



Heddlu Police

DYFED-POWYS

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Request:

There is little or no police presence in Machynlleth and covid rules are being flaunted because offenders know there is only a small chance of being stopped.

Can you please advise as to how many fines or even cautions have been handed out in the Machynlleth area for breaking covid restriction

Response:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the requested information, as outlined below.

	Up to 29/01/2021
Total number of Covid-19 Fixed penalty notices given out by officers stationed in Machynlleth	4

Please note: In line with the Force and National stance to covid enforcement, Officers from Machynlleth have utilised the '4 Es' approach to any suspected breaches of covid restrictions.

If there is a problem, we want to resolve it by communicating clearly and encouraging people to behave responsibly.

We're following 'the 4 Es': Engage. Explain. Encourage. Enforce.

First we will try to engage with someone, explain how we think they are breaking the rules, and encourage them to change their behaviour to reduce the risk to public safety and health.

If people still do not follow the rules the police can:

- tell them to disperse*
- tell parents to stop their children breaking the rules*
- fine them*

Therefore the number of FPN's issued is not a sole reflection of the work the force have undertaken to tackle covid breaches.

It should be noted that as a result of the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such information that the information released may or may not be accurate.