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## Camps Bay CID Newsletter Dec 2024

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## 1. CID Manager Report

### *Update from Mo Hendricks*

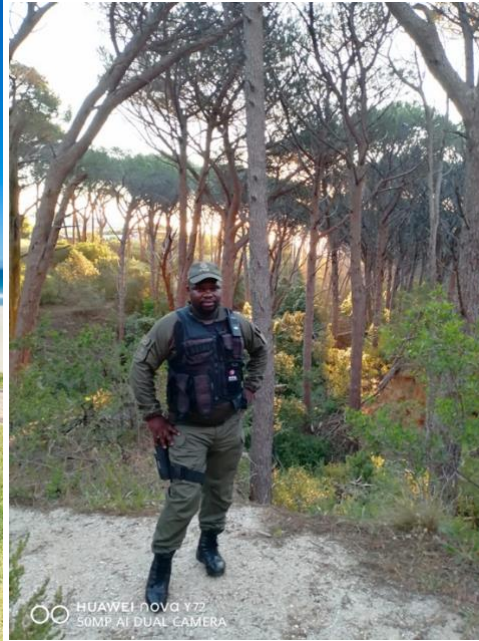
As we step into the final month of 2024, we are excited to share updates on our initiatives and plans for Camps Bay. Your ongoing support and involvement are what drive our efforts to create a safer, cleaner, and more vibrant community for all.

### **Festive Season Safety Plan**

Our festive safety plan was implemented in mid-November, featuring an increase in public safety personnel and response vehicles in the area. These members have been fully inducted into the operations of Camps Bay and deployed across key areas, including the greenbelts, Camps Bay Drive, The Drive, and the beachfront. To support this effort, we have added an additional control room station to manage the rise in reports and to monitor operational teams effectively.



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## Traffic Management

Crown Crescent has been identified as a primary choke point due to illegal parking along the red line. In collaboration with the city, all parking bays have been blacked out, the red line highlighted, and bollards installed to prevent cars from parking on one side of the street. This initiative ensures the free flow of traffic and enhances overall safety. Discussions with the City's traffic engineering department are ongoing to address other identified areas that require relief.



## Beautification Projects

We have made significant strides in improving our public spaces:



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- Freshly painted play equipment and benches on the beachfront and in parks.
- Removal of rocks near the tidal pool stream, improving the aesthetic and safety of the area.
- Mowing various overgrown areas across Camps Bay to enhance the area's appearance.

## Little Glen Upgrades

During a recent walking tour of Little Glen, we discovered its hidden natural beauty. Our teams have manicured the park and opened pathways from Blinkwater to Camps Bay Drive, creating a scenic mini-hike for residents to enjoy.



## New Partnerships and Projects:

### Social Development Programme

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Ignisive as our social development partners. This marks the implementation of our social development programme, and we look forward to building a solid foundation for this team to work from.





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## **CCTV Rollout**

We are finalising the appointment of a CCTV installer partner to begin the much-anticipated camera rollout project, which will significantly enhance security in Camps Bay.

## **Landscaping and Urban Maintenance**

Our agreements with landscaping and urban maintenance partners are nearly complete, focusing on greenbelt and road infrastructure upkeep to ensure a well-maintained environment.

## **Beachfront Buildings**

Upgrades have begun on the old medics' office and the law enforcement building, giving them a fresh new look and functionality.



## **SAPS Building**

We reached out to the community to support the upgrades needed for the SAPS building and were overwhelmed by your generosity. Your contributions have allowed us to initiate this much-needed project for our local SAPS team.

## **Community Collaboration**

We encourage everyone to report concerns related to public spaces or security directly to our control room via phone or WhatsApp at 087 223 2864. Your proactive communication helps us address issues swiftly and effectively.



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As the festive season approaches, let us continue working together to make Camps Bay a welcoming and enjoyable destination for residents and visitors alike.

## 2. Public Safety Manager Report

### *Update from Ty*

November has brought a slight uptick in overall crime, but fear not! We're still doing better than last year and even those pre-COVID days.

We've noticed an increase in two particular crimes and have some handy tips to keep you safe:

**Accommodation Fraud:** When making a booking:

**Stick to the trusted sites:** Book through reputable platforms.

**Channel your inner detective:** Verify the host's credentials.

**Stay connected: Communicate** with the host through the platform only.

**Guard your money:** Use secure payment methods.

**Trust your instincts:** If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

As a property owner/resident:

**Keep an eye on your property:** Regularly search for your house on rental websites to catch fraudsters.

**Sound the alarm:** If you find your property listed without your consent, report it to the platform and authorities.

**Unexpected guests:** If anyone arrives claiming a booking you're unaware of, notify the CID immediately.

### **Friendly Crooks:**

**Watch your gadgets:** Be wary of strangers offering to take your picture with your own phone. Not all friendly faces are trustworthy!

Stay safe and vigilant, Camps Bay! Let's keep our neighbourhood secure and thriving.

## 3. Crime Statistics:

1 Nov 2024 till 30 Nov 2024 at a glance:



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632 incidents reported to the control room  
99 Suspicious person/Vehicle or activity  
123 Vagrant issues  
48 Unsecured Property  
56 Noise complaints  
129 Preventive actions

## **Crime**

Robbery - Residential 1  
Robbery - Street 2  
Att Robbery - Street 1  
Burglary - Residential 5  
Trespassing 1  
Theft Out Of Motor Vehicle 3  
Theft 15  
Fraud 4  
Malicious Damage to Property 3  
Reckless Driving 1  
Intimidation 2  
Possession of dangerous weapon/housebreaking implements 1  
Arrest/Recovery 4

## **Arrests**

2 Local vagrants - Theft  
1 - theft

Apprehensions (NO CAS)  
2 local Vagrants - theft

## **Recovery:**

1 Stolen motor vehicle

## **Law Enforcement Highlights:**

203-Interactions with Rough Sleepers  
102-Construction site visits



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901-Fines  
358-Unlicensed motor vehicle  
109-Parking on a red line (no stopping)  
41-Parking in a loading bay  
85-Parking in a bus stop  
10-Failure to obey a legal instruction  
59-Trading without a permit or trading in an area not designated  
36-Consuming alcohol in public  
45-Units of Confiscated Liquor  
27-Units of Abandoned Liquor

## Trends

- Night crawlers are operating again in the area
- Thefts on the beach and strip are on the increase MO is 'abandoned property & befriending victims to steal their property
- Robberies on the pipetrack are of concern however there were only 3 days when numerous incidents were reported albeit not directly to us
- Fraud of tourists with fake AirBnBs is also becoming more prevalent
- More people leaving property unsecured

## Highlights

- LE are now working night shifts and appear to be fostering a better relationship with CID resources
- We have identified a suspect vehicle involved in a recent theft out of a motor vehicle in front of the SAPS building. This vehicle has also been linked to other incidents in Camps Bay and surrounding areas.
- Apprehending a known vagrant who stole a heater, unfortunately no case opened
- Arrest of a suspect who is believed to be part of a theft syndicate
- Recovery of a stolen motor vehicle
- Arrest of 2 local vagrants for theft from patrons while being employed by Tigers Milk (after the same scenario occurred last month with different vagrants)

## 4. Operations Manager Report

Update from Kyle Visagie

**Urban Management:**



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Our Field Operations team worked exceptionally hard during October, completing numerous major aesthetic improvements and upgrades under tight deadlines. A total of 539 bags were filled, comprising of litter, overgrown shrubs, garden weeds, and rubble debris.

The team also celebrated the completion of our largest single project – the clearing of the entire pathway in The Little Glen, from the Blinkwater entrance all the way up to Camps Bay Drive. We received multiple compliments from residents and park users, which motivated the team to complete the task in an impressive seven days, despite two days of rain.

We are delighted to announce the addition of new gardening equipment to our resources:

- Three Brushcutters
- Two Blowers
- One Hedge Trimmer

These tools will greatly enhance our team's efficiency and effectiveness in maintaining Camps Bay's green spaces and public areas.

The team targeted strategic areas, as well as locations highlighted by residents. These included, but were not limited to:

## Key Areas Addressed

- **Blair/Atholl Corridor:** Cleared and improved for aesthetic and practical use.
- **Big Glen and Little Glen:** Multiple bakkie loads of litter were collected.
- **SAPS Yard and Parking Lot:** Thoroughly weeded and cleaned.
- **Penelope Road:** Hedge trimming and grass cutting completed.
- **Camps Bay Drive:** Sidewalk hedge trimming to enhance pedestrian accessibility and visibility.
- **Illegal Structures:** Played a vital role in dismantling abandoned and illegal vagrant structures to ensure safety and maintain order.

Contributing to another successful milestone, the CBCID procured and acquired 55 roadside bollards, which, in collaboration with the CoCT Roads Department, were installed along Crown Crescent. The objective was to alleviate pavement parking and improve traffic flow.





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Our Cleaning Team has been very active during November reflecting their dedication to maintaining a clean and welcoming Camps Bay.

## Key Highlights

- **Comprehensive Road Coverage:** All roads were attended to at least twice, including ad hoc callouts.
- **Joint Cleanup Effort:** Collaborated with SANParks on a significant cleanup focusing on the Big Glen, resulting in 85 bags of litter collected.
- **Greenbelt Maintenance:** The team played a crucial role in cleaning greenbelt areas where abandoned structures were identified and removed.

## General Improvements

- **Verges and Open Spaces:** These areas are now well-maintained and largely litter-free, thanks to the crew's consistent efforts.
- **Contractor Compliance:** Addressed two contractors regarding site cleanliness and adherence to traffic regulations, ensuring compliance with building by-laws.

## Impact

These visible enhancements not only contribute to a cleaner community but also set a high standard for what residents and visitors can expect in Camps Bay moving forward.

## Social Upliftment:

In November, we saw an increase in the number of children roaming the streets, largely due to the end of exams and the start of the school holidays.

The CBCID was also delighted to participate in the Department of Social Development's (DSD) street children workshop, held at the Bay Hotel, alongside many other stakeholders, to find a solution to the ongoing challenge of unaccompanied street children.

- 24 rough sleeper interactions
- 2 shelter placements
- 4 Ignisive interests and referrals