



# 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

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# Advice from Crime Prevention Officer PC George Ogg

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## **SHED AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SECURITY**

With summer approaching, this is a good time to consider shed security. Sheds often contain valuable items and following the advice below will help to keep them secure.

- Driveway alarms can be purchased from as little as £12 and can alert homeowners to any persons entering their property. They are easy to install and can be installed in other areas rather than just at driveways.
- Personal attack alarms (about £4) can be utilised as a cost effective but VERY efficient way of alarming a shed, garage or outbuilding.
- Purpose built shed/garage alarms can be bought and installed from as little as £6.
- If alarms are used associated signage should be displayed in a prominent position.
- Installing a PIR (movement detection) light with built in camera offers low cost CCTV and effective lighting. The unit has built in recording equipment so all you need is one unit (no need to purchase a DVD recorder etc) and it retails at under £80.
- There are also a number of padlock alarms on the market. These offer audible protection. If they are cut the circuit is broken and the alarm sounds. Some also sound if they are tampered with. These retail from about £8.
- Use close shackle padlocks so there is very little for the culprits to cut and the haps should be backed onto a metal interior backing plate.
- As previously mentioned re the padlock, metal backing plate's use can be extended and could be installed on the rear of the door and wall of the shed where the fixings are secured through the wood to provide a higher level of substance to the fabric of the building and so better security.
- Every outside door should have three points of locking (top, middle and bottom) with all fixtures and fittings (including hasps and hinges) secured with flat headed bolts security screws or with screws whose heads have been filled in (e.g. with super glue) or "rounded" so they cannot be removed.
- Any windows in the shed should be covered by a blind or a curtain and if light is not a major necessity they should be boarded up.
- **Commercial vehicles** often carry tools and other items that are valuable and attractive to criminals.
- Always secure your vehicle regardless of how long you intend to be away from it. Ensure that your vehicle alarm is fully functional.
- Remove all tools and valuables when leaving the vehicle unattended overnight or for protracted periods of time.
- Never leave the keys in the ignition when away from the vehicle.
- Consider fitting stand - alone alarms to vehicle doors to supplement the vehicle alarm.
- Vibration activated window alarms can be fitted to glass panels.

If you require any further advice or assistance please contact: PC George Ogg, Crime Reduction Officer, Inverurie Police Office, Blackhall Road,

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# ASB Community Safety Report

	Abandoned Vehicles	Neighbours	Dog Fouling	Noise	Fly Tipping / Litter	Rowdy Behaviour	Other	Total
Elgin	14	16	3	8	5	1	4	51
	27.5%	31.4%	5.9%	15.7%	9.8%	2.0%	7.8%	100.0%
Buckie to Cullen, Portgordon	0	10	2	5	0	2	5	24
	0.0%	41.7%	8.3%	20.8%	0.0%	8.3%	20.8%	100.0%
Keith, Dufftown, Lower	4	10	5	1	0	2	0	22
	18.2%	45.5%	22.7%	4.5%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	100.0%
Lossiemouth to Burghead, Lhanbryde	3	3	2	1	0	2	2	13
	23.1%	23.1%	15.4%	7.7%	0.0%	15.4%	15.4%	100.0%
Forres, Alves, Upper	5	8	1	3	0	1	0	18
	27.8%	44.4%	5.6%	16.7%	0.0%	5.6%	0.0%	100.0%
Moray	26	47	13	18	5	8	11	128
	20.3%	36.7%	10.2%	14.1%	3.9%	6.3%	8.6%	100.0%

## Housing Liaison Officer – Louise McKnight

I am the Housing Liaison Officer attached to the Community Safety Team and my area of responsibility is dealing with antisocial issues that involve a complaint against a Council tenancy. I don't deal with public space issues or complaints against private tenancies which both fall to the Community Wardens.

I cover the whole of Moray working with the Community Wardens, area Housing Officers and other partners such as Police and the Fire Service where required.

This month it has been mainly noise calls that have kept me busy. I know we all like to enjoy the nice weather but please be considerate of your neighbours when putting on the music and throwing the windows open. We don't all like One Direction .....or Beethoven!

Neighbour disputes have also been high on my list and my role can vary extensively when dealing with disputes from offering advice, referring to mediation services and occasionally issuing formal warnings against tenants. You may wish to read your tenancy agreement which highlights

I can also offer support and signpost to other agencies that may be able to provide specialist assistance in a multitude of scenarios.

# ASB Community Safety Report

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## **Elgin – All Wardens**

There have been several neighbour issues to deal with in Elgin mainly regarding nuisance noise ranging from noisy washing machines to loud music and barking dogs.

Since 1 April this year, half of the noise complaints dealt with by Moray Council relate to dog barking. Barking is a natural response for a dog and they may do it for a variety of reasons such as loneliness, boredom or in defence of their territory. However the constant barking, howling or whining can wear down even the most tolerant of neighbours.

Most barking complaints arise from occurrences when the owners are away from home perhaps out at work, so they may not be fully aware of the problem and being accustomed to the dog in the first place may suffer from a bit of 'barking deafness' when they are around their animals.

We would encourage neighbours to discuss any barking issues between themselves and reach a mutual resolution, but appreciate some may not be comfortable doing this.

There is plenty of information available online to help dog owners on how train their dog and reduce barking issues that would be worth looking into. Remember as a dog owner you can be taken to Court and the dog removed from you if you cannot control it from causing a nuisance.

There have been a few fly tipping incidents in Elgin last month where investigations are ongoing. Three of them related to depositing small amounts of domestic waste outside homes resulting in the householders being educated. The others involved deliberate dumping at more rural locations on the outskirts of Elgin. Early indications indicate the culprits will be identified.

Staying with dogs, two fouling reports in June relating to the Chandlers Rise and the Teindland Court areas.

Once again abandoned vehicles blight the landscape with 14 new reports last month.

## **Forres & Upper Speyside – CW Dave Haytack**

A further five vehicles have been abandoned across the area in June with 4 in Forres and 1 in Craigella-chie and I'm currently making enquiries to track the owners down. If successful, they will be requested to move them asap otherwise the vehicles are liable to be uplifted and destroyed. The cost of doing so may also be charged to the owner of the vehicle.

There has been one report of dog fouling in Forres in the Thornhill Road area which is a positively low number and hopefully this trend will continue.

I have had one youth call to deal with where an elderly couple threatened by the coming and goings of young children playing in the area of their house and it has to be said without any comprehension of respect for other people's privacy and property. This is common situation where you have intergenerational housing and I would ask that parent's take a minute to talk to their children and know what they have been up to whilst out playing away from their own doors. I have been working along with the Housing Association to offer the couple reassurance and I will keep an eye on things.

As the schools now break for summer I and my fellow Wardens will be keeping an eye on the various premises as part of the partnership School Watch initiative to deter and prevent and damage being caused to the buildings. I would ask that as you go about your business you do likewise and report anything suspicious or untoward to Police in the first instance as soon you can.

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## **Lossiemouth Area – CW Tim Betts**

The month of June has been busy with a variety of issues coming to the fore. Seagull feeding continues to be a hot topic and I reiterate the advice in last month's newsletter; we continue to encourage people not to feed seagulls as the noise, mess and swooping behaviour of the gulls can cause distress and nuisance to neighbours.

I have been patrolling identified dog fouling hot spots and put up posters reminding dog owners of their responsibilities. I also installed CCTV in the James Street area and whilst no fouler was detected, the deterrent effect was such that I would consider the deployment a success. I would also ask that people 'dob on a dog fouler' if you witness fouling or are aware of a badly fouled area please contact me. Information provided by members of the public is invaluable when it comes to identifying and dealing with dog foulers'.

A number of vehicles have also been reported abandoned this month; three have had notices served on them and will be removed for destruction if the owner fails to move them.

## **Buckie Area – CW Chris Haywood**

I've been from Buckie to Boston (and back) this month. Needless to say I took the opportunity to compare places. Dog Fouling is a problem in Boston, much worse in the winter they say as it gets hidden in the snow (we used to get it in Buckie I'm told) and re-appears after the thaw. Similar dog fouling laws apply, but it is also an offence for the walker not to be in possession of a dog poo bag! This might be a worthwhile measure to introduce in Scotland. By the way you may wish to listen to this apt tune from Loudon Wainwright III that I heard whilst there <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1V0PEMCiRYA> (it's on our Community Safety Moray facebook page)

Back to the Buckie area, the two dog fouling incidents to report this month are in Portknockie on the walk to Cullen and the Mill Crescent area Buckie. One dog owner has been warned.

I've had the usual range of neighbour calls to attend to, as well as another batch of seagulls being attracted into neighbourhoods by ill advised feeders.

## **Keith / Fochabers Area – CW Donna Jamieson**

More dog fouling complaints this month in Keith, Dufftown and Marnoch have all seen an increase in complaints with the main problem areas being Old Mart Road, Meggs Widds, Tomamuidh Woods in Dufftown. School Lane, Drum Road in Keith and the new builds at Fife Keith are also being affected. New signage has been installed in all these areas again!

Youth disorder was also a problem Rothiemay where elderly and vulnerable adults were targeted. The school in the area was informed and inputs are scheduled regarding respect in the community for next term.

There was also a report of damage at the Milnecroft play area where fencing had been removed to provide a short cut from Milnes High School. This has been repaired and some joint patrols with the Deputes have resolved the problem.

I provided a Stranger Danger input to the nursery pupils at Milnes, Yell Run and Tell proved to be popular especially practising the Yell part, apologies to staff!

A litter pick was also completed by the P2/3 of Milnes and 12 sacks of rubbish were collected from the area surrounding the school down to the burn.

I attended the annual transition day at Roseisle which all Milnes High feeder schools attend. There was a great range of activities encouraging team building and self-esteem organized by partner agencies, the sun shone and fun was had by all ; it was also great opportunity for me to meet the new 1<sup>st</sup> years and for them to meet me.

Schoolwatch patrols will continue through the summer months to prevent & discourage vandalism.

New scaffolding at Milnes primary will undoubtedly be an attraction to some throughout the holidays despite warnings already being delivered to some pupils.

# Forres, Speyside & Glenlivet Area Policing Team

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For the Forres Speyside and Glenlivet Policing Team, June has seen the start of the highland games season. The European Pipe Band Championships, in Forres, passed off peacefully and, from a policing perspective, presented us with very few issues. We are in the process of planning for all the highland games and other summer events that will take place in our area, including those at Forres, Dufftown, Aberlour and Tomintoul.

I would describe the levels and types of crime that we have dealt with during the month as being typical for our area.

We have continued to mount patrols aimed at improving road safety, and reducing road crime, dealing with speeding motorists on main routes throughout our area, and we have dealt with a number of motorists who have not paid relevant vehicle excise duty. We will continue to mount small scale local roads policing operations throughout the summer under the banner Operation Cedar.

We have recorded a number of instances of vandalism during the month. There does not appear to be any pattern to these acts; they are often random and motiveless and, consequently can be difficult to detect.

Fortunately, housebreaking is a rare event in our area, but we have recorded 2 instances of housebreaking with intent to steal. One was to a garden shed, where nothing was actually stolen, and the other was to the Benromach Distillery. Again, nothing was stolen. Two men were reported to the Procurator Fiscal for the housebreaking at Benromach.

We have been using all lawful means to deter and disrupt drug use in our area. Officers have used stop and search powers when it was appropriate to do so and, as a result, several people have been caught in possession of small amounts of controlled drugs: in most cases this was cannabis. Information from the community powers our activity in this area, and I would like to thank people for the information that has been provided, and encourage them to keep it coming.

Assault is a priority crime type for us, and we have dealt with a number during the month. Like vandalism, it is difficult to identify a pattern in the instances of assault, but it has been clear for a very long time that alcohol is generally a factor in this type of crime, and that continues to be the case.

Fraud, particularly on-line or telephone scams can result in victims losing fairly large sums of money. We have had one such crime in our area during the month. These are often complicated crimes to investigate and can be committed by offenders almost anywhere in the world. There is an array of advice available to help prevent yourself falling victim to these scams, but I would say that we need to be more sceptical of people who telephone out of the blue claiming to be from the bank, or some other organisation, and asking for money to be transferred, or passwords or personal information. Just tell them that you'll call in to your local branch, and hang up. As for the internet - if it looks too good to be true, that's because it is.

# Elgin & Lossiemouth Area Policing Team

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This month's report will concentrate on two issues which have arisen in the area over the past month namely the theft of bicycles in Elgin and speeding on the roads in and around Lossiemouth.

Over the past month there have been six thefts of bikes in Elgin which have occurred in the areas of High Street x 2, Hossack Drive, Trinity Place, Glassgreen Place and Beechfield Road. All of these have been opportunist thefts with most taken whilst unlocked and unattended. Bikes can have a significant second hand value and hence are attractive to thieves. That said, this type of theft is often quite easy to prevent by investing in a security lock and more importantly using it when the bicycle is unattended. So far we haven't caught any of those responsible for these thefts but if anyone sees people acting suspiciously near an unattended bike they should call us straight away so we have the best chance of catching them in the act.

One area of concern is the speed some motorists have been travelling at in and around Lossiemouth. On 24 June two motorists were separately found to be travelling at 118 and 101 miles per hour on the Lossiemouth to Hopeman Road. A further motorist was found to be travelling at 91 miles per hour near Duffus. Operation CEDAR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) is our area wide initiative to promote safety on the roads. Some drivers who are found to be travelling just might get a warning from the police and some advice on how to become a safer driver. However with speeds such as those mentioned the only option is for the drivers to be reported to the court and we await the outcome of those cases. Speeding not only endangers the people in the speeding car but other law abiding road users too and the unintended consequences can be dramatic. We will be carrying out further enforcement action in the area in the near future.

During the early hours of 24 June 2017 a man was assaulted on Stotfield Road, Lossiemouth. He suffered wounds which required stitches. A media appeal has been issued for witness who were in the area at the time to come forward with any information they have.

Throughout the next few weeks the Police will be working closely with Moray Council Community Wardens to try and prevent damage to school which we know can happen at this time of year when the buildings are generally unattended. The School Watch initiative was the subject of a joint media release by local police and the Moray Council Community Safety Unit.

The holiday period has begun and at this time of year we usually witness a larger amount of people out celebrating and socialising at weekends, particularly in Elgin town centre. We are pleased to report that over the past weekend as a result of the Safer Streets Initiative in partnership with Moray Council Community Safety Unit we had Taxi Marshalls and extra Police officers deployed in Elgin town centre. This appears to have made a difference as there were relatively few incidents reported. As always we like to see people enjoying themselves and doing so safely so have a great time over the summer period.

# Buckie & Keith Area Policing Team

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### **Serious Organised Crime and Drugs**

During the month of June, we have continued to carry out enforcement regarding drug dealing and organised crime, we have executed two drug search warrants which resulted in two males being reported, one for being concerned in the supply of cocaine and the other was reported for possession of cannabis.

Officers also attended an address in Cullen regarding an ongoing drugs enquiry and identified ongoing drug misuse and recovered a quantity of cannabis resin and herbal cannabis were recovered as well as a large four figure sum of money and as yet unidentified tablets. The occupant was later reported for being concerned in the supply of cannabis.

Officers carrying out marked patrols carried out a Stop search of a male and his vehicle in Buckie and recovered a quantity of cannabis. They also stopped another male in the street and found cannabis in his possession.

Officers carrying out patrols in Keith, searched a male and his vehicle and found a quantity of cannabis and Ecstasy. They also stopped another male in the street and found cannabis in his possession.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour Violence and Disorder.**

During the month there was a wilful fire-raising to the recently purchased derelict Offices within Buckie Shipyard belonging to Macduff Ship Yard. Following enquiries two thirteen year old girls were reported to the Youth Justice Management Unit. A joint media release was issued advising parents to be mindful of where and what their children are doing and the dangers involved with fires and derelict properties, particularly during the impending school break.

As a result of repeated complaints about noise and disturbances at an address in Buckie, the Police initially warned the occupant before subsequently seizing all noise making equipment from the address and reporting the occupant for the same.

Two males were found urinating in the street and were issued with fixed penalties.

There have been nine assaults and six vandalisms in Keith, and thirteen assaults and seven vandalisms in Buckie with no clear pattern and appear to be in isolation reported during the month. Increased foot patrols and licensed premises visits have been carried out to try and disrupt the antisocial behaviour and violence linked to alcohol consumption.

### **Acquisitive Crime**

Moray Officers have been carrying out late shift patrols to address acquisitive crime during the hours of darkness. There have been two separate thefts reported in Keith involving the theft of a fender from a motorcar and a generator, for which enquiries are ongoing.

Following a Theft of a car a male was traced and reported, there was a theft of alcohol from an insecure garage and two reported shopliftings one of which a female was reported for.



# Buckie & Keith Area Policing Team

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### **Road Safety**

Buckie and Keith Officers, during the month of June, have been actively patrolling and trying to tackle antisocial driving, speeding and other road traffic offences.

They have carried out a speed check at Portgordon with no reportable offences being detected.

Parking tickets were issued to cars causing obstructions in West Church Street and Banff Street, Buckie

Various patrols resulted in and various stop checks on vehicles, resulted in a vehicle being seized, Vehicle fault rectification tickets being issued, breath tests being carried out and drivers being educated.

Staff in Buckie and Keith have carried out static and mobile patrols in villages across the area, during which they have seized two vehicles which were uninsured and reported the drivers. Two persons were warned regarding careless driving and a driver was dealt with for driving whilst unfit through alcohol.

It is intended to carry on with patrols across the areas to tackle speeding and anti-social driving and offending over the coming months.

# Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

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## LIFE SAVING CPR SKILLS

Whole-time and Retained crews from across Moray have been involved within their local communities providing CPR Life Saving Skills.

These sessions have taken place within Work places, community groups, Flu Clinics and Local Community Fire Stations including Elgin, Forres, Lossiemouth, Cullen, Buckie and Aberlour.

The Firefighters have passed on these skills to approximately 300 people in the local area and would like to offer this opportunity to anyone interested in learning this important skill.

If you would like to book a session or require further information please contact your local *Community Fire Station* or contact the following;

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