

Community Link Free

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Welcome ...

Hello and welcome to the May/June edition of my newsletter. As a public representative, I want to provide residents, visitors, partners and victims of crime with updates about my work.

The feedback that I occasionally get from some community members is that they do not fully understand the role of a Police and Crime Commissioner. For the community to be fully able to engage with me, there needs to be an understanding of my role. To help widely communicate this message, the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners recently released a short video which clearly explains the role of a PCC: <http://bit.ly/YouHaveAVoiceDPP>

I hope you find this newsletter both accessible and informative. Additional information is available on my website, but please let me know if there are other areas of my work that you would like to hear about through my newsletter.

Thank you for reading!
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Dafydd Llywelyn
Police and Crime Commissioner

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Saint David's Day Conference: Cyber-crime

March 1st 2019

With advancements in technology and an ageing population, policing now faces the challenge of dealing with more complex crimes; particularly in terms of the threat of cyber-crime and fraud to vulnerable individuals.

As such, for this year's Conference, I wanted to focus on cyber-crime. Specifically, I wanted to be able to provide information and inform discussions on what Dyfed-Powys Police and partners can do to protect those within our communities from victims of cyber scams and cyber fraud.

During the day we heard from:

- Sally Holland, Children's Commissioner for Wales, who gave an impassioned speech on her Office's work to keep children from becoming victims of social media bullying and online abuse, and emphasised the importance of partnership working in this area;
- Tony Neate, Chief Executive of Get Safe Online, who presented on the important work of Get Safe Online;
- Amila Perera, a lecturer in information security and forensics at the University of South Wales, who presented on dangers of scam e-mails;
- Paul Callard from Dyfed-Powys Police's Financial Crime Team, who advised the audience on how they can support those who are vulnerable to such crimes;
- DC Gareth Jordan from Dyfed-Powys Police's Digital Media Cyber Crime Team respectively, who presented on the important work undertaken by the unit;
- Chris Phillips from TARIAN ROCU, who spoke of the work undertaken by the team in tackling computer intrusion and other serious cases of cyber-crime; and
- Assistant Chief Constable Vicki Evans, who closed the 2019 Conference, by re-affirming the importance of consistently doing the little things well in the spirit of St David, in order to support people at risk of becoming victims of cyber-crime.

I was delighted by the turnout of officers, staff and external partners. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to my annual St David's Day Conference. Working together with colleagues, partners and loved ones as an united community will support my ongoing pledge to protect the most vulnerable in our society from serious crime.



Opening the event



Delegates at the conference



L-R Amila Perera, University of South Wales; Dafydd Llywelyn, PCC; Chris Phillips, TARIAN ROCU; and DC Gareth Jordan, DPP's Digital Media & Cyber Crime Team

Prestigious National Award for Custody Visiting Scheme

I am delighted and proud to be able to say that my Office has won a prestigious national award for the quality of our Independent Custody Visiting Scheme.



Through the Scheme, 26 volunteers - Independent Custody Visitors - make unannounced visits to police custody suites across the force area to check on the rights, entitlements, well-being and dignity of detainees held in police custody.

I receive a report of their findings, and I, in turn, hold the Chief Constable to account.

The Dyfed-Powys Scheme was established in this area in 2001, and since its roll out, thousands of visits have been made to custody suites across the force area.

The inaugural Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) Quality Assurance Awards

were presented at a ceremony at the House of Lords on Wednesday 15 May. ICVA is the national organisation which supports, leads and represents locally-run custody visiting schemes.

There were four graded levels of award, and our Scheme received the Gold standard; meaning that it provides an excellent standard of custody visiting and volunteer management. I am very pleased that our Scheme has received this recognition.

Custody Visiting has introduced transparency of the police custody processes, and our volunteers have a crucial role in ensuring that the Human Rights of detainees are upheld and the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 is complied with.

I have accompanied our volunteers on a number of custody visits, and can honestly say that their continued commitment, support and enthusiasm is instrumental in the success of the Scheme. I would like to offer my personal thanks to them all - Diolch.



Left Shirley Matthews, ICV from Pembrokeshire,
Right Caryl Bond, scheme co-ordinator from OPCC

Shirley Matthews said: "I am proud to have been selected to represent our team at the awards, and of the recognition of the good work the group has done in our area. I am also pleased that the work we do helps maintain welfare standards for detainees and supports custody staff in carrying out their duties safely".

Holding Dyfed-Powys Police to Account

My office has introduced a new process called “Supportive Scrutiny” which is a way of discharging my duties to hold the Chief Constable to account for the effective and efficient delivery of policing services, by considering issues which I can have the greatest impact on.

My Review of Dyfed-Powys Police’s Approach to Tackling Illegal Drugs

I am pleased to be able to present the findings of a review undertaken by my office, which looked at the approach taken by Dyfed-Powys Police in addressing the issue of illegal drugs in our communities.

The poster [on the next page] illustrates why this review was conducted, how it was conducted, some facts in this area and our conclusions and our recommendations.

I have been pleased with the Force’s response to this piece of work and I am grateful for all of those individuals who contributed to the review. To view my interview on the topic, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/yyq9rwtd>

What did I find?



I am encouraged by the way in which Dyfed-Powys Police tackle illegal drug trafficking and the pro-active response that police officers have taken to address this. This demonstrates a clear link between the priorities in my Police and Crime Plan and the way in which policing is delivered across Dyfed-Powys.

What’s not going so well?



Support services and diversionary activities play a vital role in assisting those affected by substance misuse, and I personally fund a number of these services within Dyfed-Powys. These are currently underutilised, resulting in missed opportunities to support some of the most vulnerable individuals in our communities.

What do I feel needs to be done?



The issues highlighted in my report cannot be solved by Policing alone. This requires a multi-agency approach. There is a need for partner agencies to review the impact that drug consumption facilities might have on the communities of Dyfed-Powys, and the benefits these may have on the reduction of drug related harm.

What will I personally be doing to address the issues I’ve raised?



In light of this review, I have made a series of recommendations to the Chief Constable, which I am confident he and his team will progress. I will be reviewing this progress over the coming months and will endeavour to keep you updated through my public meetings and website.

What’s next for my office?



I am committed to continuing to scrutinise the areas that you feel most passionate about and will be looking for your support in informing my staff what these are. I urge you to participate in my future engagements and consultations, details of which can be found on my website, or by contacting my office. Thank you.

Approach to Tackling Illegal Drugs



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Scrutiny Deep Dive

April 2019

What we did...



Review of data



Face to face consultation with substance misuse service users



Online public opinion survey



Focus groups with officers and staff



Engagement with service providers

Why we did it...



Dyfed-Powys residents highlighted illegal drugs as their biggest concern

Priority within the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021

Dyfed-Powys Police targeting of drug related organised crime.

National debate regarding the reclassification of illegal drugs



Increasing interest in the viability of Drug Consumption Rooms



The facts:



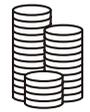
128% increase in drug related deaths in Wales in 13 years

49% rise in trafficking offences in Dyfed-Powys from 2016 to 2018:



117 persons convicted and £23.6 million of class A substances disrupted as part of drug operations in Dyfed-Powys between 2016 and 2019

PCC invested £435,000 into substance misuse treatment and diversionary activities last year



Police referrals into substance misuse services make up less than a quarter of all referrals

82% of individuals in treatment reduced their substance misuse



Pathfinder diversionary scheme reduced reoffending risk factors by 60%

Our conclusions...

- Dyfed-Powys Police is pro-active in tackling illegal drug trafficking;
- Substance misuse treatment and diversionary activities are underutilised by Dyfed-Powys Police;
- Dyfed-Powys Police IT systems need to assist police officers in referring individuals into support services;
- There is a need for partners to explore the feasibility of Drug Consumption Rooms to address the impact of drug related harm on the residents of Dyfed and Powys

Our top recommendations...

- 1 Engage with partners at an early planning phase of drug disruption operations
- 2 Develop a consistent working protocol between Dyfed-Powys Police and substance misuse providers
- 3 Implement the Pathfinder scheme across the whole of Dyfed-Powys
- 4 Implement the two-tier out of court disposal model
- 5 Review the potential impact of Drug Consumption Rooms on the communities of Dyfed-Powys



The first phase of my CCTV programme is complete

CCTV was a key pledge of mine before I came into office, and I promised I would invest in a modern CCTV infrastructure.

CCTV cameras have been installed in Builth Wells, Carmarthen, Brecon, Saundersfoot, Ammanford, Llanelli, Milford Haven, Tenby, Haverfordwest, Aberystwyth, Pembroke, Pembroke Dock, Fishguard, Cardigan, Newtown, Welshpool and Llandrindod Wells, as part of phase 1.

It has been quite a journey over the last few months, with different challenges to deal with. One aspect I've really enjoyed is visiting the towns during their installation period, along with staff from my office, to meet the public and to get their views on the modern CCTV infrastructure. The feedback has been very positive.



It was very exciting to meet the four new CCTV monitoring officers recently on their first day in post in Police Headquarters, who will be monitoring the cameras across the Force area, taking the CCTV project to the next phase.

For more information about the CCTV project across the Force area, [click here](#).

Connecting with Communities

A key commitment in my Police and Crime Plan is to engage with local communities. It is vital I have a sound understanding of the issues that affect and matter most to you, and that the public understand the role of a Police and Crime Commissioner.

As well as attending various events and meetings, since the start of 2019, I have travelled across the four counties:

- January 2019 Powys - Llandrindod Wells, Builth Wells, and Talgarth
- February 2019 Ceredigion - Cardigan
- March 2019 Carmarthenshire - Carmarthen
- April 2019 Pembrokeshire - Whitland
- May 2019 Powys - Welshpool

Here's a snapshot of some recent activity since the last edition of Community Link.

Tuesday 7 May 2019: Facebook Live

A key part of my role as Police and Crime Commissioner is to hold the Chief Constable to account for the effective delivery of police services. One of the various ways I do so is through the Policing Accountability Board (PAB), a public meeting which is held on a quarterly basis. PAB is an opportunity for me to publicly scrutinize the work of the Force in the presence of the Chief Officers of Dyfed-Powys Police and the public. As an attempt to further reach out to the public, and to make our work as transparent and accessible as possible, we trialed a Facebook Live event at the end of the May meeting. It was an opportunity for the public to contact us via Facebook and ask specific questions to myself and Mark Collins, the Chief Constable, from the comfort of their home. Mark Collins and I have agreed to hold Facebook Live after every PAB meeting in the future. Our next PAB meeting will be held on 6 August, so please keep an eye on my website and the office's social media accounts for more information.



Wednesday 8 May 2019

I receive regular updates from the Chief Constable on the Force's work on a strategic level, and how the Force delivers against the priorities set out in my Police and Crime Plan. Occasionally, I enjoy the opportunity of gaining a more hands-on experience of the workings of the Force, and recently I was welcomed into the Force's Control Room to observe their important work. Listening to calls and sitting in has given me a full appreciation of their critical role in deploying Police resources and keeping people safe.



Thursday 21 February 2019 - Cardigan Community Engagement Day

As part of one of my priorities to Connect with Communities, once a month, I enjoy visiting different communities in the region in order to discover and understand local issues, and to raise awareness of the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner. It was a pleasure to visit and witness the good work that Area 43 in Cardigan offers young people in the locality. I was keen to find out on how we could work effectively with the young people involved through my newly-established Youth Engage Forum.



I also met with Welsh learners at Cardigan Castle, and visited Linda Grace in Jig-so, who informed me of an encouraging project she is involved in with the local Police and the School Beat Programme.



Friday 12 April 2019 - Rural Crime Prevention Event, Whitland

It was a pleasure to visit the Rural Crime Prevention Event in Whitland. The event was a good opportunity for members of the agricultural community to get advice on rural crime prevention from partner organisations. During the day I also met with Aled Rhys Jones from Radio Cymru to be interviewed on Rural Crime issues in Dyfed-Powys. Being such a rural area brings unique challenges for the force. I'm pleased to see the work set out within the Force's Rural Crime Strategy rolled-out across the Force, with Rural Crime Teams and rural crime vehicles now in operation.



Wednesday 27 March 2019 - Cross-Party Group on Policing, National Assembly for Wales

2018/19 saw a noteworthy development in the relationship between Welsh Government and the police service in Wales, with the establishment of the Policing Partnership Board for Wales which provides a bridge on policing issues between the devolved and non-devolved aspects of public service in which the police operates in Wales. The Board is chaired by either the First Minister or Deputy Minister and Chief Whip and includes all 4 Police and Crime Commissioners, 4 Chief Constables, senior government officials and other senior partner representatives.

Furthermore, in order to raise awareness of policing issues with both Welsh Government and the National Assembly for Wales, a Cross Party Group (CPG) on policing was established during the last year, with the inaugural meeting being held in July 2018. To function, there must be a sponsor and the subsequent endorsement of at least one AM from each of the political parties. That support has been achieved, with the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Communities and local Government, John Griffiths AM, sponsoring and chairing the Cross Party Group on Policing. The inaugural meeting provided attendees with a summary of current issues and challenges facing the service, with subsequent meetings providing opportunity for more in-depth discussion on specific areas of concern, such as mental health, homelessness and substance misuse.



The May meeting discussed homelessness and the associated vulnerabilities. Thanks to the AMs and their staff who attended with the 4 PCCs and Chief Constables in Wales.

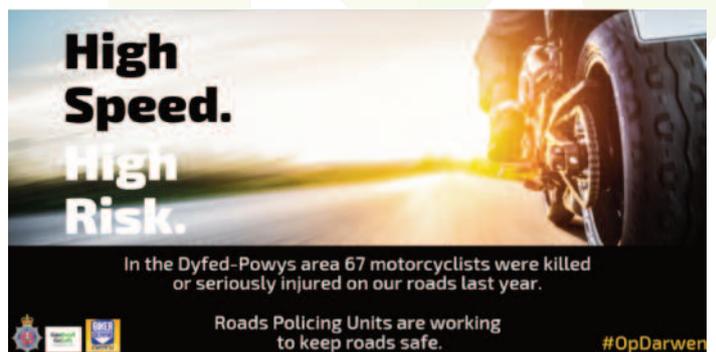
Sunday 7 April 2019 #OpDarwen

In 2018, 67 motorcyclists were either killed or seriously injured on roads in Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Powys, and figures held by the force show that men were eight times more likely to be affected than women.

Dyfed-Powys Police have now launched their annual campaign, called #OpDarwen, which aims to reduce those numbers. The force is warning that there will be an increased focus on roads until October.

As part of the operation they are urging motorcyclists to ride safely and reminding drivers to be vigilant to motorbikes and other powered two-wheelers.

It was great to spend time with Officers in an engagement day at the Owl's Nest Tea Room, Llandovery to meet the public and raise awareness of the campaign. OpDarwen in Dyfed-Powys is underpinned by funding that I have secured, and over recent years, I have also funded paramedics and first aid kits to support their work.



Consultation on our Strategic Equality Plan Objectives for 2020-2024

My office is currently running a joint survey to seek views from our residents about the experiences they, and others may have, when trying to access a range of public services.

We have created the survey in collaboration with Dyfed-Powys Police, Local authorities in the four regions along with Powys Teaching Health Board, Hywel Dda University Health Board, Mid and West Wales Fire Service, Wales Ambulance Services NHS Trust, the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and Pembrokeshire Coastal National Park Authority.

Feedback will inform work around equality and how people with protected characteristics are affected or treated when trying to access services provided by my office and Dyfed-Powys Police.

The survey focuses on crime, as well as other key areas such as education, housing, health, leisure and access to the coast and countryside. It asks people to rate their own experiences of these services and their perceptions of the experience that other people in our society may have.

Please feel free to circulate the survey with interested groups in your area. The survey, which closes on 14 June 2019, can be accessed here: <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=155238706627>

It's available in English, Welsh, Easy Read and Polish. Alternative formats can be obtained by contacting us.



Running for Embrace - Child Victims of Crime

On the morning of 28 April 2019, I was stood on the start line of the London Marathon along with thousands of other runners, with a grueling 26.2 miles ahead.

I ran the London Marathon this year in support of a charity which has become very close to my heart.

Embrace Child Victims of Crime is a charity that supports children across the UK every day who have become innocent victims of crime. Embrace's pledge is to take away the hurt and restore some normality to young lives that have been unjustly traumatised by crimes committed against them or a loved one. Embrace CVC work with police officers in every force in the UK to offer practical and emotional support, and in 2018 I became a trustee in order to ensure that their good work is highlighted and utilised by Dyfed-Powys Police and across Wales.



I was very pleased to have finished the Marathon, and glad that at the point of writing this Newsletter, I have raised over £1,400 for the Charity. If you wish, you can still make a donation. Anything, however small, will be appreciated. Diolch. <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiserdisplay/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=dafydd-llywelyn-SAVMLMBONDS3332019-7340&pageUrl=1>

Pembrokeshire Division celebrates exceptional effort and achievement by officers, support staff and volunteers

The Pembrokeshire Divisional Awards Ceremony was held at the De Valence Pavilion, Upper Frog Street, Tenby on Friday 15th March 2019.

The event celebrated the exceptional effort and achievement given on a daily basis, during 2018, by officer's, support staff and volunteers.

Officers and staff were awarded for displays of bravery, professionalism and commitment to safeguarding the communities they serve.

Police and Crime Commissioner Dafydd Llywelyn said; *"It is important that we recognise the hard work of officers, staff, to officers and staff during difficult times.*

"I am pleased to announce that I have made a charitable donation to the "2 Wish upon a Star" charity, whose founder, Mrs Rhian Manning, deservedly won the Partnership Award. The charity was set up following the sudden and tragic death of her son and husband and provides bereavement support for families who have suddenly and tragically lost a child or young adult.

"I would like to thank Rhian for bringing the charity's services to Pembrokeshire and supporting our staff in Dyfed-Powys Police in their response to such tragic cases. Rhian is an absolute inspiration and this award recognises the significant contribution she has made to our staff and our communities."



Police and Crime Commissioner
Dafydd Llywelyn and Mrs Rhian Manning.

"It was an honour to attend these Awards and to be able to present Rhian with her Partnership Award. Da iawn bawb."

Superintendent Ross Evans said: "I was honoured to host the Pembrokeshire Divisional Award Ceremony which recognised the excellent work done by police officers, police staff, Specials, Volunteers and Cadets. I am continually impressed with the work that our staff carry out every day. They make a real difference to people's lives and go the extra mile to make sure that our community remains not only the most beautiful, but also the safest place in the UK.

Thank you for reading my Newsletter. I hope you found it informative and interesting; giving you a flavour of the role of the Police & Crime Commissioner.

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