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Hello to each of you.

It seems no time at all since I last wrote to you all in the Summer Edition.

In that time we have been kept busy with our day to day Policing duties, in addition we have seen our new school, Lochside Academy opening, where many of our Cove youngsters are attending.

As a result of this I launched a Road Safety Policing Operation for the first week and a half of the new school term. The aim being to educate and where necessary deal with any road traffic offences in the vicinity of the school, inclusive of Langdykes Road, Wellington Road and surround.

I am pleased to say that the vast majority of motorists were adhering to the 20mph speed restriction during the morning/lunch/end of day peak times and only a handful had to be educated on their speed in the area.

Lochside Academy themselves are proactively engaging with the pupils with support from our School Based Officer PC Ann Gallon in relation to ensuring all pupils are aware of the importance of road safety and utilising the available crossings. The vast majority of pupils are using the crossing and keeping safe on their journey to and from school.

The last thing any of us want is for a child or young person to be knocked down by a motorist or for any of our youngsters to not be paying attention whilst crossing busy roads. As a result our local officers will continue to provide attention to this area over the coming weeks and months.

Thank you for the emails I have received. The main issues appear to be speeding and anti-social driving in the Cove area. I have responded individually to the concerns raised with positive

action having been taken by my officers along with support from our Roads Policing colleagues. This has resulted in several motorists educated and a handful having been reported to the Procurator Fiscal regards Road traffic offences and anti-social driving.

My plea this time is to all the parents/grandparents/guardians in our community to ensure each of the young people in our care are aware of road safety message. Particularly when crossing a road, they should look for a safe place to cross, be alert (not using phones/tablets/electronic devices) and where possible use the pedestrian crossings provided. They should 'Stop, Look and Listen' prior to crossing any road and continue to 'Look and Listen' as they do cross. (Probably showing my age but the message stands!!!)

Please do keep your questions coming in and I will continue to answer these more broadly through this platform.

Please do continue to highlight any local issues in response to this article through your local Community Council meetings.

Please email any questions titled "Cove Chronicle Question - FAO PS McOuat A0328" to KincorthLoristonCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

If you don't have access to email please do call on 101 and ask them to direct your question for the attention of PS McOuat A0328.

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