



Wellington Police Team

Town Council Report – April 2021

Introduction:

During March there were 327 calls to the police from members of the public relating to Wellington. 15 of these calls were from people reporting a possible breach of Covid -19 restrictions with other 18 people using the force website to report the same thing which led to £200 Covid-19 penalty notices being issued to a further 3 individuals.

With a further change in restrictions from today, Monday 12th April which sees the reopening of non-essential retail; personal care premises such as hairdressers, outdoor hospitality and more, Wellington Police Team will continue with our "four Es" approach to policing coronavirus, this being to engage, explain, encourage and enforce.

This last week we have been visiting all pubs across the Wellington area and checking in with licensees to confirm whether they are opening from today for outside hospitality and to ensure necessary procedures are in place to ensure everyone is Covid safe. Out of the 11 pubs across Wellington Town, 6 are reopened today with the remaining 5 planning to open between now and the 17th May when (all being well) restrictions will change to allow indoor hospitality and entertainment venues such as cinemas to reopen once again.

What's Been Happening?

- March has seen the team getting back out to work with our Community SpeedWatch Volunteers across Wellington with a view to SpeedWatch sites beginning to operate once again. If any councillors receive complaints or concerns about the speed of vehicles in the community please ensure these are forwarded on to the police team so we can look at getting a scheme up and running in that area.
- The team dealt with 2 x missing people in Wellington during March, after enquires were made on both occasions the individuals were located safe and well.
- We dealt with 57 separate incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour during March, the majority of these incidents involved youths. Positive action was taken whenever possible using ASB legislation.
- Some of the reports ASB was once again centred in and around the skate park, The Basins and the Wellington Rugby Club area. We have continued to carry out increased patrols in these areas and would encourage all members of the public to report any incidents of antisocial behaviour they witness to help us to reduce incidents and effectively tackle the problem.
- We are slowly starting to carry out community based events again where it's safe for us to do so, yesterday our PCSO's carried out a Bike Marking event outside of the post office on the High Street during which 55 members of the public attended and had their bicycles security marked for free. In the weeks ahead we look forward to resuming beat surgeries and other community engagement events across the town.
- Phase one of the refurbishment of Wellington Police station has been completed and officers have returned to working out of the station as normal. Phase 2 will start shortly and replace the signage and branding on the exterior of the station, this will not cause any disruption to officers or the public.

- I am pleased to say after being closed for several months due to Covid-19 restriction, the public enquiry office at Wellington Police Station reopened today and will be open from 10:00-14:00 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays once again from today onwards.

Wellington Crime Figures from 1st March 2021 – 31st March 2021

The number of Crimes reported across Wellington during March is higher than in February with 90 separate crimes being recorded throughout the month. When broken down this relates to:

1 Assault with intent to cause serious harm
9 Assault with injury offences
14 Assault without injury offences 40 Violence against the person type offences
8 Malicious Communications
5 Harassment / Stalking
19 Thefts
13 Criminal Damage
11 Public Order Offences
3 Vehicle Offences
2 Sexual Offences
1 Drug Offence
4 Miscellaneous Offences / Crime against society

In reviewing all of these crimes I can confirm that there are no emerging trends, crime patterns or identified crime hotspots.

To End...

If any member of the council or member of the public wishes to discuss any aspect of policing across the wellington area they can contact me directly, my email address is shown below. I will be only happy to help where I can.

For your information and with kind regards

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