

Kildare Division JPC Meeting

8th June 2020

Crime & Traffic Statistics

Qtr. 1 2019, & Qtr. 1 2020



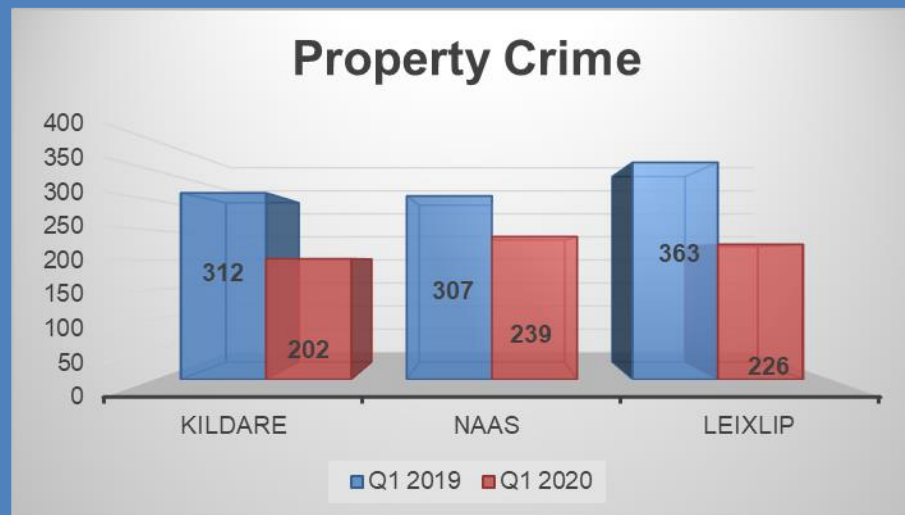
Presented by Chief Superintendent John Scanlan, Kildare

Crime counting rules are applied and incident counts are based on date reported.

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Property Crime	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Change
Aggravated Burglary	7	10	43%
Burglary	295	141	-52%
Interfering with Mechanism of MPV	8	4	-50%
Robbery from the Person	5	3	-40%
Theft (Other)	224	160	-29%
Theft from M.P.V.	105	106	1%
Theft from Person	19	7	-63%
Theft from Shop	224	182	-19%
Unauthorised Taking (Pedal Cycle)	30	23	-23%
Unauthorised Taking (Vehicle)	65	31	-52%
Total Property Crime	982	667	-32%

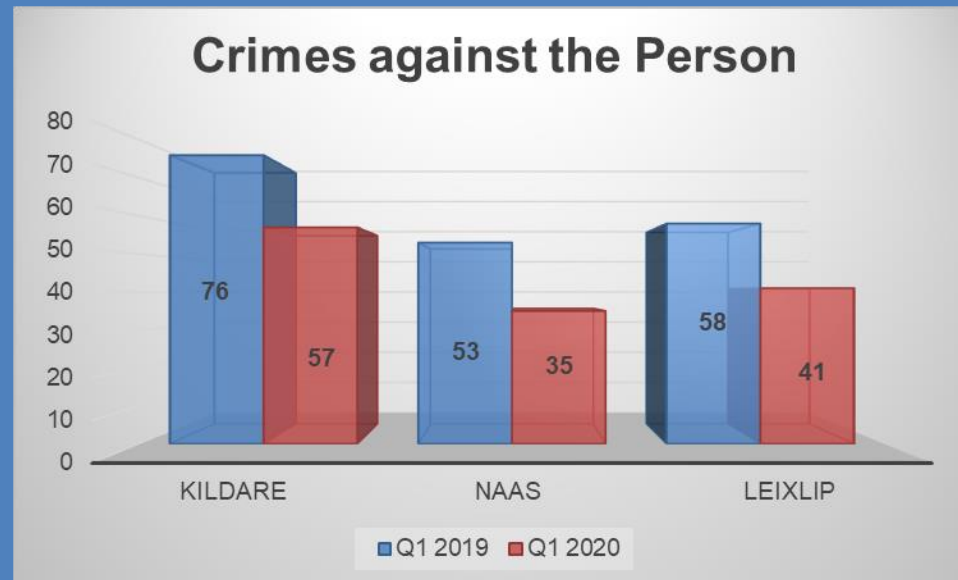
Property Crime by District	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Change
Kildare	312	202	-35%
Naas	307	239	-22%
Leixlip	363	226	-38%



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Crimes against the Person	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Change
Assault / Obstruction / Resist Arrest - Peace Officer	3	2	-33%
Assault Causing Harm	40	31	-23%
Assault Minor	137	99	-28%
Harassment	7	1	-86%
Menacing Phone Calls	0	0	0%
Murder - Threats to Kill or Cause Serious Harm	0	0	0%
Total Crimes against the Person	187	133	-29%

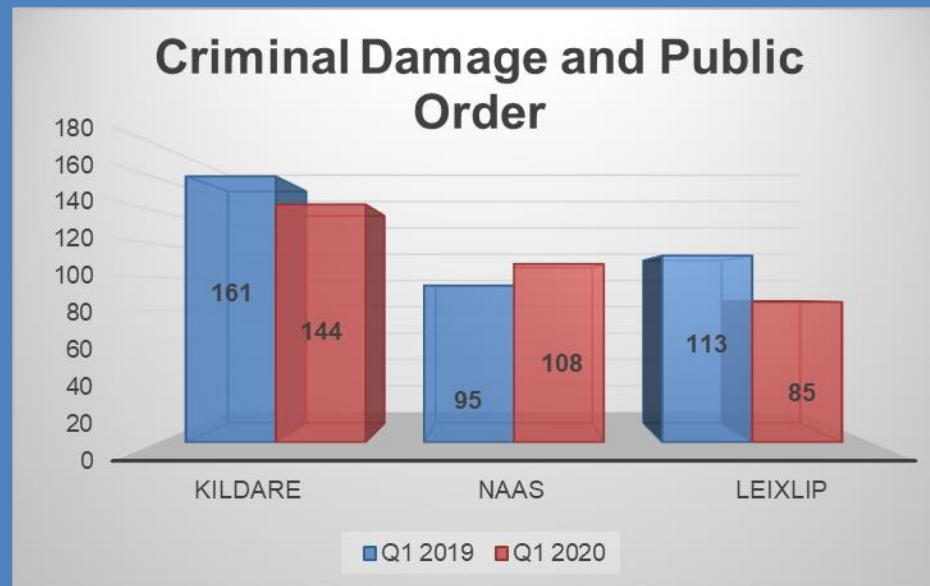
Crimes against the Person by District	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Change
Kildare	76	57	-25%
Naas	53	35	-34%
Leixlip	58	41	-29%



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Criminal Damage and Public Order	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Change
Criminal Damage - (by Fire)	20	12	-40%
Criminal Damage (Not by Fire)	161	168	4%
Drunkenness Offences	72	63	0%
Public Order Offences	116	94	-19%
Total Criminal Damage and Public Order	369	337	-9%

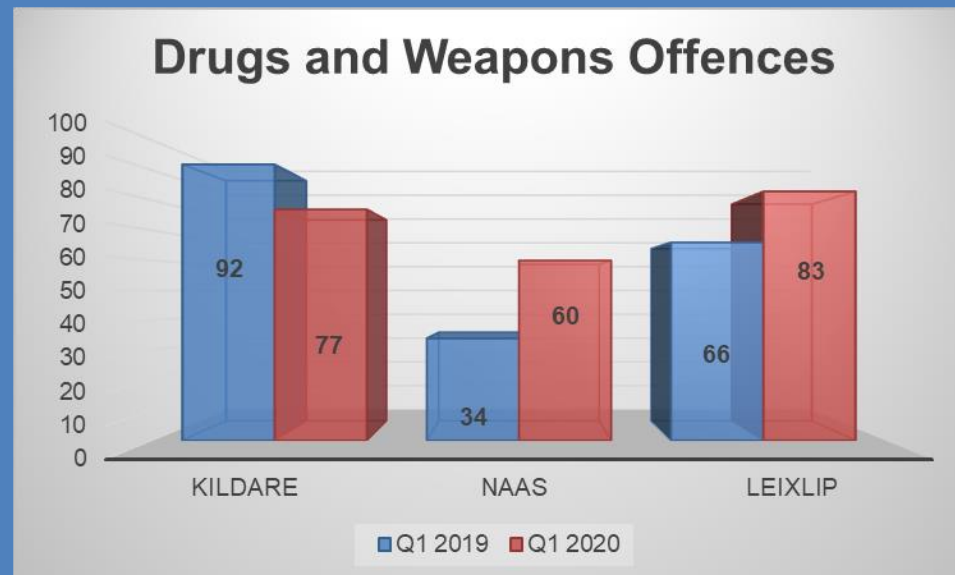
Criminal Damage and Public Order by District	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Change
Kildare	161	144	-11%
Naas	95	108	14%
Leixlip	113	85	-25%



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Drugs and Weapons Offences	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Change
Cultivation or manufacture of drugs	2	1	-50%
Possession of drugs for sale or supply	47	55	17%
Possession of a firearm	3	1	-67%
Possession of offensive weapons	16	19	19%
Simple Possession	124	144	16%
Total Drugs and Weapons offences	192	220	15%

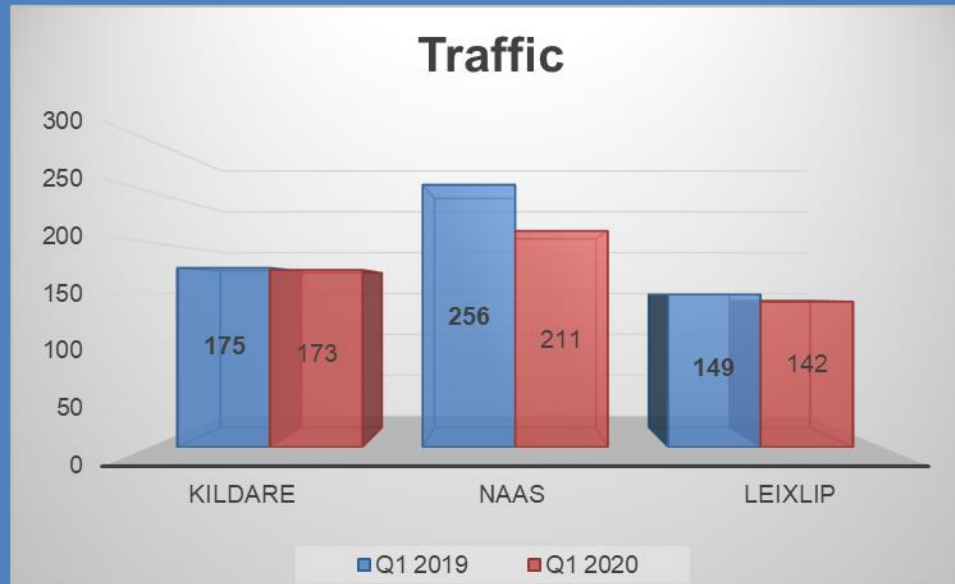
Drugs and Weapons offences by District	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Change
Kildare	92	77	-16%
Naas	34	60	76%
Leixlip	66	83	26%



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Traffic	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Change
Intoxicated Driving a Vehicle	67	46	-31%
Intoxicated IN CHARGE of a Vehicle	5	4	-20%
Traffic Collision FATAL	3	2	100%
Traffic Collision MATERIAL DAMAGE ONLY	438	429	-2%
Traffic Collision NON SERIOUS INJURY	54	32	-41%
Traffic Collision SERIOUS INJURY	13	13	0%
Total Traffic	580	526	-9%

Traffic Collisions by District	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Change
Kildare	175	173	-1%
Naas	256	211	-18%
Leixlip	149	142	-5%



Community Policing Initiatives during Covid-19 Pandemic – Kildare Division

- Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic outbreak in March 2020 The Kildare Covid-19 County Response forum was organised and involves almost 30 bodies, including An Garda Síochána, Kildare County Council, HSE, Tusla, GAA, Civil Defence, KYS, Alone etc. The Forum facilitates a co-ordinated and collaborate community response by voluntary and statutory agencies to communities, especially the most vulnerable. Kildare County Council established a dedicated helpline to assist at risk members of the public in accessing non-emergency &/ medical services during the health crisis which enabled Community Gardai to assist vulnerable &/ isolated people by ensuring that they are supported with basic and social needs. The value of the relationships and the acquired knowledge built up from this forum will undoubtedly last beyond the health crisis.

The following initiatives were then undertaken by Community Gardai in the Division to assist with all aspects of Community Engagement within Kildare:

- High visibility mountain bike/beat patrols to negate anti-social behaviour, support social distancing protocols and reassure members of the public. In Maynooth and Celbridge Garda ‘chat point booths’ were set up in busy retail areas to encourage engagement with members of the public and to address any queries they might have.
- Liaising with community groups in the county in providing a coordinated approach to requests for community assistance, while also encouraging these groups to register with Kildare Public Participation Network.
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- Engaging with Divisional Facebook Page to highlight work being carried out by community policing members, this has had very positive engagement from the public.
- Assisting 'meals on wheels' with the delivery of hot food to older people in the county.
- Collecting and delivering groceries/medication for those vulnerable and older people.
- Calling into post offices to provide a reassuring presence to staff and customers as the post offices are carry larger than normal volumes of cash.
- Acting as a temporary agent for the vulnerable and older people that are self-isolating to facilitate the collection of their social welfare payments or pensions.
- Calling to vulnerable/older people who have been identified by community groups/concerned members of the public/public health nurses. Offering our assistance to these people and where assistance has been declined, providing contact details should they require assistance at a later stage.
- Transporting vulnerable people to hospital/medical appointments in an adapted community vehicle that can ensure physical distancing between the Garda member and the patient.
- Domestic Violence – A pilot initiative is being put in place by Community Gardai working in Newbridge to utilise pharmacies as a point for reporting domestic incidents.
- Liaison with homeless services (Peter McVerry) and patrons using the services in Newbridge and Naas.

- The community Garda in Athy set up a Facebook group – ‘Entertain Us Athy Covid-19’ to connect and entertain people during the pandemic. There is almost 7,000 people tuning in daily, this includes people from Australia, UAE and U.S.A.
- Community Gardai along with Kildare County Council community officers visit ‘young and older’ people on their birthdays or wedding anniversaries, to sing and wish them well, when their families are unable to travel due to travel restrictions.
- Community Gardai set up a ‘Go Fund Me’ account for Shave/Dye/Wear a Wig to raise funds for frontline health staff in St Vincent’s Hospital Athy and Naas General Hospital. Twenty two thousand euro was raised and donated to these hospitals.

On 10th June, 2020 Newbridge Garda Station officially launched a Community Policing initiative which focuses on anti-social behaviour, substance abuse and public order incidents (including aggressive begging). This new initiative was instigated to assist in the prevention of these incidents occurring, to address current issues deriving from these incidents and to enforce the relevant legislation regarding these matters.

The benefits of the initiative include;

- The demonstrating of commitment of local Garda services towards community safety;
- The developing of stronger links between the community and An Garda Síochána;
- The building of trust between the community, relevant stakeholders, other agencies and An Garda Síochána;
- The ensuring of efficient and effective deployment of resources.