

Kildare Division JPC Meeting

14th June 2021

Crime & Traffic Statistics
Qtr. 1 2020, & Qtr. 1 2021



Presented by Chief Superintendent John Scanlan, Kildare

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

Kildare Division Crime & Traffic Statistics

Property Crime	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Change
Aggravated Burglary	10	5	-50%
Burglary	141	97	-31%
Interfering with Mechanism of MPV	4	4	0%
Robbery from the Person	3	2	-33%
Theft (Other)	160	106	-34%
Theft from M.P.V.	106	39	-63%
Theft from Person	7	2	-71%
Theft from Shop	182	152	-16%
Unauthorised Taking (Pedal Cycle)	23	14	-39%
Unauthorised Taking (Vehicle)	31	16	-48%
Total Property Crime	667	437	-34%

Property Crime by District	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Change
Kildare	202	146	-28%
Naas	239	150	-37%
Leixlip	226	141	-38%

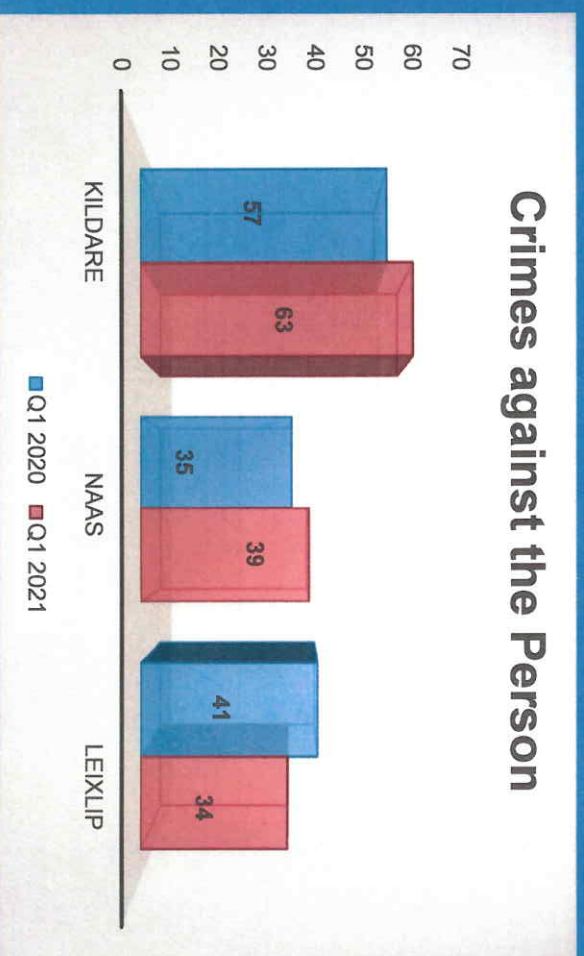
Property Crime



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Crimes against the Person	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Change
Assault / Obstruction / Resist Arrest - Peace Officer	2	6	200%
Assault Causing Harm	31	33	6%
Assault Minor	99	91	-8%
Harassment	1	6	500%
Menacing Phone Calls	0	0	0%
Murder - Threats to Kill or Cause Serious Harm	0	0	0%
Total Crimes against the Person	133	136	2%

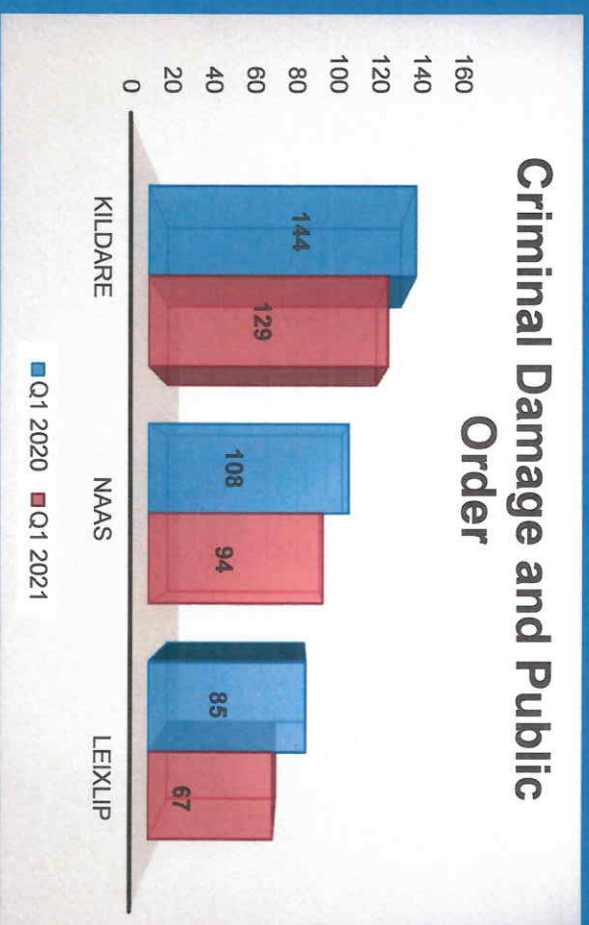
Crimes against the Person by District	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Change
Kildare	57	63	11%
Naas	35	39	11%
Leixlip	41	34	-17%



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Criminal Damage and Public Order	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Change
Criminal Damage - (by Fire)	12	11	-8%
Criminal Damage (Not by Fire)	168	121	-28%
Drunkness Offences	63	66	0%
Public Order Offences	94	92	-2%
Total Criminal Damage and Public Order	337		-100%

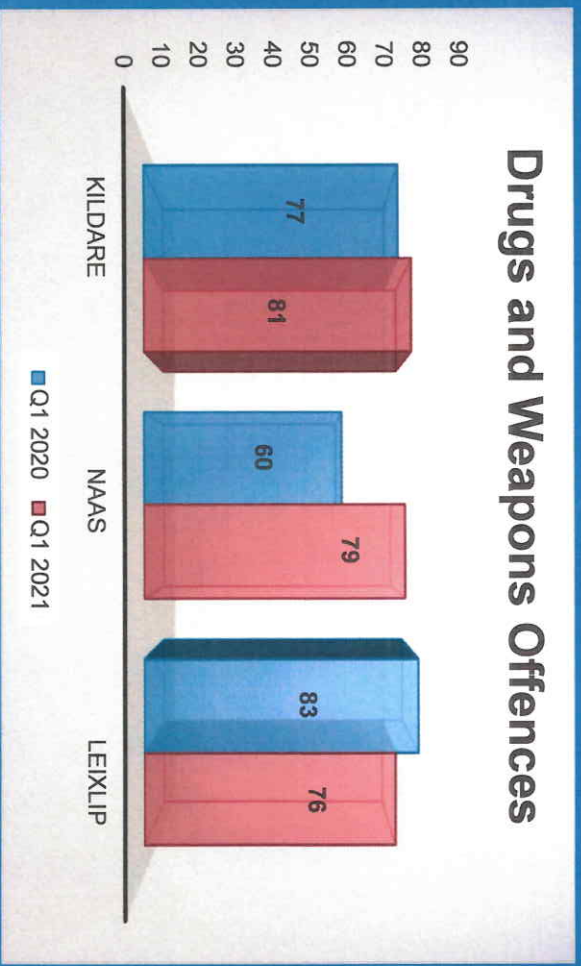
Criminal Damage and Public Order by District	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Change
Kildare	144	129	-10%
Naas	108	94	-13%
Leixlip	85	67	-21%



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Drugs and Weapons Offences	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Change
Cultivation or manufacture of drugs	1	0	-100%
Possession of drugs for sale or supply	55	52	-5%
Possession of a firearm	1	2	100%
Possession of offensive weapons	19	15	-21%
Simple Possession	144	167	16%
Total Drugs and Weapons offences	220	236	7%

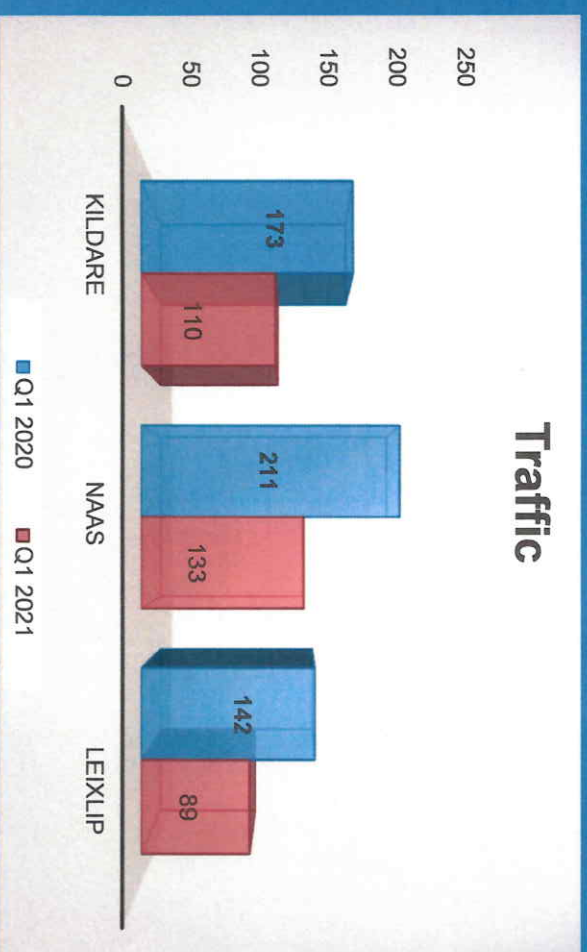
Drugs and Weapons offences by District	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Change
Kildare	77	81	5%
Naas	60	79	32%
Leixlip	83	76	-8%



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Traffic	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Change
Intoxicated Driving a Vehicle	46	44	-4%
Intoxicated IN CHARGE of a Vehicle	4	8	100%
Traffic Collision FATAL	2	0	100%
Traffic Collision MATERIAL DAMAGE ONLY	429	246	-43%
Traffic Collision NON SERIOUS INJURY	32	26	-19%
Traffic Collision SERIOUS INJURY	13	8	-38%
Total Traffic	526	332	-37%

Traffic Collisions by District	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Change
Kildare	173	110	-36%
Naas	211	133	-37%
Leixlip	142	89	-37%



Community Policing Initiatives during Covid-19 Pandemic – Kildare Division

Since the beginning of the Covid 19 Pandemic in March 2020 Gardai in the Kildare Division have been assisting vulnerable & isolated people by ensuring that they are supported with basic and social needs. This service is invaluable to the communities that require it and also assists Gardai in building up a rapport with the communities that they serve.

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

- Meals on Wheels, North Kildare and St Vincent De Paul care packs. These organisations have identified vulnerable persons in the community that will benefit from healthy, hot meals and other provisions. It also gives the community members the opportunity to check on the welfare and health of these vulnerable persons.
- Safer Maynooth and Safer Celbridge. This is a volunteer group within the South West Drug and Alcohol Task Forces Safer Communities programme. The purpose is to encourage safe behaviour amongst young persons in the community.
- High visibility mountain bike/beat patrols to negate anti-social behaviour, support social distancing protocols and reassure members of the public.
- Engaging with local community social media pages and local religious denominations to encourage people to contact their Community Garda should they require assistance.

- Engaging with the Divisional Facebook Page to highlight work being carried out by community policing members, this ongoing initiative 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 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.
- The Community Bus funded by the Naas Municipal District has been received and is in operation. This bus is fitted with a wheelchair ramp, being the first such police vehicle in Europe and is available to assist members of the community who may need it.
- Gardai at Naas have been assisting with the vaccination centre and providing a visible presence in the centre around identified periods of concern.
- Assistance has also been provided to support pop up testing centres with Gardai also going door to door to target communities of identified concern through distribution of leaflets outlining information on Covid testing and isolating etc. and the utilisation of a Brazilian officer attached to Naas Garda Station, to target that specific community and increase engagement with testing has been of great assistance.

- Liaison with homeless services (Peter McVerry) and patrons using the services in Newbridge and Naas.
- A “Go Purple” day was held on 23rd April, 2021 to bring awareness to the county about domestic violence services available to members of the community that may require these.