



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

Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour

Stats for January 2020

Community Council Area	Abandoned Vehicle	Environmental	Neighbours	Noise	Other	Rowdy Behaviour	Grand Total
Elgin	10	7	8	7	2	1	35
Forres	4	3	3	12			22
Buckie & District	1	3	3	2			9
Lossiemouth	3	1	1	2		1	8
Innes	3	1		2			6
Keith	2	1	2	1			6
Speyside	1	3					4
Dufftown & District	2			1			3
Hopeman & Covesea	1	1	1				3
Burghead & Cummington	3						3
Cullen & Deskford			1	1			2
Findhorn & Kinloss		1	1				2
Lennox		1			1		2
Findochty			1				1
Grand Total	30	22	21	28	3	2	106

*Environmental Issues include Dog Fouling, Littering, Fly Tipping and Graffiti.

**Any Community Council not shown above has a nil return for the month

Community Engagement & Reassurance

We have aimed to start January as we mean to go on, through our Proactive and Preventative approach to Policing in Moray with partners.

We often tailor our proactive patrols in areas or places that have previously been targeted or in areas where we could reasonably predict an issue. One of these areas that comes to the fore are schools during school holidays as they seem to attract groups of people congregating. The festive school holidays that ended in January were no different, receiving the attention of Police across Moray during the twilight hours, depicted by PC Dey.



These patrols were all the more pertinent for Special Constable Glenda Collis who during the day is a Deputy Head at a Moray Primary, but by night often deploys as a Police Officer looking after her community.

On the subject of Special Constables, we currently have 8 working in Moray and I was very pleased to meet several of them as I commenced upon a series of workshops with them and Sergeant Kevin McPherson as we ensure they enjoy their working experience and are fully able to Police Moray in line with their own aims and ideals and that of Police Scotland and the Community. They work and live in the communities that they aim to serve and I am always very appreciative and impressed with their effort to do this in their own time. Whilst Policing will bring new skills to them, equally they very much have their own professional abilities and personal qualities that we will benefit and learn from as an organisation.

On a different preventative track, I was part of the Local Resilience Partnership that met on 14 January 2020 as Storm Brendan arrived. This was actually the culmination in several days of communications between partners that locally involved Moray Council, Police SF&RS, but the meeting in its fullest form also involved Aberdeenshire Council (chair), Aberdeen City Council, Met Office Coastguard, SEPA, SSEN, Scottish Ambulance Service and NHS. A very succinct meeting to highlight our preparedness, awareness of others and general state of readiness to support the Community. Thankfully we were not badly affected, but the work that went into preparing for this, was very worthwhile and sets a strong example for the future partnership.

Norman Stevenson
Chief Inspector



Buckie & Keith Community Council Report

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Buckie and Keith Policing areas during the period of January 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

There have been ten assaults reported during this period, one of which resulted in the victim sustaining serious injuries. Of the ten incidents six have been detected thus far and the outstanding four have positive lines of enquiry which are being pursued.

Four Vandalisms have been reported. One of these was a window being smashed at Home Bakery, but the offender was traced, given a warning and paid for the damaged caused. Two vehicles have been damaged on Milton Drive and Cluny Place. Damage was also caused to a bus being used for private hire to convey travelling football fans away from a match in Buckie, with is far from the spirit that those normally visiting Buckie would receive. Liaison continues with the Football Club in general to ensure that any visiting players and/or fans enjoy a positive experience when coming to Buckie.

During January 2020, a number of drug recoveries were made which included, amphetamine, cannabis, Pregabalin and vials of an unknown white powder and pills recovered following a drug search warrant at an address in Portessie.

KEITH

There have been six assaults reported this month. Three have been detected, the other three have positive lines of enquiry which are being pursued.

Three vehicles were reported as being damaged during January. On 4 January 2020, a vehicle parked outside the British legion sustained damage to the driver's side. On 18 January 2020, a vehicle parked on Moss Street had its windscreen

smashed. On 20 January 2020, a vehicle parked on Braeside, Keith was scratched on the nearside panels.

A headstone has also been damaged within Broomhill Cemetery and positive lines of enquiry being pursued.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

BUCKIE

On 8 January 2020, a break-in to a commercial premises on Railway Terrace, Buckie was reported. Following investigations, four people have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal and Children's Reporter.

On 15 January 2020, a caravan was stolen from Stathlene Caravan Park and positive lines of enquiry being progressed.

Three other thefts occurred during the month of January, these include two thefts from domestic properties and the theft of a toy tractor from outside an address in Portgordon.

There have been two frauds reported, one through Gumtree where the victim in Buckie has paid for an item advertised, but has not received the item. The other was an elderly lady who received a scam telephone call from people pretending to be from the tax office and she purchased Amazon vouchers for them.

KEITH

There has been two reported crimes of dishonesty during January. The first relates to a theft by shoplifting which has resulted in the offender being charged.

The second incident relates to a male being disturbed in a garden of a property whereby it was believed he intended to steal items. Positive lines of enquiry are being pursued.

ROAD SAFETY & ROAD CRIME

BUCKIE

One reported incident of dangerous and careless driving in and near to the town centre in Buckie is currently being investigated.

A hit and run road accident has been reported which occurred on Seafield Street Cullen. The circumstances relate to a parked and unattended vehicle being struck by another vehicle which thereafter left the scene.

KEITH

One driver has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal after been stopped in Keith and found to be under the influence of alcohol.

Two road traffic collisions occurred which have resulted in Police investigations into offences. One has resulted in a driver being reported for careless driving. The other

incident which involved a cyclist being struck whilst travelling on the A95 is still under investigation.

One driver has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal by the Roads Policing team for failing to comply with the solid white lines on the A96.

Following concerns about parking on Mid Street, Keith and motorists failing to adhere to parking restrictions, 11 fixed penalty notices have been issued to drivers.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & REASSURANCE

Rural thefts – Agricultural Plant and Vehicles

Please be aware that Police Scotland are reporting a spike in thefts of agricultural plant, in particular tractors and telehandlers, across Scotland.

Find below some advice on how to keep your equipment safe and secure

Steps you can take to prevent machinery theft happening on your land:

- Where possible, vehicles should be housed in a lockable garage or building, ideally with security lighting installed to the perimeter.
- Vehicles should always be locked when not in use, with the keys kept hidden and locked away in a secure location.
- Keep recordings or photographs of serial numbers and vehicles as these can be crucial in recovery, should the worst happen.

Steps you can take to prevent theft of Quads and All-Terrain Vehicles:

- Invest in a bespoke quad security device, such as Quadvice or a quality padlock and chain, such as those approved by Secured By Design - a police approved product scheme. Securing to a fixed point on the ground or something that takes time to remove will also act as a deterrent.
- Never leave your keys in the ignition, even if you only briefly leave your ATV unattended.
- Keep gates to yards closed as open gates can be an open invitation to thieves.

Steps you can take to prevent theft of Tractors:

- Mark machinery with DNA marking devices and forensic marking products
- Sign up to CESAR, an agricultural equipment registration scheme, which increases the chance of recovering stolen goods by helping police identify stolen machinery
- Have the Vehicle Identification Number etched on windows. This makes the vehicle more detectable and less appealing to thieves because they have to grind out the numbers.

- Install immobilisers, chip keys and trackers as these are a simple way to deter criminals or track vehicles and can be fitted easily by an experienced agricultural engineer.

Moray Police Officers are carrying out dedicated plain clothes patrols, specifically tasked with checking rural areas and farm properties to deter such thefts.

Inspector Mike McKenzie
Buckie and Keith Community Policing Team



Elgin Community Council Report

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 January 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:

This month there have been 3 vandalisms at residences in Ernest Hamilton Court, Langstane Place and Moray Street, where windows have been broken on each occasion although these incidents are not thought to be connected. A named suspect is to be interviewed in connection with one of the incidents.

A vehicle was damaged on Pansport Road and a 33-year-old male was reported to the Procurator Fiscal. A vehicle was damaged on North Guildry Street and enquiries are ongoing.

There were 2 serious assaults reported this month. A 46-year-old woman was injured following a disturbance at an address and a 38-year-old woman and a 35-year-old man were arrested. In the second incident, an 18-year-old male was injured following an assault on Covesea Road and a 15-year-old youth has been reported to the Youth Justice Management Unit.

There were 11 common assaults and 5 of these had a domestic element with 5 people charged and enquiries ongoing into the remaining incidents. There were no assaults within licensed premises.

A male and female were arrested following a Drug Search Warrant at Cockmuir Place, Elgin and in total, 5 people were charged with possession of controlled drugs with quantities of Cocaine, Heroin, Ecstasy and Cannabis recovered. Of these, 1 occurred at a licensed premises.

Acquisitive Crime:

During this period there have been 3 housebreaking and no robberies.

On 4 January, an outbuilding at Dr Gray's Hospital was broken into. No items were stolen and enquires are ongoing.

On 16 January, a commercial premises on Perimeter Spur was broken into. A 53-year-old male was apprehended and remanded in custody.

On 19 January, a commercial premises on Grampian Road was broken into and a quantity of tools stolen and on 21 January, 3 vehicles were broken into at a commercial premises on Sheriffmill Road. Enquiries are ongoing.

My officers dealt with 8 reports of theft from retail premises with foodstuffs, clothing and other consumables being stolen. Enquiries are ongoing with suspects sought for some of these crimes.

Road Safety & road crime:

This month my officers have dealt with motorists for a variety of offences including driving without a licence or insurance, no MOT, driving while using a mobile telephone, failing to wear a seatbelt and failing to obey a red light. A male was charged for careless cycling having been witnessed cycling in the dark with no lights.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

Regular patrols have been carried out in and around the various Primary Schools and the parking hot spots in the town centre. During a patrol of Glover Street and South College Street, on one occasion 10 motorists were issued with parking fines.

Patrols have been carried out in the Trinity Place car park following reports of anti-social driving by motorists. Officers have engaged with a number of drivers and carried out spot checks to ensure documentation and vehicles are in order. Despite this, reports continue to be received regarding this issue and plans are in place for further robust action to be taken.

Community Officers were delighted to be present at the New Elgin Primary School Road Safety Week to work alongside the enthusiastic and knowledgeable Junior Road Safety Officers.

Community Officers teamed up with colleagues in the Divisional Alcohol & Violence Reduction Unit on an initiative targeting offenders who were wanted on warrant.

Andrew Wilson
Inspector
Elgin Community Policing Team
30 January 2020



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 January 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:

There have been two vandalisms on separate occasions to a single motor car in Lossiemouth over the period.

Further vandalisms include a house window broken by unknown means, glue placed into a door lock and damage caused to a lock on a rear garden gate, all within Lossiemouth.

There was an incident of an insecure house in Lossiemouth being entered and damage caused to furniture within and monies stolen, reported during the period.

There are no suspects meantime and enquiries are ongoing into the above.

There have been two incidents of threatening and aggressive behaviour and assaults directed at Police officers, both occurring in Lossiemouth and resulting in persons being reported.

There were three disturbances reported within private premises, two in Lossiemouth and one in a domestic setting in Fochabers.

Those responsible have all been charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

A further incident of assault was reported having occurred in Hopeman. All parties were known to each other and positive lines of enquiry continue with a view to dealing with.

A serious assault occurred at the Spey Bay Golf Club where a male received facial injuries. One male has been charged and reported accordingly for this.

The Greenkeepers Shed at the Moray Golf Club in Lossiemouth was deliberately set on fire, however at this stage, there are no suspects an appeal for information has been released through our Police twitter pages, which I echo to you all to consider for those in your community to contact the Police if they know anything that will help us detect this and prevent further incidents.

Acquisitive Crime:

There was a report of two motor cars having been entered and searched, with a purse having been stolen from one of the vehicles. A suspect has been identified and is to be traced.

Maverston Golf Club in Urquhart was broken into during the New Year and a quantity of alcohol stolen.

A forklift was taken from a farm at Lochills, but was recovered very near the estate abandoned.

In another crime on a farm, which appears unconnected, two quad bikes were stolen from a locked garage at a farm in Mosstodloch. Enquiries indicate that the bikes were transported out with the Grampian area and enquiries are continuing with a view to finding them and the persons responsible.

Partial remains from 2 deer were discovered in Whiteash Hill Wood, Fochabers. It is unclear if they had been poached.

Road Safety & road crime:

During January, there was two reports of Drink Driving in Lossiemouth and two reports of careless driving in Burghead. Furthermore and due to proactive Road Safety Policing, a driver was caught driving over the 30 miles per hour maximum speed limit in Hopeman.

The respective drivers for these incidents have been reported.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

Opportunistic crime: Theft from Motor Vehicles

We continue to see incidents of opportunistic crime in the local area, often with unsecured vehicles being targeted.

Any person finding themselves victim of such crime is encouraged to report same to Police Scotland to allow us to thoroughly investigate all lines of enquiry, including potential CCTV enquiries, house to house enquiries and forensic examinations.

To minimise the risk of your vehicle being targeted we would ask car owners to consider the following list of actions they can take to help safeguard their property.

- Lock their vehicle and keep the keys secure within your home.
- Keep their homes/garages secure and lock all the doors and windows at night.
- Remove any items from within their cars and don't leave valuable items in the boot if possible.
- Ensure no items are left in view.
- Try and ensure your car or any other vehicle is parked in a well-lit area.
- Use security devices at all times (e.g. alarms, immobilisers, etc).
- If you have a garage use it every time you park your vehicle at home.
- If parking in a driveway, close any gates behind you and position your vehicle so that it is illuminated by either your own or street lighting.
- If you have a movement activated sensor on your external house light, position it, if possible, to activate when someone approaches your vehicle in the drive.
- Clean off any sat nav sucker marks from your windscreen

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Kerry Rigg

Inspector

Lossiemouth & Fochabers Community Policing Team

30.08.2019



Forres & Speyside Community Council Report

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 January to 31 January 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:

Plain clothes patrols are planned during February around the Forres area to help tackle a rise in anti-social behaviour. This will allow us to engage with the youths we do meet, gain some use intelligence as to who is responsible and help reduce incidents of this nature. The school liaison officer will also provide an input regarding anti-social behaviour and its effects.

The traffic unit were in the Forres and Kinloss area checking out vehicles for speeding, vehicle defects and illegal additions. A driver was reported for having an exhaust with excessive noise, two drivers were reported for speeding at Kinloss and Brodie respectively.

Acquisitive Crime:

A break in occurred at a flat off of the High Street, Forres where nothing was taken as it appeared the occupant had disturbed the male. A 25 year old male was later traced, reported and will appear in court on Undertaking later this month.

A Theft by housebreaking occurred at the Mosset Tavern pub where alcohol and foodstuffs were stolen as well as damage caused. A 24 year old male was swiftly traced in a nearby house by Police and charged accordingly. CCTV was very helpful to officers in this case in identifying the male.

A statue of a Buddha was stolen from a garden in Forres. It was later found smashed near to the tennis courts. At present no one seems to have seen anything and the owner does not suspect anyone in particular. It would have taken some effort to remove after it was cemented to the ground.

There was a break in to the recycling centre at Waterford in Forres that happened overnight on 26 January 2020. Damage was caused to the CCTV box and camera as well as a window there. A media release was issued and enquiries are ongoing.

A number of thefts were committed at whisky shops at Aberlour, Dufftown, Tomintoul and Aberfeldy. Two males were caught and enquiries are ongoing to recover the items. They appeared to be well organised and had travelled throughout Scotland. They were kept in Custody to appear in Court.

Road Safety & road crime:

Mortlach Primary has reported problems with inconsiderate parking and officers will be giving passing attention at the start and end of the day to educate drivers. This is a problem in most towns and education has worked well at other schools. We will be making an effort to attend at schools in our area to try to encourage drivers to park away from the school and use the opportunity to walk, bike or scoot that short distance from either home or the car with their child both to and from school. This encourages wellbeing both physical and mental health.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

With the recent thefts it has highlighted that CCTV is a useful tool to have in a business premises but also domestic CCTV has helped us solved crimes in the past as well as assisted in tracing missing persons. If you have CCTV installed at your home and you think you may be able to assist with any enquiry then please contact to let us know. We would encourage businesses to install CCTV as it can act as a deterrent but also help identify anyone committing offences even if the crime is not noticed at the time. Ensuring that security lighting is installed is also another deterrent as no thief wants to be seen.

In addition if you have valuable items you can still mark your property with special pens, labels, microdots and UV stencils. Even if the label is removed the text will still glow visible under UV light. Have a look on the internet and see what might be suitable for what you have.

Remember the basics though lock your windows and doors. If you are in still get in to the habit of locking the door behind you. If you don't want to lock your door then don't leave your wallet or bag next to the door, so that if someone does have a sneak peak in there is nothing obvious to steal. The same with your car keys don't leave them hanging on a hook at the door, what is handy for you is just as handy for any thief. Try keeping them in a drawer as it causes any thief further effort to find if that is what they are looking for.

You might like to photograph your jewellery or valuable things, even items of sentimental value. That means if the worst happens and something is stolen then we have a ready image of what we are looking for that we can share with pawn shops, antique stores or just to compare on to items for sale on social media. It can help us recover things sooner and makes it harder for people to sell them on.

As a final item I will be moving on from Forres and Speyside on a temporary basis to take on the new role as Partnership Inspector working alongside the local authority and other partners. Whilst I am gone, Inspector Kerry Rigg who currently covers Lossiemouth will take on my role and I know that she is looking forward to starting and meeting you all. It has been my privilege to work for you over the year and I have been made to feel most welcome by you all. The Officers at Forres and Speyside, along with myself have always felt supported and rightly you keep pushing us to be our best. It was lovely to return to the area where I had worked early in my career, but I won't be far away. I will still be focussed on improving services and opportunities in the communities for you and your families. Thank you so much.

Keli McPhail

Inspector

Forres and Speyside Community Policing Team