



Community Safety Partnership Report

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Community Safety

Community Safety is about protecting people's rights to live in confidence without fear for their own or other people's safety ensuring that people are safe from crime, disorder and danger and free from injury and harm and communities are socially cohesive and tolerant; are resilient and able to support individuals to take responsibility for their wellbeing

The Community Safety Partnership aims to improve community safety across Moray by identifying and addressing immediate concerns in order to protect the most vulnerable and at risk and be proactive to ensure that communities feel safe.

The CSP comprises of various Moray Council services, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, NHS Grampian, tsiMORAY and Registered Social Landlords

Introduction

I am delighted to be appointed as the new Area Commander for the Moray area. I have been in the role a matter of weeks and have responsibility for the multi-member wards of Elgin City, Heldon & Laich, Fochabers & Lhanbryde, Buckie, Keith & Cullen, Speyside & Glenlivet and Forres.

I previously held the role of Detective Inspector in Elgin, investigating serious crimes across the North East as a whole, however now that I can focus on Moray it is my opinion that it is one of the safest places to live, visit and work in Scotland and along with my team of hard-working Staff, Special Constables and Officers, I am committed to ensuring that it remains that way.

Over the coming weeks I will be meeting as many people in our towns and rural communities as possible in addition to liaising with a wide range of partners so that I can make a real difference to the safety of communities. My priorities centre on providing highly-visible, highly-effective community policing which can only be achieved by listening to the people we serve and understanding what matters.

Public confidence is key when it comes to having trust in Policing, so I am always looking for opportunities to work together in order to target our resources to the right places and people and at the right times. I am delighted to be taking on this role and look forward to working in the communities of Moray.

Area Commander for Moray – Chief Inspector Norman Stevenson



Police Scotland Information



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Digitally Enabled Policing

Introduction of Mobile Working

From July 22 Mobile Working will be introduced to the North East and Moray in particular.

Mobile Working means that Police Officers will be operating mobile devices as part of their operational duties.

You may notice something different about your local police officers' uniform. They will now be in possession of mobile devices which may be secured to their body armour / jackets adjacent to their radio.

This means that Officers will be able to use their mobile devices to remotely access Police systems which will increase Officers' time working with the public and on incidents - or conducting patrols and preventing crime.

Key points

- From summer 2019, members of the public will see Police Scotland Officers using mobile devices as part of their operational duties. This means you may see Police Officers operating mobile devices in public areas or within police vehicles.
- The addition of mobile devices will mean Police Officers can do more administrative tasks whilst out with a Police building meaning less time is spent within Police stations.
- Officers are permitted to work from their mobile devices in public places – this is also a chance for both members of the public and Police Officers to engage.
- Mobile Working will help to increase officer visibility, engagement and accessibility to the public.
- Mobile Working is positively changing the operational Policing approach in Scotland through the improved use of mobile technology and a change in culture which allows officers to work more effectively within communities.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

'Rural Watch Scotland' is an extension of the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland movement and endorsed by the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) and is aimed specifically at the rural communities of Scotland and aims to bring all the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch to all rural communities irrespective of location, size or demographics.

Rural watch is an online community for any member of the public where appeals, crime prevention tips and safety alerts can be posted by those who subscribe which can be viewed by all members. Subscription is free and the sharing of information on the forum is a great example of real time crime prevention in action.

The objectives of Rural Watch Scotland are to:

- Reduce crime and the fear of crime by providing the right information, to the right people, at the right time;*
- Encourage people to think about safety and security for themselves, their neighbours and their community.*
- Improve community cohesion and well-being by supporting communities to develop 'their watch, their way'.*
- Work in partnership with national and local service providers to develop more resilient communities that are better prepared against threats, intentional or unintentional, such as crime or extreme weather.*

The experience of Neighbourhood Watch throughout Scotland and elsewhere across the world is that members of Rural Watch Scotland will be less likely than non-members in the rural community to be a victim of crime.

By joining the Rural Watch Scotland scheme members can receive alerts and advice by phone, text or email. By keeping members informed about crime and other threats in specific areas, Rural Watch Scotland can help prevent crime, keep communities and residents safe, and member's responses to these alerts can help catch criminals or be better prepared to deal with other threats to communities. To join Rural Watch Scotland simply:

*Log onto www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk
Click the green JOIN button at the top of the page.
Follow the on screen instructions.*



Buckie & Keith Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Buckie and Keith Community Council area during the period 1 August to 31 August 2019.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

Local Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder: BUCKIE

There have been two assaults on members of the public, one during a road rage type incident and one in a domestic incident. A Police officer was assaulted by a juvenile and two members of the Fire Brigade were assaulted by a member of the public having forced entry to his house as there was suspected to be a fire within.

A 53 year old male was kept in custody after causing a drunken disturbance whilst in possession of an axe.

Additional patrols continue around the High School and Skate-park in response to concerns of antisocial behaviour, particularly in the evenings. Enquiries are being progressed into damage caused at the High School and one youth was charged with an incident that occurred in July, again at the school. Work is also ongoing in conjunction with partner agencies to address anti-social behaviour at The Meadows and St Andrew's Square.

5 persons aged between have been found in possession of controlled drugs and charged accordingly in the reporting period.

KEITH

During the weekend of the Keith Show there was a strong Police presence of Officers on patrol and in total, 6 persons were dealt with for a range of offences including Assault, Abusive behaviour and urinating in the street. A well organised event, coupled with the work of all concerned, including the Police, led to a safe environment for all to enjoy.

Separate to that weekend, three males have been arrested for various assaults in the town during the course of the month.

Two teenagers have been charged and reported after breaking into a shed and causing extensive damage to rare motor cars following Police enquiries and appeals to the public through the media.

Acquisitive Crime:

BUCKIE

There have been 9 reports of Theft or attempted Theft of items including Fuel, alcohol and pigeons. In two of these cases persons have been reported and enquiry is ongoing into the others.

KEITH

There have been 6 reports of Theft, predominantly shopliftings. The start of the month saw three incidents whereby items such as alloy wheels and a quad bike were stolen from rural locations. Enquiries are ongoing into these.

Road Safety & road crime:

BUCKIE

A 39 year old male was arrested and reported for drink driving on Lady Road.

Following recent complaints of speeding, checks were carried out in Cullen on North Castle Street and South Castle Street with no offences being identified.

KEITH

A 35 year old male was reported for drink driving having been stopped in the town centre. Two other persons have been reported for Careless and Dangerous driving.

Officers continue to carry out stop and checks on 'boy racers' in the town centre and check vehicles for defects or other offences.

Following complaints of speeding in Aultmore, checks were carried out with no offences being identified.

Officers across the CPT as well as Roads Policing continue to carry out speed checks, particularly in areas where speeding has been highlighted as an issue. Officers are finding that the speeds detected are generally not excessively high but drivers are issued with tickets or education as appropriate as we continue to drive forward the safety message. Various other offences including no MOT and invalid Tax have been picked up during speed checks.

Contact Us

Please also remember you can communicate with us using any of the following:

- 101 – Non emergency;
- Email - BuckieCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk or KeithCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk
- Twitter - @NorthEPolice;
- Facebook – www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision;
- Web – www.scotland.police.uk;
- 999 – Emergency;
- 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers.

Inspector Neil Campbell

Buckie and Keith Community Policing Team

31 August 2019



Elgin Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Elgin Community Council area during August 2018.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

Local Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

In Elgin, we operate the weekend policing plan which as a management tool, seeks to focus efforts at weekend evenings, managing high visibility visits to Licenced premises to reduce licencing offences, disorder and violence in and around the town centre. The plan identifies monitored Premises, provides information on planned events, recent relevant issues and persons of interest.

Antisocial Behaviour Fixed Penalties were issued to one woman for causing a disturbance and two men for urinating in public.

A number of persons were arrested from the High Street in Elgin following a feud amongst family members. They appeared at Elgin Sheriff Court the next day.

A male wanted by Police for a prison recall - which caused a road to be blocked for some time and much activity on Social media was apprehended safely in an operation in Lossiemouth, which led to the execution of a number of warrants.

Acquisitive Crime:

There were 10 reported thefts in the last period and these included petrol drive-offs and of Bicycles.

There have been no Housebreakings.

Road Safety & road crime:

Since the last report two persons were charged with careless driving.

Operation Cedar which deals with anti-social driving in Elgin is an ongoing action in response to reports of antisocial driving, inconsiderate parking and other frequently reported vehicle related matters. The operation records ongoing work and balances education with enforcement to ensure the relatively small minority who are responsible for committing offences and antisocial behaviour with vehicles are held accountable for their actions. Those affected by antisocial driving are encouraged to contact Police on 101 at the time to report incidents in order for us to take positive action.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

One Drugs Search Warrants was executed in the Elgin.

Since the last report Elgin City FC hosted Hibernian FC at Borough Briggs. The match passed off peacefully with just two very minor incidents involving excess alcohol consumption, but overall the match appeared to be enjoyed by those who attended.

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Inspector Andrew Wilson
Elgin Community Policing Team
30 August 2019



Heldon, Laich, Lossiemouth & Fochabers Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Lossiemouth & Fochabers Community Policing Team area during the period of August 2019.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

Local Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

There have been 3 vandalisms to motor cars and vandalism to a window at a residential property over the period, for which enquiries are continuing.

2 males were charged in connection with threats to fight in a public place.

There have been 6 Common Assaults this reporting period, with 3 being detected and enquiries are ongoing into the others.

Acquisitive Crime:

There was one Theft reported of a Birdbath from a garden in the Kingston area.

There was one Theft by Shoplifting of alcohol in Lossiemouth.

There was 1 Housebreaking to an unoccupied property where the window had been removed to allow access, but nothing stolen. Enquiries are still ongoing into these crimes.

Road Safety & road crime:

During August, there was one report of careless driving which is being investigated.

Three reports have also been sent to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) in relation to Drink Driving, Disqualified Driving and Defective Tyres respectively.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

Before the schools broke up, supported by staff at St Geraldine's Primary School and local Councillors, the pupils of St Geraldine's kindly completed a survey telling us how safe they felt accessing the school. This information will provide us with a benchmark and we will work collaboratively with St Geraldine's staff, parents and pupils, and wider partners, to look for more creative and sustainable solutions, to tackling the problems caused by a minority of drivers, who continuously drive and park inconsiderately around St Geraldine's. This will include local Officers targeting drivers, providing education and enforcement, coupled with

other proactive interventions by the school in order to curb this. You can expect to see some particularly young local 'officers' carrying out road checks very soon!

Updates on this initiative will be posted in our Twitter Page @MorayPolice, as well as regular updates on the day to day work we are involved in. We love to hear from our community and would welcome your comments.

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- ☐ Web – www.scotland.police.uk;
- ☐ 999 – Emergency;
- ☐ 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers.
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Inspector Kerry Rigg

Heldon, Laich, Lossiemouth & Fochabers Community Policing Team

30.August.2019



Forres & Speyside Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Forres and Speyside Community Council area during the period 01 August to 31 August 2019.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

Local Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

Generally there continues to be a decrease in the amount of Antisocial Behaviour calls within Forres since the last initiative. However there has been vandalism in Kinloss around the rugby pitches and pavilion. This follows on from the one the previous month. We are keen to identify the older youths who have been hanging around there.

There have been 5 Common Assaults this reporting period all of which were detected and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. In particular an incident on the train between Forres and Elgin where five males were reported for assault, threatening and abusive behaviour. This time last year there were 18 Assaults for the month so this is a significant reduction. There was one serious assault which is also detected and the female has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Acquisitive Crime:

Attempted Frauds continue to come to our attention. As previous information has been sent out it relates to phone scams from persons purporting to be from the bank, internet or phone providers. The rouse can be that they have noticed suspicious activity on your card/account and want you to create a new account or move the money to another account provided by them. Another version is that they say they are from your internet provider and need you to log on to your device where they then will get to you allow them to take over your device, this way they will try to get your bank details or passcodes. Do not provide information to these callers at all.

Hang up. If you have moved any money or changed accounts at the caller's persuasion then immediately call your bank – ensure that you hear a dial tone when you pick up your home phone to ensure the scammers have hung up. Block the caller's number on your mobile or home phone. Ensure that you have security on your computer.

There have been 3 Thefts in the Forres and Speyside area. They remained undetected with one being a sneak in theft to an address. We remind people to lock their doors even when within the house to prevent this type of crime.

Road Safety & road crime:

Since the last report 1 driver has been charged with speeding and crossing the solid white lines and 1 driver has been reported regarding driving whilst over the alcohol limit.

We will continue to carry out periodic speed checks in areas highlighted to us to where there is a perceived problem. We would encourage communities to keep contacting us so that we can work together to stop this happening.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

Following a Locality Management Group Meeting, there are plans in place to try to set up a youth community council to gather the views of the children and young people in our area. We fully support this move and look forward to hearing their views and how we can assist and meet their needs.

The 9th to the 13th September is National Suicide Awareness Week, with National Suicide Prevention Day on 10th September. It is to promote worldwide action to prevent suicides. Suicide is a major preventable cause of premature death which is influenced by psycho-social, cultural and environmental risk factors. In the UK men are three times as likely to take their own lives rather than women. The highest risk group is those men aged 45-49 year.

Suicide Prevention is for everyone and knowing some of the background information around suicide and suicidal behaviour can help start conversations and also bust some of the myths that make it hard for people to admit.

You can help by asking someone if they are alright using open questions such as “how do you feel”, “how long have you been feeling like this.” Summarise what you have heard to show you have listened and make sure you have understood correctly. A lot of people who are contemplating suicide don't want to die they just want to stop the pain and difficulties they are suffering and can't think of another way to deal with things.

There is some great information available via SAMH
<http://www.chooselife.net/Aboutsuicide/index.aspx#stigma> .

In addition, Moray Arts Development Engagement made an excellent video earlier this year which can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/326152179>

Finally, there is a 'Prevent Suicide' App that has gives useful information. It relates mainly to services based in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire but the information is generic to all dealing with mental health problems. It has sections for 'Helping other' and Local Services, all of which can help you start conversations and keep people safe using the ASIST framework. You can download it from App Store for free.

If you or someone you know experiences mental ill health or if you know someone else is feeling suicidal, support and advice is available from the following sources

Local GP

NHS 24 – free 24 hours on short code 111

Breathing Space – free 0800 838587 6pm-2am Monday to Thursday and 6pm Friday through the weekend to 6am Monday.

Samaritans – free 24 hours on short code 116 123

Childline – free on 0800 1111

Citizens Advice Bureau free 0808 8009060 Mon – Fri 0900-2000 hours.

National Debt Line – free 0808 8080 4000

If you believe that someone is at immediate risk of suicide then please dial 999.

Keli McPhail

Inspector

Forres and Speyside Community Policing Team

02.09.2019

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Back in October 2017 the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service launched the Community Asset Register (CAR).

Essentially this is a register of volunteers who have a particular asset or skill which they feel could be used to support emergency services and responders at an incident.

Examples include someone with a boat who could be called in times of flooding to assist evacuate people from houses to a place of safety. Similarly someone with a 4X4 may be used in times of severe snow to transport vulnerable people to a community hall.

Further information about the CAR can be found on the link below:

[http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/news-campaigns/news/2017/10/sfrs-launches-community-asset-register-\(1\).aspx](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/news-campaigns/news/2017/10/sfrs-launches-community-asset-register-(1).aspx)

Unfortunately, it is impossible to gauge how often a volunteer will be requested.

Mobilisations can be determined by severe weather, a specific type of asset/skill required for the incident, the emergency services availability and resources in the area and the location of the volunteer.

It must be stressed that even when someone has registered, they are under no obligation to mobilise when they are called by the Operations Control centre.

For anyone to register an interest and request a form they would be required to email:

SFRS.CommunityAssetRegister@firescotland.gov.uk and a registration form will be sent to be completed along with guidelines on how to complete the registration process.

POLICE STATION PUBLIC COUNTER OPENING HOURS

The following Police Stations have Public Counters and are open during the following hours.

BUCKIE	0700-1700	7 DAYS
ELGIN	0700- MIDNIGHT	7 DAYS
FORRES	0915-1715	MONDAY TO THURSDAY
	0915-1445	FRIDAY
KEITH	0815-1600	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
LOSSIEMOUTH	0900-1700	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
ROTHES	0900-1700	MONDAY TO FRIDAY

NOTE – Stations may close for one hour at 12.30 daily or at short notice.

Telephone: 101 – Non Emergency
999 – Emergency

Website: www.scotland.police.uk

Twitter: @policescotland

Facebook: facebook.com/police Scotland

Should you wish to remain anonymous you can always contact the registered charity Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Moray Council Help Desk: 0300 1234566

Community Safety Team Office: 01343 563134

Online ASB Reporting at www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_103264.html