

## PC Bobby the Police Gull

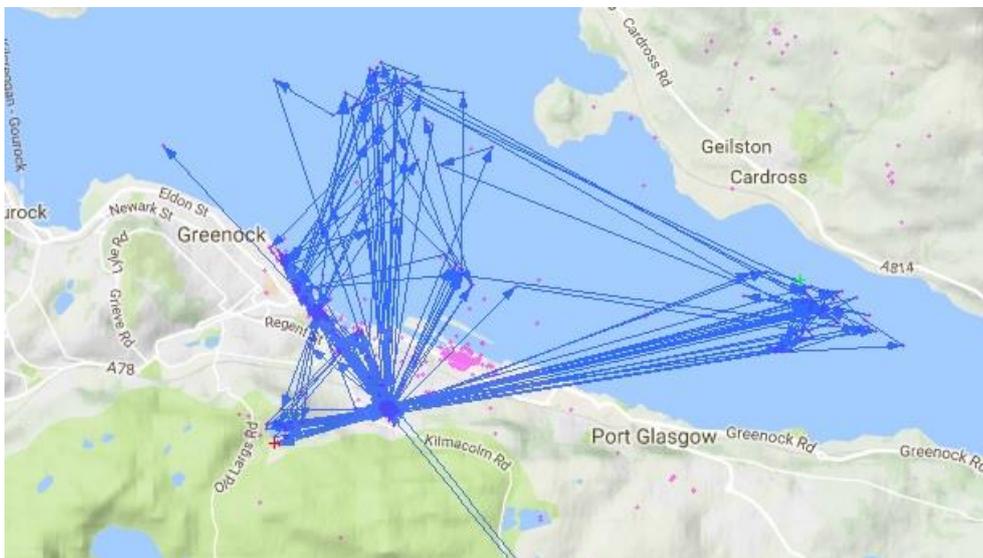
PC Bobby is an adult male Lesser Black-backed Gull. He and his mate nest on the roof of Greenock Police Station. This year he had two eggs but they were added. However, we went back to his nest site on the 5th of July and his mate had relain and was sitting on three eggs. Unfortunately there was no sign of the nest at the end of July. He was our first bird to be captured at his nest site and tagged on the 18th of May 2017. At the time of tagging he weighed 871.5g and has a wing length of 44.5cm. He can be identified in the field by his colour ring, 10P:C, hence his name.



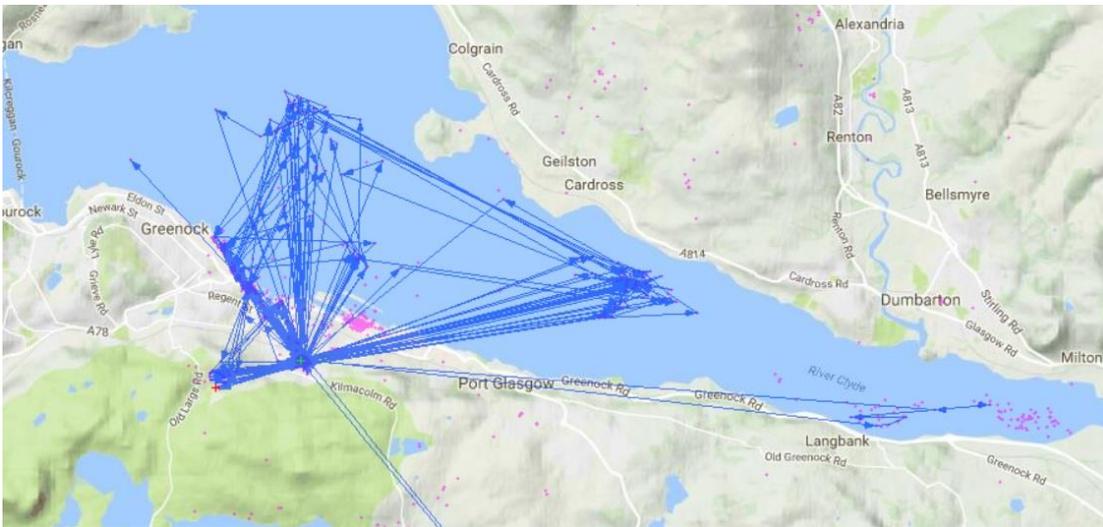
### Movements for 2017 below

So far PC Bobby has proven to be very regular in his daily movements. He mainly moves between his nest site and the vicinity of one of the local primary schools. Primary schools are a great source of food for gulls and PC Bobby certainly makes the most of this opportunity.

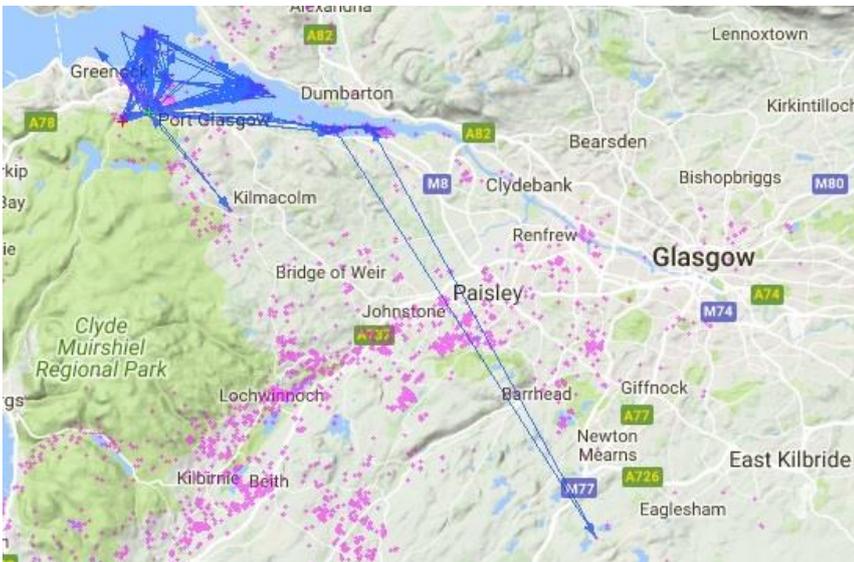
*Map updated 29/09/17* PC Bobby is really becoming interesting. He has made regular foraging trips into the Clyde as well as feeding in the vicinity of a local primary school and visiting streets where he can get food out of gardens. He may have been the least travelled gull since getting his tag 4 months ago but I can't help thinking he has a surprise instore for us. Roger and Roland are also hanging out in the Clyde too. We just need a northerly wind to push the birds on their migration.



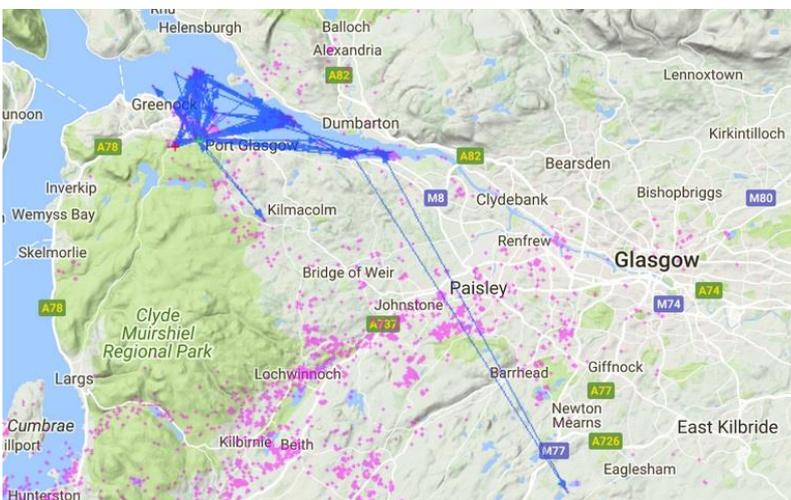
*Map updated 06/10/17* Bobby is still in Greenock varying his foraging between his usual haunt near the primary school and heading out into the Clyde. This week he also made his longest foraging trip yet the river to Langbank.



Map updated 13/10/17 Bobby's tag wasn't downloading data this week due to the lack of sunlight. This meant the solar battery wasn't getting charged enough. A download adjustment has been made to compensate for this and our first update shows that Bobby has made his longest journey yet! He flew all the way to a waterbody near Eaglesham before flying back to his favourite spot in Greenock. Is this a prelude to longer journeys?

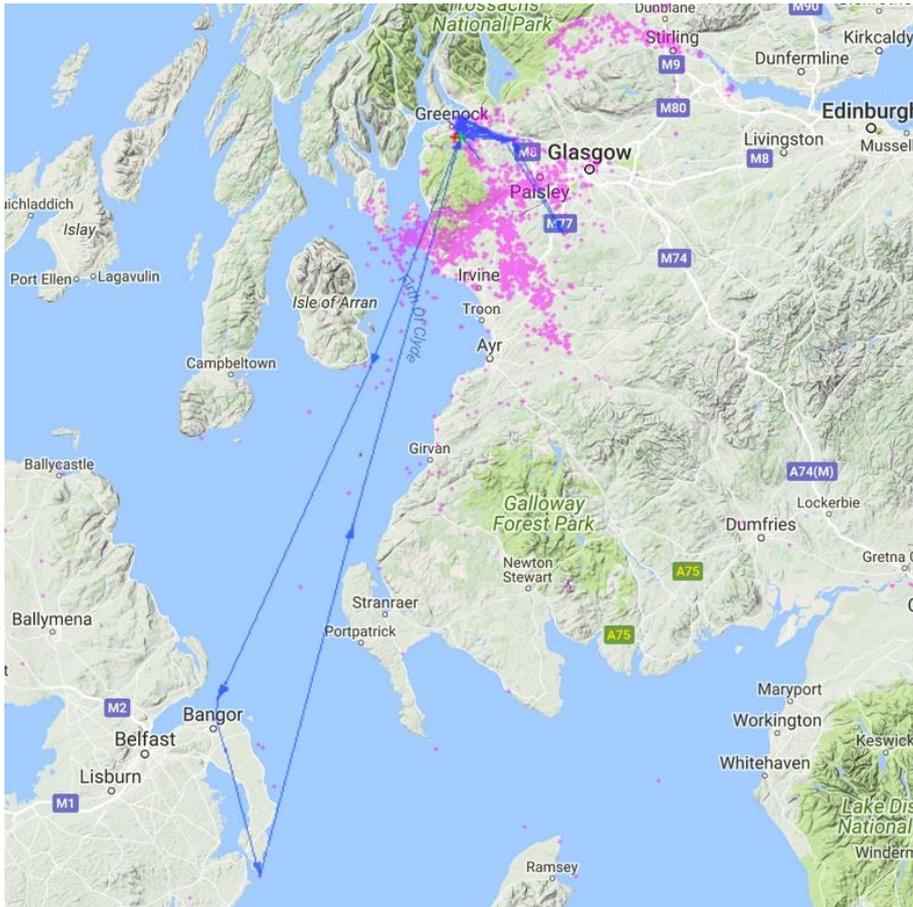


Map updated 27/10/17 No change with Bobby this week. Will he ever do anything different?



Map updated 02/11/17 It was cold at the weekend and this pushed two of our gulls south. PC Bobby on the other hand decided to be a bit different. He flew to Northern Ireland and then headed back to his haunt near All Saint's Primary

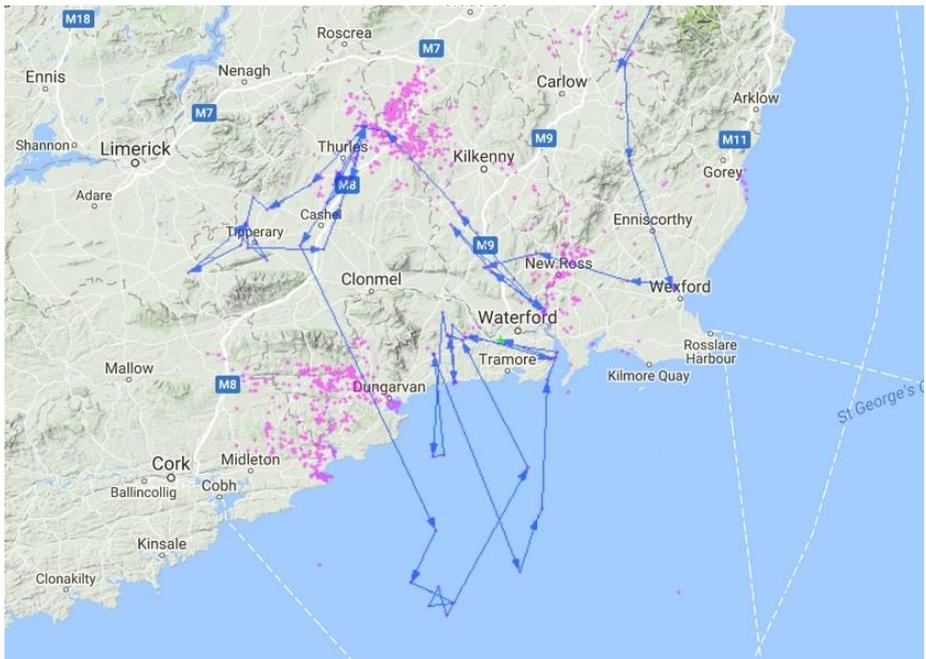
School. He flew over on the afternoon of the 29th of October, spent the night off Ballyquintin Point and then headed back home. Maybe he felt it was warmer back at the school?



Map updated 10/11/17 PC Bobby has decided that he rather liked Ireland after all and has now started his migration. On the 6th of November he flew to the Republic of Ireland and has steadily been making his way south. He is currently in Waterford where our other gulls Stuart and Gully have previously been before they set off for sunnier shores. Hopefully PC Bobby will follow.



Map updated 24/11/17 PC Bobby has been busy exploring the Southern counties of Ireland. He has even hung out at some of the Tipperary sites that Stephen frequented. He is now spending most of his time near or off the southern County Waterford coast.



Map updated 01/12/17 PC Bobby has itchy feet at the moment. Over the last few days he has been in the Republic of Ireland, Wales and now he is in Cornwall. He arrived there at 1501 on the 29th of November and was last picked up near Padstow. As you can see he has quite a squiggly flight.

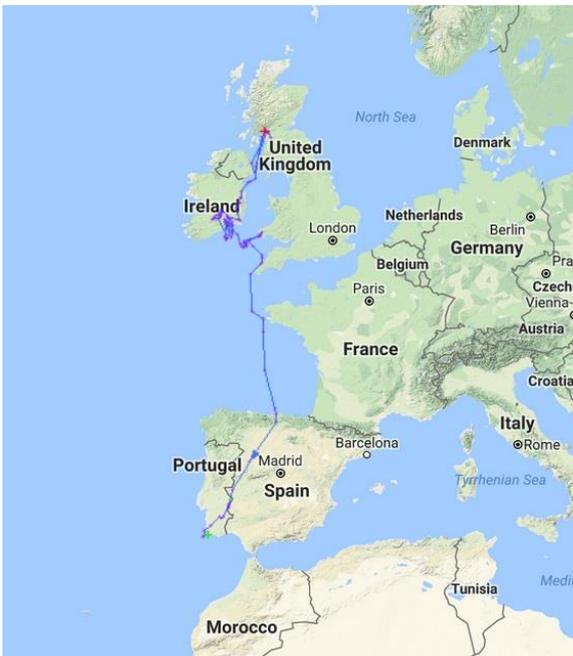


Map updated 07/12/17 By the 1st of December, PC Bobby had arrived in Spain. However, instead of taking the coastal route into Portugal like the rest of our gulls, Bobby decided to fly cross country through Spain into Portugal. He then headed to the coast at Aljezur before following the coast all the way round to Lagos where he was picked up on the evening of the 5th.



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