Engagement Day where I met with several partners, organisations and community representatives from across the Dyfed-Powys area, as well the national Mental Health Lead with the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners.

My Community Engagement Days offer are an opportunity for the public to meet with me to raise any local concerns or issues within their area, and also to raise awareness of important local campaigns and initiatives.

In support of the White Ribbon Campaign, the November Community Engagement Day included meetings with some organisations that provide services for victims of domestic abuse. I met with Association of Police and Crime Commissioner Mental Health Lead, Matthew Scott, and Dyfed-Powys Police Mental Health Lead, Superintendent Ross Evans to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the mental health and well-being of Officers and Staff, as well as the general public. It was a pleasure to meet Sally and Lisa of Area 43, Cardigan, to learn about their valuable work with young people and how their way of working has changed during the pandemic. I awarded a grant to Cardigan Youth Project - Area 43, in 2019/2020 to offer diverse groups of young people the opportunity to have their voices heard and to enable them to support their peers to do the same through music and media production and sound technology.



Virtual meeting with Sally, Chief Executive officer and her colleague Lisa of Area 43

Community Engagement Days are very important for me, as they provide me with an opportunity to talk and engage with local residents and community representatives, and to find out more about local concerns and issues.

This November Community Engagement day had a focus on mental health and it was beneficial to talk around this with colleagues within the Force and on a National Level during the day.

I am also proud to be supporting the campaign to end male violence against women - White Ribbon Campaign. White Ribbon is a global campaign that encourages people, and especially men and boys, to individually and collectively take action and change the behaviour and culture that leads to abuse and violence. As part of his Community Engagement Day, I met with some organisations that offer support for victims of domestic abuse.

As Police and Crime Commissioner, I commission services to support all victims of domestic abuse in the Dyfed-Powys area. I am aware of the impact that this recent increase in demand has had on our service providers and how vital it is that the support is able to continue during these challenging times.



Therefore, along with staff from my Office, I have worked hard during the pandemic to source additional funding to support them.



Carmarthen Domestic Abuse Services shop window display for White Ribbon Event at St. Catherine's Walk, Carmarthen.

It is my hope that people took the opportunity to help raise awareness of domestic abuse through the White Ribbon Campaign, and joined us in pledging never to take part, condone or stay silent about violence against women, and it was a pleasure to discuss and hear about the important work that some service providers are doing in the area during my engagement day. It was great to meet Lisa and Vicky of Carmarthen Domestic Abuse services and to hear their fantastic partnership working with John Nash, manager of St. Catherine's Walk in Carmarthen where a shop was offered to them to display and promote a window display for White Ribbon Day.



Virtual meeting with Lisa and Vicky of (Carmdas) Carmarthen Domestic Abuse Services

2021 Community Engagement Days

I will be holding my next Community Engagement Day on Tuesday 19th of January 2021. The theme for the day will be Road Safety, where I will be meeting with several partners and community representatives to promote and raise awareness of road safety in our communities. In February, my Community Engagement Day will focus on rural crime issues, and will take place on the Tuesday the 23rd of February 2021. Keep an eye out for more details on our social media pages, and website.

Cardigan town launch Access Wales initiative to help individuals with disabilities



Posters are available from Access Wales, to shops, businesses etc. to display prominently on main entrances of their premises.

On Saturday 14th November with Covid-19 guidelines at the forefront, myself and engagement officer Helen Shayle met with Access Wales, Cardigan Mayor Cllr. Clive Davies and PCSO Huw Williams to support them with visits to businesses in Cardigan town to help promote Access Wales' new initiative, focusing on businesses (shops, cafes, pubs, offices, hospitals, public services, colleges) to display the 'Hapus i Helpu / Happy to Help' sign (A5 or A4) at eye level on main entrances either the window or door of their premises. By proudly displaying this sign, staff are demonstrating their willingness to do their very best to help someone with a disability, by investing a little extra time and patience into helping them. All the posters are yellow, as this is one of the last colours you see if you are losing your sight.

Access Wales are also distributing bilingual (2 sided) wallet sized cards that individuals can use to identify their disability. They can discretely show these at the tills or counters of shops and offices. These are made from tear-proof material and can be distributed to the relevant people through a range of organisations, e.g. hospitals, mobility shops, low vision opticians, audiology / hearing aid shops in the locality. Access Wales offer companies free training and support by providing an insight into the day-to-day struggles that people with disabilities face.



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Access Wales aims to ensure all people have equal access to all services and public places to reduce isolation and prejudice for people of all ages, with all kinds of disabilities. They seek to improve the wellbeing of these people by providing them with better access.

Access Wales say "Our vision is that Wales becomes a country where disabled people no longer live in social isolation, through enabling communities to provide accessibility and the equal right to participate in everything".



I am happy to support Access Wales' initiative in our force area and my engagement officer Helen has liaised recently with a support group for individuals with disabilities in the Powys area who are also interested in launching Access Wales' initiative in their area. A virtual meeting has been arranged this month to discuss this further and hopefully drive this forward in the next few months.

If you work for a company that is well placed to cascade the cards to the appropriate individuals or display posters and staff room guidance posters, please get in touch with Access Wales <https://www.accesswales.com/>

Safer Streets small grant scheme for charities, voluntary organisations and community groups in the Llanelli area

On Wednesday, 16 December 2020, Police and Crime Commissioner Dafydd Llywelyn launched the Safer Streets Fund small grant scheme for charities, organisations and community groups in the Llanelli area with the aim of reducing acquisitive crime, and to create a safer environment within communities.

The Safer Streets Fund small grant scheme is a grant that has been made available through a successful application from the Police and Crime Commissioner to the Home Office earlier this year, where nearly £200,000 was secured to work with local community safety partners in Carmarthenshire to tackle crime in the Tyisha and Glanymor areas of Llanelli, with the aim of making both communities safer.

Working in partnership with the Carmarthenshire Safer Communities Partnership, the Police and Crime Commissioner is offering the opportunity for charities, voluntary groups and community groups in the wards of Glanymor 4 and Tyisha 3 in Llanelli, to apply for a small grant of up to £2000 to develop projects that have a direct impact on both communities.

Dafydd Llywelyn, Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys said, "I am delighted to announce this small grant fund today that is part of the Safer Street funding scheme that I secured earlier this year.

"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 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. This new additional 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.

Cllr Cefin Campbell, Executive Board Member for Communities and Rural Affairs and Chair of the Safer Communities Partnership said: "The Safer Communities Partnership is really pleased to be part of this initiative to help our residents be safer and feel safer, building on our ongoing work in these communities to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.

"The Partnership is made up of local partners that all aim to make Carmarthenshire safer, including the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Probation, Health and the Council. We will be delighted to support local organisations to help us all achieve that aim, so please contact us with your ideas that can be delivered before the end of March."

Funding guidelines and application forms can be found on the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner's website <http://www.dyfedpowys-pcc.org.uk/en/the-commissioner/commissioners-community-funding/>.

Planning application submitted for construction of new Carmarthenshire Policing Hub and Custody Suite

In December, it gave me great pleasure to confirm that my office had submitted a planning application to Carmarthenshire County Council for the construction of a new Policing Hub and Custody Suite for Dyfed-Powys Police, to be built at land west of Heol Aur, Dafen, Llanelli.



In May 2020, I revealed planning application documents for the proposed construction as part of a public consultation on the new build, which is to be an ambitious sustainable construction, with a BREEAM excellence rating.

The consultation in May 2020 provided an opportunity to those who were interested in the proposals to view all documents within the draft application package, which all have now been finalised and submitted to Carmarthenshire County Council for approval.

This is a major investment for us which will see an ambitious, modern, sustainable fit for purpose policing hub and custody suite that will meet the needs and expectations of modern policing and I'm pleased to have reached this point in the process.

I've worked extremely hard with partners over the last couple of years to get to this position and it was great to make the draft application plans and documents available to the public last year. As part of the public consultation process in May, we engaged with the public and received a positive responses and messages of support from local residents in the Llanelli and wider area as well as from local partners.

The final planning application package has now been submitted by my Office, and is available for the public to view on

Carmarthenshire County Council's website. I encourage local residents in Llanelli and the wider community to obtain the planning application pack to have a look in detail at this fantastic new development that will support us in ensuring that Dyfed-Powys Police has a fit for purpose facility in Carmarthenshire.

In being a BREEAM related development, the new build will offer a more sustainable environment, that aims to enhance the well-being of the people who live and work within it, and help protect natural resources.

Amongst some of the sustainable credentials of the new build will be a photovoltaic solar power installation to minimise the carbon footprint of the building; a rainwater harvesting facility for toilets and non-potable water, and electric car charging facilities. Once planning is granted, the aim is to complete the construction of the new build within a period of two years.

We feel very fortunate to be having a new build custody suite and hub coming to Llanelli.

Our current Llanelli estate is old, so to see a new build that is being designed with such consideration for the environment and the wellbeing of our staff and the community within which it sits is really positive.

This build will not replace the existing presence of our neighbourhood team in Llanelli town centre, but will enhance the service across the town and the wider communities.

Chief Inspector Richard Hopkin,
Dyfed-Powys Police



Chief Constable Mark Collins announces his retirement



In December, Dyfed-Powys Police Chief Constable Mark Collins, announced that he intends on retiring in the Spring of 2021, and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Chief on his successful career in policing and wish him well for the future.

When I appointed Mark in 2016, the Force had been through a difficult period and he has worked assiduously over the last 4 years to improve the organisation.

His commitment and leadership has been of tremendous benefit to the force and he has contributed significantly to positive changes that I have observed first hand. As the Police and Crime Commissioner, I am confident that I made the right decision to appoint Mark and I feel he has been a highly effective and personable leader leaving a legacy which will see the organisation go from strength to strength. He will be missed.

Given the close proximity to the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2021, I have decided not to progress with an appointment process for a new Chief Constable at this stage. Due to the importance of the relationship between the Chief and the PCC I feel that this critical decision should be for the elected Commissioner to progress after the May election, whether that be me or someone else.

Therefore, I am delighted to announce the temporary promotion of DCC Claire Parmenter to Temporary Chief Constable upon Mark's retirement early in Spring 2021. Claire has played a significant part in supporting Mark's leadership over the last few years and I wish her every success in her new role.

Commissioner in Conversation live broadcast with Hywel Dda University Health Board Chief Executive, Steve Moore.

On Wednesday evening, 25.11.20, I held a live conversation with Hywel Dda University Health Board Chief Executive, Steve Moore on social media.

Steve Moore was my fourth guest on the fortnightly Facebook live broadcast series, following on from previous broadcasts with Chief Constable Mark Collins, Superintendent Ifan Charles, and Deputy Chief Constable Claire Parmenter.

It was a privilege for me to have Steve Moore as a guest on my Commissioner in Conversation broadcast. This year has been such a challenging year for our Health Board, and the NHS across the UK, with their staff being at the frontline, working hard to fight the pandemic, and saving lives on the way.

The broadcast was an opportunity for me to have an informal conversation with Steve to hear about his personal experiences of recent months, how the Health Board has dealt with all the challenges and the pressure, and to celebrate the fantastic work of the NHS staff.

We did not only concentrate on the COVID-19 pandemic, we also discussed some partnership working between the NHS and the Police, how we often support each other, and as usual, I tried to get to know a little more about the person behind the name, his background and his journey to reach the position of Chief Executive at Hywel Dda University Health Board.

Steve was appointed as Chief Executive at Hywel Dda UHB in 2014 following a career within both the public and private sectors. Like the rest of the UK, the NHS here in Dyfed Powys has seen significant challenge during the past few years but also significant advancements in care and outcomes for patients.

It was great that so many people tuned in to view the live conversation once again, and I'm grateful for all the comments and questions we get from the public during the session. You can watch the conversation with Steve Moore back again on our Facebook page, as well as all the other conversation.



Ensuring a smarter, greener, and sustainable organisation at Dyfed-Powys for the future

In November, I made a commitment to ensuring that Dyfed-Powys Police and the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) operate in a greener, more sustainable and environmental friendly way in the future having seen organisations and businesses being forced to find alternative ways of working as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

With the majority OPCC staff managing to work efficiently from home since the middle of March 2020, I took a decision over summer months to relinquish 30% of the office space at Police Headquarters in Llangunnon, Carmarthen, which has now been reallocated to the Welsh Ambulance Service.

What we found when we were all forced to stay at home as a result of the pandemic earlier this year, was that we were still able to provide and maintain a high level of service to the public and partners, and in fact, we were more efficient.

As a result, in looking to the future, we are looking to ensure a smarter approach and encourage agile working where staff can work remotely while we operate a hot desking system within our Office.

Less staff working at Police Headquarters, means we spend less on electricity, there's less paper being printed, we are travelling less to and from work, meetings are held virtually rather than face to face, so we have significantly reduced our carbon footprint, as an organisation, and also as individuals.

Fleet of New Electrical Vehicles

Earlier this year, I also made a commitment to invest in 11 electric cars for the Force, with the aim of cutting carbon emissions and working towards a more sustainable future. Neighbourhood Policing Teams across the force will soon welcome the new vehicles, which will be used for community engagement and targeted problem solving work.

I committed to fund the roll-out of the electric cars after trialling one of the cars in the Tenby area over the summer last year, and the feedback was very positive.

Dyfed-Powys is geographically the largest force area in England and Wales, with large percentages of the area being rural and of country terrain," he said.

It makes sense for us, therefore, to look at ways of not only minimising fuel consumption, but also to experience the benefits of renewable energy, and reduce our carbon footprint.

I look forward to seeing the cars out and about in our communities.

The new additions to the fleet come following an investment in specialised 4x4 vehicles for the force's four rural crime teams in 2019, helping to ensure policing teams have access to the most appropriate equipment to carry out their role.

An e-Bike charging station is also in the process of being installed at Aberystwyth Police Station following funding from Ceredigion County Council, and my Office also recently received a certificate to acknowledge that electricity purchased by the Force is supplied entirely through renewable sources.



We have learnt a lot from our experiences of this pandemic. One thing is for sure, when this current, unprecedented time is over, not only will this new, smarter and efficient way of working continue, but we will also look to identify ways of taking further environmentally friendly steps to reduce our carbon footprint, minimise fuel consumption, and also experience the benefits of renewable energy.

I'm committed to ensuring that we have a greener and sustainable organisation and that we take an environmentally friendly approach to policing for the future.

A further £50K secured for organisations providing support to the most vulnerable during continued pandemic

In June 2020, I reported that over £140,000 of additional government funding had been secured by my office for organisations providing support for victims of domestic and sexual violence in the Dyfed-Powys area, to assist them with COVID-19 related costs.

In December 2020, I was delighted to have announced that my office had successfully secured a further round of over £50,000 of government funding to help support these important services with the additional pressures they are experiencing during the ongoing pandemic.

One of the 8 organisations in receipt of this additional funding was Threshold DAS. Kim Howells, Head of Business Development, Education and Funding at Threshold DAS said: "Mr Llywelyn has been a great support mechanism for those experiencing domestic abuse and sexual violence within the Dyfed-Powys Police area.

Threshold DAS, is an organisation that specialises in the delivery of support services for individuals who have, or are, currently experiencing domestic abuse or sexual violence. We work with the whole family and believe there is a need to approach family violence in a more comprehensive and co-ordinated way, placing greater emphasis on prevention and early intervention strategies.

"We are delighted as an organisation, to receive this additional funding, which will greatly enhance the services we offer to women, men and their children in the Dyfed-Powys area, particularly in this difficult time."

Other organisations that have received funding are:

- Pembrokeshire People First
- New Pathways
- Montgomery Family Crisis Centre
- Aberystwyth University (running Dewis Choice service)
- West Wales Domestic Abuse Service
- Carmarthenshire Domestic Abuse Service
- Calan Domestic Violence Services

This is good news for the organisations involved, as this second round of additional funding will assist them in meeting the increased levels of demand they have experienced this year.

It is essential that victims can continue to access the help they need throughout this pandemic and beyond.

Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner welcomes Premier League Kicks initiative to Pembroke Dock

On Friday 13/11/20, I visited Pembroke Dock, to attend the launch of the new Premier League Kicks initiative in the area.

Over 90 young people from the Pembroke Dock area took part in the first session on the Friday evening and will continue to participate on a weekly basis. During the sessions, the young people take part in various practical activities, such as football coaching sessions, as well as informal sessions that address crime issues.

The Premier League Kicks is free of charge for all involved, and is funded through my Office and run in partnership with Swansea City Football Club Community Trust.

It was a privilege attend the first session, and to see for myself the positive influence an initiative such as the Premier League Kicks is having on the youth here, and the wider community.

As a sports enthusiast, and having played football at many levels in my youth, I am fully aware of the influence that sport and exercise have on the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities in general.

The initiative is run through the English Premier League's 'Kicks' national program, and is delivered locally by Swansea City Football Club Community Trust. The program aims to use football and sport in general to inspire youth living in deprived areas.

I also fund the same initiative in the Llanelli area in partnership with Swansea City FC Community Trust. Seaside Kicks was launched in Llanelli in January 2020, to engage the youth of the Glanymor and Tyisha area in positive activities. More than 150 young people in the area participate on a weekly basis with the Seaside Kicks, and I'm proud to see the impact the scheme is having on young people in the area, and expect to see the same here in the Pembroke Dock area.

I wish all the children involved all the best of luck.



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