



BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Three reports for prosecution for breaching Covid-19 lockdown rules were made over the weekend.

Officers also had to issue three final warnings and gave nine people words of advice in regards to their activities while the lockdown is in force.

Law Enforcement needs to be clear: the rules are there for the protection of us all. Everyone needs to play their part in fighting this pandemic.

Most of the issues encountered were in regard to people visiting other households. Our approach has been consistent throughout, we engage, explain, educate and where necessary enforce.

Ultimately the Emergency Powers rules are in place to save people's lives. You owe it to everyone you have and haven't met to follow them.

We are all in this together, not in it for ourselves. We are asking everyone to abide by the lockdown rules. The more of us that do, the quicker we can return to normality.

A Bailiwick Law Enforcement spokesman said:

"Public Health have put these rules in place to save lives. It's that simple. To be clear: if anyone thinks these rules don't apply to them and they can continue to act as if everything is normal, we are here to remind them otherwise. We are enforcing as a very last resort, but be under no illusion – if we have to take enforcement action to protect our community from this unprecedented threat, then we will.

"The vast majority of people are adhering to the rules and we are grateful for support BLE is getting."

Aside from Covid-19 related work, there was a spike in arrests for a variety of other offences, following several weekends of lower-than-usual demand as people stayed at home. Within 24 hours a total of 11 arrests for made, including two for assaults on police.

"These numbers are what we would expect a "normal" weekend to look like, but, of course these aren't normal weekends. Please stay at home and save lives."