 

**Reference: Induction to the Isles of Scilly 2024**

Welcome to the Isles of Scilly, we very much hope that you have an enjoyable stay this year.

There are a team of island professionals here to support you throughout your stay. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can assist in anyway.

Over the coming weeks you will observe an increase in police patrols and engagement from other agencies on the islands. During the season we have many visitors and people arrive to work on the islands. The sudden increase of the population drives a high demand on local agencies including the emergency services. We experience an increase of alcohol fuelled violence and anti-social behaviour during the night-time economy.

In a bid to reduce demand on our small teams we would like to bring to your attention some of the issues, we face each year and ask for your support in improving the quality of life for the community.

**Noise**

The Police and the Council receive a high volume of noise complaints. This is generally in relation to after work social gatherings in the Little Porth and Porthcressa Beach area. The residents suffer noise pollution, and it has been common for alcohol containers and other rubbish to be left on the beach, including barbeques that haven’t been safely disposed of.

We would ask you to please be considerate of our local community and visitors and not go to busy residential areas to socialise late at night. There are more quiet locations around the islands that lend themselves better to late night gatherings. We encourage you to seek those areas please and of course to ensure all litter is picked up and disposed of appropriately.

**Drugs**

The local Police team intercept and seize many drug packages in the post each year. Last year saw over 40 seizures. These items are often requested by people on the islands and sent to work addresses.

Possession of a controlled drug is a criminal offence, and the matter will be dealt with appropriately.

In addition to this, sending or requesting a supply of controlled drugs to a business premises could expose your employer or the business to committing offences too. As part of an investigation, we will make a disclosure to them about the seizure.

If you have a trip the mainland and are asked to bring back drugs by others to the islands and do so; you are committing drug supply offences, this is a serious offence which could attract a lengthy custodial sentence. Many of the local businesses here have a zero-tolerance policy to this behaviour and will terminate employment immediately.

**Licencing**

Licence holders are encouraged to ensure that all staff working at the premises are given appropriate training in relation to the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, and other relevant legislation, together with the conditions and restrictions of the licence or the terms of a notice under which licensable activities are being held.

Although you might not be the licence holder, you are expected to uphold the conditions that are set for your workplace. In addition, you are expected to uphold the law when it comes to serving alcohol. If you have questions on the conditions affecting your workplace, please speak to your licence holder. If you are worried that conditions are not being met or would like clarity on the licence you can always contact the licencing department on [licencing@scilly.gov.uk](mailto:licencing@scilly.gov.uk).

**HMOs**

Some of the staff accommodation on the island are classed as Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs). These properties are licenced and inspected regularly over a five-year period. If in the meantime you don’t feel your property is up to the legal living standard or are worried about your living conditions, please contact Environmental Health ([environmentalhealth@scilly.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalhealth@scilly.gov.uk)). Following the contact, we can inspect the property.

On the other side of this, anti-social behaviour at an HMO can have effect on the HMO, its occupants, and the licence holder. The result can be fines against either the licence holder or the individual occupants, as well as potential temporary closure of the HMO itself.

You can contact your local policing team by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency, via our website www.devon-cornwall.police.uk or you can come in and visit the Police Station, we are based at Garrison Lane, St Mary’s.

You can contact your local council on 0300 123 4105 or via the website

www.scilly.gov.uk.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Wishes

Isles of Scilly Policing Team and Council of the Isles of Scilly.