



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 01343 563134

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

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**Chief Inspector for Moray
Norman Stevenson**



The adjustment of COVID regulations has continued through the month of April, which is most welcome, but I continue to appeal to everyone to stick with it and look after each other by following the guidelines and ensuring that people around you are doing likewise. It is so important we enjoy our surroundings and connections with people, but essential we take real care to prevent the spread of the virus.

Whilst we Police the regulations, I am most keen to continue the support to the partnership and communities to minimise the effect and impact on the services, so please help.

Bringing it back to our traditional issues, I am keen to continue focus on prevention and would encourage Communities Council members to ensure they receive the Business Watch Bulletin. In addition to that, Neighborhood Alert is also an excellent source of information, so please stay connected.

By supporting people and businesses in awareness and prevention methods, we will help reduce incidents of crime.

Looking forward and now that businesses and licensed premises are opening to varying degrees, we have adjusted our Weekend Policing Plans around current licensing conditions and will remain agile going forward.

We are looking at ways to increase our proactive work to address anti-social behavior issues that are often associated to youths congregating. Not a simple issue in many respects, but there are people and partners around the table looking at diversion projects, alternative solutions and of course our more traditional Policing methods. With that, I ask you to report incidents and help us understand where the main issues are, so that we can design solutions accordingly.

It is only with this information and the support of the communities that we can move forward.

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 April 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 Area

There have been no counts of vandalism reported over the period.

There were four domestic incidents reported over the period, involving assault, vandalism, theft and a breach of bail occurring in Buckie and Cullen. Two perpetrators have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal accordingly whilst enquires are ongoing with names suspects for the remaining two incidents.

There were four incidents of assault reported over the period which have been detected, with one being subject to a racial element, and reported to the Procurator Fiscal and Children's Reporter accordingly. A further incident of assault is being investigated with a named suspect identified.

There were four reported incidents of vandalism being investigated over the period; one involves damage to private property and four in respect of damage to vehicles.

There were two incidents involving possession of controlled substances, one has been detected and report submitted and one is awaiting the forensic analysis of the suspected controlled substance.

Keith Area

There were three domestic incidents reported over the period, involving assault, breach of the peace and a breach of bail occurring in Keith, all three perpetrators have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. An enquiry has also been commenced into the report of an historic domestic incident in the Keith area with a named suspect identified.

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Acquisitive Crime:

Buckie Area

There were ten reports of theft for the last reporting period with five being detected and five subject to ongoing investigation. The majority of incidents relate to theft by shoplifting with additional incidents involving property from outbuildings and a vehicle.

There have been six incidents of fraud involving the unauthorised access to persons online accounts over and the paying for goods that and investments. One incident involved the payment being made in Bitcoin, enquiries have commenced in all the incidents and are ongoing however it is suspected that many, if not all of the suspects will reside outwith the United Kingdom.

Keith Area

There was one reported incident of the attempted theft of a caravan during the last reporting period, enquiries are ongoing.

Road Safety & road crime:

Buckie Area

Road traffic offences detected this reporting period included a number of incidents involving drink driving, no MOT, no insurance and defective vehicle components which have resulted in the owners being report to the procurator Fiscal's Service.

Keith Area

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Community Engagement & Reassurance

Bike Register Marketing Event – Buckie

On Saturday 1 May the public were invited to attend at the Leisure Centre in Buckie to protectively mark the bikes with QR Code Stickers which were then uploaded to the national BikeRegister.

BikeRegister is the UK's national cycle database and the leading online bicycle identification and registration initiative aiming to reduce cycle theft, identify stolen bikes and assist in owner recovery.

Across the force area and in Moray there has been an increase in bike thefts, while every efforts should be made to prevent bikes from being stolen adding a protective marker will assist the police forces nationally in identifying stolen bikes, arresting culprits and assisting in the return of the bikes to their rightful owners.

The BikeRegister day was a significant success with all available booking slots taken across the three Moray locations. In light of this it is proposed that further dates will be explored over the school holidays.

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PC Rachel Barclay registers Marley Whittle's bike during the event outside Buckie Leisure Centre. Picture: Becky Sanderson



Awareness Profile

Computer Based Crime - Sextortion

Incidents of sextortion continue to be of concern across the force area, I am therefore keen to offer our Community assurances around this issue.

The victims of these crimes are broad ranging and we recognise the impact can be significant on the individual and their families and friends. If you are a victim of such a crime, or aware of someone who is, be assured that Police Scotland will take the matter seriously. We will deal with it sensitively and in confidence in order to try and bring resolution to the situation.

What is sextortion?

When someone you have met online encourages you to carry out a sexual act in front of your Webcam and then threatens to post a recording of you online or send a copy to friends

or family unless you pay them money. This is a form of blackmail known as *sextortion*.

Why me?

The vast majority of these incidents are perpetrated by professional criminals looking to make easy money. Hundreds of similar cases are reported to UK Law Enforcement each year and thousands more are recorded world wide.

What should I do?

Don't Panic

The first big step is to recognise you are the 'victim' in this and that you may require support to help you through what has happened.

Don't pay

The choice to pay is yours but experience shows where victims have paid then there is no guarantee that offenders will not still post the recording and are in fact more likely to come back with further demands.

Don't keep communicating

By replying to these threats it indicates to the criminals that you are someone who may be persuaded to pay their ransom.

Do consider getting support

You can contact Police Scotland (101) to report what has happened to you. This is particularly important if you are struggling to cope with the issue. If you are under 18 consider speaking to a trusted adult and additional support is also available via Child Exploitation Online Protection. (CEOP)

Cyber Aware

Cyber Aware is the government's advice on how to stay secure online.

Improve your online security today

The more people are spending more time online means more opportunities for hackers to carry out cyber attacks.

They often do this by targeting people and businesses using:

- email and website scams
- malware - software that can damage your device or let a hacker in

If hackers get into your device or accounts, they could access your money, your personal information, or information about your business.

Did you know? If a hacker gets into your email, they could reset the passwords for your other accounts using the 'forgot password' feature.

Improve your password security

Hackers can get access to your account by using software to crack your password, by trying one password in lots of places or by trying to trick you into disclosing your password through scams.

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You can improve your cyber security by taking six actions:

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Police Inspector

Buckie and Keith Community Policing Team

Moray Central Community Council Report



**POLICE
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This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Elgin Community Policing Team area during the period of April 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

April saw a similar number of Vandalisms as the preceding month.

Amongst the incidents reported was damage to property at New Elgin Primary School. Suspects have been identified and enquiries are ongoing.

A business premises in Thunderton Place also had a window damaged. Enquiries are still ongoing to trace the person responsible.

Assault

April has seen an increase in the number of Assaults with 14 being reported to Police. Two youths have been charged with assaulting another youth in Warden Place and have been reported to the Youth Justice Management team.

A 13-year-old youth was assaulted by another youth and sustained a black eye. A report has been submitted to the Youth Justice Management team.

A 38-year-old male was the victim of an assault carried out by a 41-year-old male whilst within his home address, sustaining a small cut to his face which required stitches. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Police were called to a business premises on Elgin High Street, following reports of a male behaving in a threatening manner within. A 54-year-old male was arrested and charged with contravening the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010, and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

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.

A 36-year-old male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal after behaving in a threatening manner towards his neighbour in the Pinefield area.

Drugs

Over the course of the month 6 persons were found in possession of personal amounts of Cannabis.

A 28-year-old female who had been arrested for committing theft and breaching bail conditions was found in possession of cannabis.

A 25-year-old male was stopped by Elgin roads policing team. As well as being cautioned and charged with driving offences they were charged with being in possession of cannabis.

Acquisitive Crime:

Theft

April has seen 9 reports of theft a reduction from the previous month.

A 28-year-old female committed around a third of the month's offences and was arrested for stealing, amongst other things, a wheelie bin. A report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal and the female appeared in court from custody.

A building site in the Bishopmill area has seen another Theft by Housebreaking. Suspects, who are unknown at this time, entered into the building site and left with various tools and other equipment. Efforts enquiries are still ongoing to identify those responsible.

A business premises in Wardend Place was broken into with over £6000 of damage caused. Three youths were identified as responsible and have been cautioned and charged with various offences.

Road Safety & Road Crime:

Across Elgin the Roads department and the community Policing team have been out continuing to tackle the issues surrounding Road traffic issues and antisocial behaviour.

A 29-year-old male was stopped on Thornhill Road and found to be driving without a licence, valid insurance or a MOT. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

A 32-year-old male was stopped on Elgin High Street and found to have no insurance. As well as this he was also charged with the vehicle having a dangerous load.

A 29-year-old male was caught driving at 97 mph on the A96 between Elgin and Lhanbryde.

A 44-year-old female has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal having been caught drink driving in the New Elgin area. As well as this she was also found to have taken the vehicle she was driving without the permission of the owner and had driven with no insurance.

A 25-year-old male was stopped by officers due to the manner of his driving and subsequently was cautioned and arrested for drug driving having tested positive for Cannabis. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal

Community Engagement & Reassurance:

Community Officer Jamie Dey carried out various duties over the course of the month including attending at the Cooper Park to take part in the Elgin Youth Development group Friday fun day that takes place every Friday afternoon for s1-s6 students. He engaged with over 15 Youths as well as Youth Workers with future events being discussed.



Foot patrols were carried out over the weekends in April with particular attention to Maynefarm woods, Elgin golf club quarry and the oakwood.

Over 30 Youths were spoken to.

Constable Dey also attended at a number of Elgin Primary Schools in relation to a number of complaints by local residents regarding parking issues. Seafield and New Elgin Primary in particular with the Road safety Scheme now in full operation

Constable Dey is continuing, in partnership with Moray Council, the setting up of a summer programme which will be finalised in May.

Kind regards
Inspector Neil Morrison
Elgin Community Policing Team



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 April 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 petty Assault during the month and enquiries are ongoing into these incidents with one perpetrator identified and reported accordingly.

A report of vandalism to the new Lossiemouth High School building was reported and an individual has been traced and charged.

Enquiries are ongoing into two reports of vandalism to cars in Burghead.

Forres Area

During the early part of the month, an Attempted Murder was reported at an address in Forres. This was a contained incident and the persons responsible were quickly identified and taken into custody with no risk to the wider public.

Similarly, during the early part of the month, a fire destroyed two buildings of prominence at the Findhorn Foundation. A male was quickly identified and taken into custody. Again, this was a contained incident with no threat to the wider public.

Four petty assaults were reported with some variously detected and enquiries are ongoing into the others.

Over the course of the month, seven vandalisms were reported, and enquiries are ongoing into these incidents with a number of positive lines of enquiry identified.

Two males were reported individually for the possession of a small amount of drugs.

Speyside Area

I am pleased to report that there has been no incidents of Assault during the month other than the apprehension of a female, known to Police Officers, who became violent during Police led enquiries into an incident at her address.

Acquisitive Crime:

Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area

Enquiries are ongoing into a report of a break into a shed in Lossiemouth

Forres Area

One Housebreaking was reported along with a separate attempt to gain entry to a motor car and steal items from within it. Enquiries are ongoing into both incidents.

Speyside Area

During the month, Officers were alerted to a report of salmon poaching on the river Spey. In conjunction with Roads Policing Officers, a number of central belt-based males were traced and arrested and reported for poaching offences.

Road Safety & road crime:

Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area

A number of motorists were reported for speeding offences as a result of attention paid by Roads Policing Officers to traffic passing through the College of Roseisle.

Other offences reported during the course of the month included careless driving, and overloaded vehicle and persons driving with no insurance and no MoT.

Forres Area

A small number of drivers were reported for speeding offences in and around the Forres area. No other driving offences were reported which is pleasing to note.

Speyside Area

There was one report of dangerous driving in Rothes which was detected.

A number of motorists were reported for speeding offences across the area and also other offences relative to driving with no insurance and no MoT.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

Over the course of the month, reports of youth annoyance continue to be received at different locations in Forres. Officers have responded to these incidents and interacted with several youths during which time alcohol was seized. Consequently, identified Community Officers and Special Constables have carried out dedicated plain clothes patrols at known hotspots to augment the high visibility patrols already taking place. These patrols will take place for a number of weekends. Liaison has also

taken place with British Transport Police to identify youths who are travelling on the rail network into Forres from elsewhere. Overall, on the first weekend, this had the desired effect of disrupting the youths. Social media messaging has also been employed to highlight the issues to parents and to request their help in knowing where their children are and encouraging them to behave appropriately.

A positive meeting was held with various partners to find a way of addressing issues of vandalism at Drumduan School and an identified Officer will lead on this issue going forward.

In Lossiemouth, Officers have been in contact with the Head Teacher at the new High School to address issues relative to youths congregating at the rear of the building after school hours. It is hoped that with regular patrols of the area and working in close liaison with School staff, this problem will be managed positively.

Kind regards

Inspector Tony McCullie

Lossiemouth & Fochabers and Forres Community Policing Team

Working together for a safer Scotland



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Over the past year the Scottish fire and rescue service has seen some significant changes to the way in which we deliver our safety messages to our local communities. Prevention activities is one of our key objectives making sure we are safe in our homes not matter where we reside. The Covid-19 pandemic has temporarily changed the way we operate, but hopefully soon we may be able to get back out into our communities to deliver face to face safety advice.



In the Moray Area our Community Action Team along with operational crews are working closely with our partners taking a proactive approach to identify the most vulnerable members of our communities, and to ensure they receive the necessary support, advice and fire protection needed to make sure they are safe in their homes.

Make the call

Local firefighters are calling on communities to help stop preventable deaths in house fires – by making a five-minute phone call.

“Make the Call” is a hard-hitting appeal to carers, family, friends and of those who are at risk of serious injury or even death because of an accidental fire in their home.

If you, or someone you know is over 50 years old and smokes and either lives alone, has mobility issues or uses medical oxygen, we need your help to identify them. Ask them to get in touch or if you are a family member or a carer, refer them to us. We will undertake a Home Fire Safety Visit where possible. Make the Call, it could save a life.

Key advice on how to stay safe at home is also available over the phone, by email, or via our website.



Our Community Action Team are phoning occupiers and providing key advice on how to stay safe at home (new referrals, revisits, self-referrals, website queries) offering fire safety advice

Due to Covid-19 restrictions SFRS are not carrying out Home Fire Safety Visits at the moment, we are only attending properties with No working smoke detectors and installing detection, to ensure everyone is safe in their homes, also HFSVs are only being carried out if there is evidence or risk of fire related crime.

Increased fire related activity during the spring period:

SFRS see an increase in the amount of outdoor fires over the Spring season.

These take firefighters away from other incidents and could put a risk to life, property and can have a detrimental financial impact on the economy.

Local crews are working together with partner agencies to reduce preventable fires and keep people safe – but we need the public's help to achieve these goals.

Local crews are working in conjunction with rural communities, businesses and landowners will support the use of 'Fire Plans' to prevent major fire emergencies involving heath, moorland and forestry.

Many wildfires are started deliberately or are due to careless, reckless or irresponsible behaviour. If you suspect someone of acting suspiciously, recklessly or irresponsibly in the countryside call Scotland Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or call Police Scotland on 101.

Information and advice is readily available about preventing countryside fires, such as the Muirburn Code, which applies to the controlled burning of heather within the permitted season period.

Following a significant grass fire at Kingston beach back in March, local crews from Elgin, Lossiemouth and Fochabers have taken a proactive approach in the local area engaging with landowners, the forestry commission and local community groups.

The aim of this initiative is to highlight the increased risk of wildfires at this time of year, and the preventive steps landowner can take to reduce the risk of any significant wildfires.

Keys safety messages are being sent via online platforms promoting fire safety in the countryside and actions members of the public can take when out visiting our beautiful area.

