

Report to Community Councils December 2023
Local Crime Stats
Snapshot of crime stats for Dumfries area from 1 – 30 November 2023

Offence	Number
Fireraising	2
Breach of Peace (inc hate crime)	34
Drinking in public place/urinating	1
Drugs possession	7
Vandalism	19
Thefts (shoplifting)	27
Parking offences	34

Local Incidents/Crimes of Note

Police are still appealing for information which could help trace 53 year old Dane McGill after he was reported missing, last seen in the Dalswinton area around 1330pm on Friday the 10th of November. Extensive police enquiries and searches have been carried out however Dane still remains missing. He is described at 5ft9in tall, slim build, short with grey hair and a beard, he walks with a stick. Last known to be wearing a camouflage jacket and Khaki coloured trousers. If you have any information please contact Police on 101, quoting reference number 2787 of the 10th of November.

On Friday the 10th of November on the A701 near to Parkgate Police had caused to stop search a vehicle. A quantity of cocaine with an estimated street value of £40,000 was recovered, three men aged 22, 23 and 37 have been reported to the court.

Out without local Community Councils however given nature of offence, should anyone have any information:

Cumbria have launched a murder investigation following the disappearance of missing Annan man, Paul Taylor. He was last seen on the 17th of October driving a blue Corsa Registration PY18 DYO, believed to have made his way from Annan to Carlisle. If you have any information that you think may help please call 101, if you would prefer to remain anonymous and give information without giving your name or details you can contact Crime stoppers, an independent charity who crime information anonymously.

On the 22th of November 2023 54 year old David Hyslop received a 12 month driving disqualification and £500 fine for driving with a frozen windscreen. His window had a very limited view this occurred on the A701 at Dumfries.

On the 26th of November on the A74 near to Gretna service Police had cause to stop search a vehicle. A large quantity of stolen items were recovered, including packets of

razor blades, tooth brush heads, earphones and alcohol. The two men aged 37 and 51 have been arrested and further enquiries are ongoing. It is believed that the items were stolen from locations throughout Dumfries & Galloway. Officers are appealing for anyone with information to please come forward, contacting us on 101, quoting reference number 1083.

Police are currently carrying out our festive campaign targeting retail crime and carrying out licensed premises checks. We have also launched our festive drink drive campaign that will put an additional focus on carrying out vehicle checks. We urge members of the public to assist us and contact us if they have concerns someone is drink/drug driving.

On the 30/11/2023 Police received information from a member of the public, concerned that someone was under the influence, The driver traced and a 49 year old man was found to be 6 times over the legal limit and was put to court the next day.

On the 2nd of December officers stopped a vehicle near to Eaglefield, they had cause to search it and recovered a quantity of Cannabis with an estimated street value of £190,000. A 41 year old has been arrested and charged for the offence.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Road Policing Unit staff have the ability to carry out road side drug swipe tests. We have found that when there is reasonable cause to conduct this test almost half are positive. If convicted for drug driving you could face a 12 month driving ban and up to a £5000 fine.

We have launched our festive campaign and will be providing regular updates on Facebook/Twitter.

Disruption to serious organised crime unwavering

Police Scotland's commitment to disrupting the activities of organised crime groups is unwavering, as latest figures show that millions of pounds worth of illegal drugs were seized between July and September 2023.

The Quarter 2 2023-24 Performance Report details activity by officers across the country, which saw cocaine, heroin and cannabis as well as quantities of cash being recovered. A number of arrests were also made.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please be aware our social media handles/links have recently changed to the below:

Follow @NithsdalePolice on X for updates on crime trends etc
Follow Police facebook for updates on crimes also.

- Anti crime patrols ongoing, to prevent and detect crime particularly in relation to

anti-social behaviour, youth disorder and under age drinking. Please report any suspicious incidents at the time

- Intelligence sought in relation to drink drivers
- Intelligence sought in relation to Drug dealers/cannabis cultivations
- Report any bogus caller type incidents
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Matters brought to Attention by Council

Response Given to Matters Raised at Meeting

Actions to be taken regarding Issues Raised

Community Sergeant (Comments)