



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.

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

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Chief Inspector for Moray Norman Stevenson



Over the past while, I have spent a great deal of time focussing on what it will mean for Communities as Coronavirus regulations adapt over the coming months and how I Police them with partners and a proactive/preventative approach in a supportive way for communities flourish.

Working closely with Stephen Cooper, Head of Environmental and Commercial Services, Moray Council, we have met with a pan Grampian group to set strategies and identify risks in order to work collectively to put measures in place to minimise the spread of the virus any further, help people and communities emerge from restrictions and support them going forward.

It has provided a great opportunity to re-ignite relationships with Forestry and Land Scotland, Coastguard and Strategic Landowners across Moray. Stephen and I have developed a series of meetings with the Landowners that will run over the coming months to support and address ongoing issues, but with a particular focus on the 'Staycation' theme.

Road Safety has also featured very high on the agenda with a meeting between JCCLO, Local Authority, Findhorn CC and myself already take place to collectively gather information on issues from around communities and thereafter help devise a way forward that will help Community Councils to drive forward their Road Safety agenda in a meaningful way and deliver in the areas that matter.

I am currently writing up some notes on this as a collective Strategy and in order to move to an Action Plan. Clearly this will link in directly to the work already in place through my Local Policing Plans and the priority of Road Safety and Road Crime, however it will be a valuable asset to the joint approach to help make roads in Moray safer.

As ever, I look forward to the continued interaction, particularly at the next JCC, but in the meantime I hope you all stay safe and well.

Norman Stevenson

Chief Inspector

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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

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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 March 2021.

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:

Vandalism

March has seen an increase in the number of Vandalisms reported to the police.

Business owners in Harrow Inn Close, High Street, Elgin, contacted Police after attending at work in the morning to find graffiti spray painted on walls in the close. Enquiries are still on going to trace those responsible. Moray Council have been contacted and the cleaning up process has begun.

A campervan in the New Elgin area has had a number of items attached to the vehicle damaged, however a teenage male has now been identified, whom we are endeavouring to trace as soon as possible.

Assault

March has seen 11 Assaults being reported to Police.

A 22 year old male was the victim of an Assault carried out by a 27 year old male near to Halfords in Elgin, but we are grateful to the passer by who stopped to assist. The male responsible was arrested and charged with Assault and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

3 youths have been reported for an Assault on another at the skate park in the Cooper Park. All 3 youths have been reported to the Youth Justice management Team and thankfully there was no serious injury.

Police were called to a property on the outskirts of Elgin after reports of a male behaving in a threatening and abusive manner while under the influence. A 59 year old male was soon after arrested and charged after Assaulting 2 Police Officers. The male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Acquisitive Crime:

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March has seen 15 Thefts reported with the majority being in shops and supermarkets.

A 13 years old male and female were caught by security at Tesco, Elgin after making efforts to take £120 worth of electronic cigarette, so both have been charged with Theft and reported to the Youth Justice Management Unit.

A building site in the Bishopmill area has been the target Theft. Suspects who are unknown at this time entered into the building site and left with around £200 worth of building materials. Efforts around CCTV and door to door enquiries are still ongoing to identify those responsible. The building company are being supported by the Crime Reduction Unit and I would encourage everyone to look around their own property to ensure that the security is suitable.

Road Safety & Road Crime:

Across Elgin the Roads department and the Community Policing Teams have been out continuing to tackle the issues surrounding Road safety.

An 18 year old male was stopped after being found doing over 100 mph on the A96 near to Alves. The male who had only had his licence for 4 months was cautioned, charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. A shocking speed for such a young driver, but now the court system will be in a position to intervene and support Road Safety going forward.

A vehicle which was being driven erratically in the New Elgin area was stopped by Police and the 58 year old male was found to be under the influence of alcohol. As a result of breath tests, the male was found to be significantly over the limit. He was charged and a report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

A 68 year old male who was driving on the A96 near to Alves with L plates was stopped and after checks, he was charged in relation to not having suitable insurance.

Community Engagement & Reassurance:

March saw the launch of the School road safety scheme at both New Elgin and Seafield Primaries. A week long operation was effected with Officers being at both Schools over the week to educate parents and motorists. It was clear that the Police presence was welcomed by both parents and local residents.

Following on from efforts in February, drop inn sessions at the 2 secondary schools in Elgin have now been confirmed to continue on return from the Easter Holidays, with the sessions being outdoors.

Looking forward, a virtual teams meeting with Moray Council has now been organised in April to move forward with ideas and plans regarding antisocial behaviour, youth engagement and diversionary aspects that will be of benefit across Moray.

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Community Police Officer PC Jamie Dey and Elgin BID have arranged a team's meeting at the start of May with all members to discuss issues around Elgin High Street.

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 March 2021.

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 three reports of vandalism in Lossiemouth. Two relate to damage to windows at domestic dwellings and one to flowers at the cemetery, however this may be an ongoing problem with deer.

There have been three domestic incidents, two relate to threatening and abusive behaviour and one relative to a communications offence. All the perpetrators have been reported.

Two Assaults were recorded. One involved local youths in Lossiemouth and another in Hopeman.

One person was reported for threatening and abusive behaviour in Lossiemouth and two persons were issued with recorded police warnings for threatening and abusive behaviour.

One person was traced in Lossiemouth in possession of controlled drugs. Two communication offences were recorded in Fochabers.

Forres Area

There have been four vandalisms reported. Three relate to damage to vehicles and one to the window of a domestic property.

There were three domestic incidents reported including Assault, Threatening and Abusive Behaviour and Threatening Communications. All the perpetrators have been reported.

There was a disturbance where a person was arrested and reported for numerous charges including Assault, Threatening Behaviour and a number of Police Assaults.

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Another person was reported for Assault and resisting arrest.

One person was warned for threatening and abusive behaviour in Kinloss. A hate crime communications offence was reported in which sexuality was referenced. Two persons were reported.

Two persons were issued with fixed penalties in relation to the Covid regulations and one person was reported to the Procurator Fiscal on two separate occasions.

Speyside Area

There have been no reports of vandalism.

There have been two domestic Assaults. One person was reported and another released without charge due to a lack of evidence.

One person was reported for an Assault in Rothes. Two further Assaults and a Robbery were reported in the Rothes area. Enquiries are in hand and persons are being sought in relation to these incidents.

Acquisitive Crime:

Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area

Three reports of Theft were recorded. One related to a shoplifting and two occurred at the Fochabers Cricket Club in relation to machinery and fittings. The machinery was recovered nearby to the club.

There were three reports of Fraud and Attempted Fraud, one of which involved social media.

Forres Area

There have been three incidents of Fraud recorded. They relate to an investment fraud, an online Fraud and an Attempted Fraud.

There have been two reports of Theft from domestic properties, one of money and another involving a bike.

Two persons were reported for shoplifting.

Speyside Area

There have been three reports of Theft. One related to a bike, another to a break-in to a shed and finally one to a dwelling house where domestic items were stolen.

There have been two attempted Frauds reported, one in Dufftown and one in Tomintoul.

Road Safety & road crime:

Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area

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Detected road traffic offences include sixteen speeding offences, four of which occurred at Roseisle and twelve in the Fochabers area. Other reports relate to insurance offences, MoT offences, defective vehicles and careless driving offences.

Forres Area

Detected road traffic offences include five reports of speeding, MOT offences, failing to stop after an accident, a one report of a drink driver.

Speyside Area

Detected road traffic offences include one report on careless driving and two speeding offences, all near Rothes.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

There has been an increase in community concerns regarding youths congregating in local hot spots in Forres, specifically the Broom of Moy and local wooded areas. Increased patrols will continue with the lighter nights now upon us.

We are still currently investigating a number of reported Frauds. I would like to offer advice to the community with regards to this Crime type and remind all to "Think Scam",

What is Fraud

Fraud is a crime in which some kind of deception is used for personal gain. Fraud is sometimes also referred to by other names such as a 'scam' or 'con'.

Advice for Victims of Fraud

If your bank or credit card accounts have been compromised, contact your bank and tell them you suspect you have been the victim of a fraud.

If you receive correspondence from companies about applications or accounts that you do not recognise, contact the relevant companies immediately and advise them.

Report the fraud to Police Scotland on 101.

Keep a note of any telephone numbers, emails or other correspondence you have had with the fraudster.

Consider contacting a credit reference agency to review your credit report. If you notice any unauthorised activity contact the organisations involved, as soon as possible.

If you have been a victim of fraud be aware your details might be sold on to other fraudsters who might make contact with you in an attempt to make you part with more money. This is most common in the case of victims of share scams. Fraudsters often call up the victim of such a scam advising they can get their money back for a fee.

Remember

- Ensure you have adequate anti-virus protection on your computer and keep software up to date.

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- Be wary of clicking on links or web pages especially links in unsolicited emails.
- Never give out login details in an email or over the telephone, no matter how genuine you think the request is.
- Be wary of the information you are giving out on social networking sites (contact details, date of birth etc).
- Do not include your birth date or address in your email address.
- When you are finished with personal or financial documents, shred them before you throw them out.
- Be wary of cold calls. If in doubt just hang up, and never give out personal or financial information if you are unsure who you are dealing with.
- No reputable company will instruct you to make payment by money transfer or by gift voucher.
- Call Police Scotland on 101 if you are unsure or require advice.

Useful links

www.cifas.org.uk - for advice on protecting your identity

www.getsafeonline.org

www.fca.org.uk

www.equifax.co.uk - for credit checks

www.experian.co.uk - for credit checks

www.mpsonline.org.uk - to remove your address from mass marketing mailing lists

www.tpsonline.org.uk - to remove your telephone number from mass marketing call lists

www.royalmail.com - to report nuisance mail

Kind regards

Tony McCullie

Temporary Inspector

Lossiemouth & Fochabers and Forres Community Policing Team

Contact Us

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

- 101 – Non emergency;
- Twitter - @MorayPolice;
- Facebook – www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision;
- Web – www.scotland.police.uk;
- 999 – Emergency;
- 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers.

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