



Community Policing Unit, Dumfries

Report to Lochar/ Abbey Ward

Officer submitting	PC Hayley Elliot V0500 01/08/2026 – 01/09/2026
Date of meeting	

Area Crime Information and Notable Incidents:

No crimes of note for AE area detected

No crimes of note for New Abbey area detected.

No crimes of note for Terregles area detected.

No crimes of note for Auldgirth area detected.

No crimes of note for Southernness area detected.

Calls for Tinwald:

1 x Road Traffic Collision, Low Road, Driver issued with Ticket for driving offences

Calls for Kirkbean:

On 02/08/26 a report of a paragliding accident was reported in Kirkbean, no injuries were reported.

Calls for Irongray:

A call was received regarding possible poachers in the area on 25/08/26, the males were traced by Polie and no crimes were detected.

Calls for Glencaple:

A call was received from a concerned resident in Wellington Street, reporting persons in their garden on 23/08/2026, nothing was damaged or stolen. Extra patrols will be carried out.

Local Initiatives:

CYBER CRIME

Cybercrime continues to increase in scale and complexity, but many online crimes can be prevented with small changes in your online behaviour and by developing good habits that don't require the assistance of an IT expert.

Our advice is simple to follow and reduces the potential of becoming a victim of cybercrime, making you less vulnerable, more confident and allowing you to use the internet safely.

Please share these online safety tips with your communities.

You community officer can also provide bespoke inputs on cyber crime for all ages. Please just get in contact.

Tips to keep you safe online

These simple tips can make a big difference when it comes to keeping you safe online.

- Combine three random words to create a password and contains a mixture of letters, numbers and symbols. For example, apple mobile.
- Consider using a password manager to manage all your passwords or save passwords within your browser of choice. Please note, this is not recommended for public or shared devices.
- If available, set up 2 Step Verification (2SV), sometimes called Multi-Factor-Authentication. This provides a second layer of security over and above a username and password.
- Avoid giving out your personal or sensitive details on online platforms, or on social media.
- Consider if the website you're on really needs your personal information, could you use more general information?
- Control your social media accounts – Review your privacy settings and be cautious of what you post, share and comment on.
- Make sure all devices have up-to-date anti-virus software and a firewall installed and keep software and apps regularly updated.
- Regularly back up your data.
- Only download files and Apps from legal, trusted websites.
- Only open emails and attachments from known and trusted sources.
- Check the web address starts with https:// whenever you're asked to enter sensitive information online.
- Be cautious of internet chats and online dating – there's no guarantee you're speaking to a genuine person. Officers and staff can be targeted by criminals through social media platforms and via online dating services.
- Be extremely cautious if you're asked for money. Do not send money to someone you've never met.
- Look for the padlock symbol in the address bar when paying for goods or services online – it means the website is secure - however this doesn't always mean it's a legitimate site!
- Consider using your service providers' data such as 4G instead of using public Wi-Fi for banking. Don't connect to open Wi-Fi hotspots.
- Avoid using public Wi-Fi hotspots that are not secure or ask you for personal information to access it.

We are delighted to announce the Launch of Galloway off Road

Galloway Off Road will provide a safe, controlled and legal facility for Off-Road Motorcycling in Dumfries and Galloway, where children and young people can learn, develop and thrive through off Road motorcycling.

- **It will deliver coaching and development programs**
- **Promote responsible and legal off road motorcycle use**
- **Create pathways into competitive off road motorcycling**
- **Help young people build confidence , skills, and aspirations**

Galloway off Road is a division of Kingdom off Road Motorcycle Club, a highly successful charity based in fife. It will deliver training programs developed over several years by Dave Paton and his team at Kingdom., with all sessions led by SACU-approved coaches.

Galloway believed every young person deserves the chance to succeed. Through mentoring, coaching, and hands-on activities, it will help them build confidence, resilience, self-esteem and life skills that support them on and off the track.

At Galloway Off Road, they will help make out communities safer by giving young people a positive place to learn and grown.

If you would like to volunteer, offer support or find out how this charity can support your organisation or young people in anyway, please contact them on 07778912305, Info@gallowayoffroad.co.uk or visit the site at Ellgood Farm, Southwick, Dumfries.

Below is the work carried out by Kingdom of Off Road and gives you an idea of what is now available in Dumfries and Galloway,

2025 Finalists National Youth Work Awards

2020 Finalists Scottish Charity Awards

2018 Finalists National Lottery Awards

Through The Gears Programme – Levenmouth

<https://youtu.be/AEvEdn6RMyw?si=F4rM8UHWjgqPZg3M>

Our charities appearance on Sky One <https://youtu.be/y-mHsNCzMjQ>

A Scottish Registered Charity - SC042797

www.facebook.com/KingdomOffRoadMotorcycleClub

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

On Friday 4th September 2026 the community wardens will be at Kirkbean School and Abbey Carpark between 2pm and 4pm if you have any issues you wish to discuss.

CONTACT US:

Your local Community officer is: Hayley Elliot

Your Community Team Email: NithsdaleCPT@scotland.police.uk

Dial **999 for an emergency** that requires urgent police attention.

For **non-emergency contact**, call **101**, the single non-emergency number.

If you have information about crime in your area and wish to provide it anonymously, call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

Service users who are deaf or have a hearing impairment can contact Police Scotland via Text Relay on 18001 101 for non-emergency, or 18000 in an emergency.

To follow us on social media:

Facebook - Dumfries Galloway Police Division

X - @POSODandG

For further information about Dumfries and Galloway Division or your local Community Policing Team please visit the Dumfries and Galloway section of the force website at:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/dumfries-and-galloway>

Should the Community Council wish to discuss any matters highlighted in the report, please contact:

NithsdaleCPT@scotland.police.uk