



# 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

## **POLICE STATION PUBLIC COUNTER OPENING HOURS**

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

<b>BUCKIE</b>	0700 - 1700	7 DAYS
<b>ELGIN</b>	0700 - MIDNIGHT	7 DAYS
<b>FORRES</b>	0915 - 1715	MONDAY TO THURSDAY
	0915 - 1445	FRIDAY
<b>KEITH</b>	0815 - 1600	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
<b>LOSSIEMOUTH</b>	0900 - 1700	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
<b>ROTHES</b>	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](http://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](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_103264.html)



## Chief Inspector for Moray Norman Stevenson



We are fast approaching one year under COVID regulations and whilst demand in the very early stages had a noticeable impact on reported crime/offences, most levels of incident and subsequent crime reporting have stabilised, accepting fluctuation will continue depending on regulations going forward.

I have been working hard to maximise Wellbeing in all staff locally and am grateful for the continued significant effort by all who work hard in the communities.

The first half of 2021, will bring some staffing changes for me in the Moray area, however it is important to highlight that this will be for all manner of positive reasons, whilst I strive to maintain a steady course and ensure the service provision is affected only in the most positive way.

The first of these will come on Monday 22 February 2021, when I will welcome Inspector Graham Worton to take on the Local Policing lead in the east side CPTs. Graham has recently been promoted from a job that specialises in Cyber Crime, Preventions as well as Investigations. He will introduce himself in the next report, but I look forward to getting his assistance to drive forward Cyber Safety in Moray, which we focus on regularly.

This will mean that PI Mike McKenzie will move on as he was successful with his application to take on the lead role in North East Division for the Divisional Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit (DAVRU). This will benefit Moray as the post (previously located in Aberdeen) will move to Elgin for him to be based here.

I appreciate that this change has come about quite quickly, but I wish Mike the best of fortunes and thank him sincerely for all his work in strengthening the CPTs in the east side of my area. All whilst looking forward to having this asset in the heart of Moray.

Norman Stevenson

Chief Inspector

## **Moray East Community Council Report**



This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Buckie and Keith Community Policing Team area during November 2020.

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 Community Policing Team**

During December 2020, Officers have investigated five assaults all of which have occurred in Buckie, with four of these being detected and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

It is disappointing to report that we continued to see an increase in vandalisms, a total of twelve this month in Buckie that occurred at various locations across the town and mainly involved broken windows or damage to motor cars.

Overnight on 27 December 2020, five of the reported vandalisms occurred in and around the Milton Drive area whereby four vehicles were sprayed with white paint. White paint was also used to graffiti a house door. We appealed to the local community for information relating to these offences and I am pleased to report that a male has been charged in connection with these.

##### **Keith Community Policing Team**

Just one assault has been reported during December in Keith, which has been detected.

Two vandalisms have been reported in Keith, both relate to damage to motor cars. Officers are pursuing a positive line of enquiry in respect of one of these incidents.

#### **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

##### **Buckie Community Policing Team**

A total of four shoplifting have been reported during December all in the town of Buckie and all have resulted in the offenders being identified.

Early in December, a theft took place at the Buckie Community Shop whereby clothing banks to the rear of the shop were opened and approximately fifty bags of donated clothes stolen. Unfortunately enquiry has so far failed to identify those responsible. Thefts of items from clothing banks is a national issue and often perpetrated by criminal groups travelling together across the UK.

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Three further thefts have occurred in Buckie with a bike reported stolen from a garden in Douglas Crescent, property stolen from a summerhouse in Seatown and attempt to break into a shed in Ewing Crescent.

The only crime of dishonesty to have been reported out with Buckie is a break in to a shed on Crown Street, Portgordon. This occurred between 22 and 27 December and resulted in the theft of a black Giant Trance bicycle and some power tools.

### **Keith Community Policing Team**

On 22 December 2020, a break in occurred to a shed at a house near to Mulben. No items were stolen from the shed and enquiry remains ongoing.

A theft by shoplifting occurred at Tesco, Keith, officers have CCTV images of the males responsible and are trying to identify them.

### **ROAD SAFETY & ROAD CRIME**

#### **Buckie Community Policing Team**

During December one motorist was charged with driving without insurance.

#### **Keith Community Policing Team**

During December and January Officers in Keith have worked alongside colleagues from Roads Policing resulting in several drivers being reported for driving with no insurance, a driver being reported for travelling at 80mph on the A96 outside Keith and another driver being charged with careless driving.

### **Community Engagement & Reassurance**

#### **Community Surgery**

Community surgeries were held at the beginning of December in Portgordon, Findochty, Portknockie and Cullen. They were well attended with officers and the community providing positive feedback. Whilst Constable Barclay worked at the mobile Police Office, whilst Constable McKay took the opportunity to patrol these communities on his bicycle. Moving forward Community surgeries will continue on a bimonthly basis with dates to be advertised as and when restrictions allow.



As we continue to meet virtually, I remain conscious that neither I nor my officers are able to participate directly in your meetings held on the Zoom platform, unless a telephone aspect can be provided. Equally if you have any other suggestions on how I or my team might be able to join you in meetings please let me know, although it remains the case that Police Scotland have not approved the use of Zoom by staff.

Mike McKenzie  
Police Inspector  
Buckie and Keith Community Policing Team

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## **Moray Central Community Council Report**



This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Elgin Community Policing Team area during the period of September 2020.

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:**

December saw a drop in the number of vandalisms with only two being reported to Police. Two youths were captured on CCTV within the New Elgin Primary grounds pushing over two large wooden shelters used as a shelter for students. No severe damage was caused.

There was a slight increase in the number of common Assaults including domestic incidents this month with 19 being reported in the month of December, which can traditionally be a peak for such crimes. Of the 19 reported, 12 have been detected which includes 2 serious Assaults that occurred near to Elgin High Street and within a licenced premises on Elgin High Street. A number of minor youth Assaults have occurred and both secondary schools and parents have been made aware.

In relation to drugs activity, one 21 year old male was arrested after a routine drug search. A search of the male resulted in 872 blue tablets being seized and sent for analysis. Once tested and if found to be a controlled drug the male will be charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

During December Officers also discovered a cannabis cultivation within a property in New Elgin as well as packages containing controlled substances being intercepted at the Royal Mail sorting office, Elgin. Enquiries are ongoing and those responsible will also be reported.

#### **Acquisitive Crime:**

December has seen an increase of Thefts and housebreakings. There has been 8 Thefts with 7 reported from commercial premises. Tesco, Elgin have reported 3 Thefts with all incidents being detected and suspects being charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. 3 push bikes valued at £1500 had been taken from a rear garden in the West End area of Elgin. Enquiries are ongoing to trace those responsible.

Moray Food Bank on Elgin High Street had been broken into with food items being taken. As a result a 54 year old male was and charged with this offence. Attempts had been made to gain entry into a commercial property in Chanorny Industrial estate as well as a shed in New Elgin however were unsuccessful.



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As a result of the number of Thefts and housebreakings being reported both visible foot and vehicle patrols had and will continue to be carried out as a result of the Christmas period and the new lockdown procedures that will see a number of premises closed.

### **Road Safety & Road Crime:**

A 36 year old male has been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing a road side breath test. A 47 year old male has also been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for driving with no insurance.

On Birnie Road in New Elgin, a 45 year old male was cautioned a charged for speeding as a result of proactive checks there in response to concerns from the community.

Due to the new Government restrictions being enforced the School street scheme scheduled to be rolled out on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at New Elgin Primary and Seafield Primary had been put on hold and a review will take place with a new date to be identified.

### **Community Engagement & Reassurance:**

Community Police Officer PC Jamie Dey continued to meet with worried residents and land owners after a number of youths were seen to be loitering in wooded areas and thought to be abusing alcohol. A number of youths were spoken with and as a result attended at the street football as part of an anti-social campaign to assist diversion.



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For 3 Fridays and 1 Wednesday in December Community Police Officer PC Jamie Dey organised street football in an attempt to tackle some of the anti-social issues within Elgin. New Elgin Primary School and Elgin High Street were both used as venues for the football with numbers reaching 50 in a single session. Active Schools Moray attend all four dates and helped with the running of the event. Police Scotland Youth Volunteers were also in attendance at all events helping with setting up equipment. Starbucks, Elgin very kindly donated hot drinks to all youths and adults who attended while Asda also donated snacks. Due to the success of previous weeks Elgin City Football Club manager Gavin Price and some first team players also attended to speak with the youths and offer some words of encouragement. Due to this the number of anti-social calls at the weekends during December dropped significantly. As a result of its success Active sports and Elgin Police Station have more ideas to help tackle anti-social behaviour in



2021.



Community Police Officer PC Jamie Dey was also out on the Police push bike over a number of days. All areas of Elgin were covered both during day and night shifts. More Elgin High Street patrols were also carried out as a result. Over 40 miles were cycled during December alone.

Kind regards  
Andrew Wilson  
Inspector  
Elgin Community Policing Team

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## **Moray West Community Council Report**



This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Lossiemouth & Fochabers and Forres Community Policing Team areas during the period of September 2020.

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:**

##### **Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area**

There have been 2 counts of vandalism reported over the period in January to cars in Lhanbryde. A positive line of enquiry is being pursued.

There were 3 reports of threatening and abusive behaviour, one directed at Police, all occurring in Lossiemouth.

There were 9 domestic incidents in total in January, variously involving assault, communication offences, stalking behaviours and engaging in a course of abusive behaviour. These offences occurred in Lossiemouth, Burghead, Lhanbryde and Fochabers. Perpetrators have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal accordingly.

3 persons have been dealt with in respect of breaching Covid guidance following a 'house party' in Lossiemouth

##### **Forres & Speyside Area**

There were 6 counts of Vandalism over the period; 2 in respect of windows at private residences in Forres, to a car in Forres and a car in Findhorn and 2 to a local school.

Damage was found caused to a number of doors at residential properties on a street in Forres, likely to be from person(s) unsuccessfully trying to gain entry.

There were 3 assaults reported over the period, 2 involving youths, all occurring within Forres. Those responsible have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal in two of the incidents, and a named suspect is being sought in respect of the third.

There were 2 reports of threatening and abusive behaviour, one directed at Police, both occurring in Forres.



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There were 3 domestic assaults reported during the period in Forres. All perpetrators have been arrested and reported where evidence allowed.

2 persons have been dealt with for breaching Covid guidance and one person has been reported for being in possession of Cannabis.

### **Acquisitive Crime:**

#### **Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area**

There were 3 thefts by shoplifting from grocery stores, one in Fochabers and two in Lossiemouth over the reporting period, for which the persons responsible have been reported.

There was a theft of monies from a coin operated machine at the filling station in Mosstodloch. These premises have been targeted previously. Enquiry is ongoing to identify those responsible.

#### **Forres & Speyside Area**

During the reporting period there has been a theft of miscellaneous items from a derelict property in Forres, a theft of a motor cycle from Kinloss and an attempted theft of machinery from a caravan park in Forres. Enquiries continue into these thefts.

There has been 1 report of theft to the British Legion in Dufftown and various items stolen. Positive lines of enquiry are being pursued in respect of this.

### **Road Safety & road crime:**

#### **Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area**

Road traffic offences reported this month included an incident of Careless Driving and a Hit and Run, both in Lossiemouth. 8 persons have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for speeding offences, 6 detected in Lossiemouth and 2 detected in Mosstodloch.

#### **Forres & Speyside Area**

Road Traffic offences have included Careless Driving, driving with no insurance, driving with an abnormal load, all committed within Forres. 2 persons have been charged in respect of speeding in Alves and Brodie respectively.

### **Community Engagement & Reassurance**

In response to community concerns from residents in the Dufftown area, our community officer PC MacDonald has undertaken additional patrols and speed checks in the area.

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January has also seen us experiencing a number of weather warnings in relation to snow and icy conditions and we have responded to a number of road traffic incidents involving cars skidding and leaving the carriageway.

We have increased our high visibility patrols across Tomintoul and the Lecht areas during these times, to monitor and assess the road conditions, working in close partnership with our partners in the Local Authority.



As we tackle these wintry conditions, it is even more important for drivers to check their vehicles before heading out, even as we start to think about entering into spring!! Some simple steps can be taken to prepare such as checking lights on vehicles to make sure they are in good working order, ensure tyres have sufficient tread, check windscreen washer fluid levels and look out scrapers for clearing frost and ice from your vehicle.

We frequently update our Moray Police twitter page with any weather warnings and further information can be found on the @trafficscotland website.

Kind regards

Kerry Rigg

Inspector

Lossiemouth & Fochabers and Forres Community Policing Team.

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## Suicide Prevention

In 2018 in Scotland there were 784 deaths by suicide, the rate for male suicide was three times that for females. There were 77 suicides across the NHS Grampian board area in 2018, up from 63 in 2017. 59 of the 77 were men.

The below looks at how you can spot the signs, support the individual and what supports and services you can connect them with.

### Spotting the signs?

How might someone with thoughts of suicide present? What might we see, sense, hear or learn?



A common myth is that people will not talk about their thoughts of suicide but people can and do often talk about thoughts of suicide.

## Asking about suicide?

If you think someone is thinking about suicide you must ask the question. We know this can feel difficult or even scary but it is the best way to open up the conversation about suicide and must be asked.

### How to ask?

The question must be asked in a direct and neutral way.

Try to **avoid** leading questions, for example 'you're *not* thinking of....'

Try to **avoid** asking questions that may seem to contain judgement, for example 'are you thinking of doing something *silly*'

(The reason for a person to think about suicide may seem trivial or even unimportant but to that person it is life or death)

Try to **avoid** questions that aren't clearly about suicide such as

- Have you thought about what happens when you die?
- Have you ever thought about dying?
- Have you ever thought about hurting yourself?

Try to **ask a neutral and closed question** where the answer can be either 'yes' or 'no' about them taking action to end their own life.

- **Are you thinking about suicide?**
- **Are you thinking about killing yourself?**
- **Are you thinking about ending your life?**

Asking someone who does not have thoughts of suicide about suicide **CANNOT** put the idea in their head. If you think someone may be thinking about suicide **ALWAYS** ask the question.

## Listening

Asking the question must never be asked in isolation and must be followed up. If they answer yes to your question about suicide, then it is important to give them time and space to share their story.

Listening feels like it should be easy but again we know it can be difficult, encouraging a person to talk about their thoughts of suicide is important and helpful.

There is no expectation for you to 'fix' whatever is happening for that person. It is important that we allow a person to talk about their feelings without judgement and direct them towards a suitable support.

## Things to remember

- Try not to make judgement regarding the reason someone may be feeling suicidal, try to focus on how they are feeling rather than the trigger or event that led to them feeling that way.
- Try not to react to behaviours shown when someone is feeling suicidal, try to remember it is again the feeling behind the behaviour that is important.

## Helpful questions

- Why do you think you are feeling this way?
- What makes you feel this way?
- How long have you been feeling this way?
- Who else have you told?
- What can we do to help you?
- What support do you think you need?

## **Supports available**

After we have heard the person's story, it is important that we connect them with someone who can further support or help them. This could be a friend, family member or a service. Given the unprecedented times we are currently living in, many services may be closed or may have changed the way they operate so it is important to have a basic knowledge of local support services and how to access them.

You are not alone in supporting an individual and there are many supports available, both locally and nationally. Whilst it is important to have a basic knowledge of these services, it can be impossible to remember them all. There is an App available that showcases many of them and we'd encourage you to download it. As well as helping with supports available it has information on suicide, myths and facts, tips on having the conversation and how to develop a safety plan.

Type '**Prevent Suicide**' into your app provider and download the app now.





## **Other supports**

Although the above App contains a comprehensive list of services available, there may be others that you know of. We also suggest that you explore what supports (professional or personal) the individual currently has, has helped them in the past or who they feel would support them. We encourage engagement with a GP and GP practice. Every GP practice in Aberdeen City has a Community Link Practitioner based within the practice. This service offers person centred wellbeing support to be delivered through a dedicated member of staff.

When linking an individual to a service, try to offer a 'warm hand off' where you introduce the person to the service and the service to them, this is likely to encourage more successful engagement compared to handing an individual a leaflet or number.

## **Some safety tips**

- If you feel an individual is at immediate risk of death or harm to themselves or someone else, phone 999.
- Even a successful intervention can feel stressful and emotional, make sure you debrief with a colleague or manager following any such conversation, the Samaritans also offer a debrief service.
- These times are testing for us all, look after yourself and ensure self-care every day.
- Be kind to yourself and others.