



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

Office

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

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**Chief Inspector for Moray
Norman Stevenson**



I have been really impressed as to how Moray Communities have recovered so quickly from a spike in COVID cases that kept us in Level 3. The speed in which Health Care teams deployed was influential in this reduction and their ingenuity was evident in securing all available premises and vehicles from which they could service testing and care into the Community.

I have been equally impressed at how businesses have adapted to continue care of their customers, who have been coming out to support local shops.

With more people on the go, at shops and perhaps away from their houses for longer periods of time, I am drawn to thinking of crime prevention methods that can be considered by people for their own safety, that of their belongings or by business premises and I would encourage anyone who needs help or advice to get in touch with our Moray based Crime Prevention Officer, Constable Richard Russell who is there to help with advice and direction.

He spoke to me recently about his work which involved partner agencies attending at problem areas with community members to carry out environmental surveys and importantly, ensure ownership of fixing any issues and looking for longer term solutions. He and his department share lots of useful information through Community Safety and I hope you get ready access to this. Let me know if not.

We will all be looking forward to accepting visitors from near and far, but I do recognise that it can bring with it issues that worry the Community. I have offered assurances before about our partnership approach, which remains strong, in order to address a multitude of aspects and was delighted to learn that Safety Camera Scotland have also adapted their deployment plan to promote positive driver behaviour. They have a suite of posters, one of which is attached below, but have also identified that locations at Hopeman, Aberlour and Burghead and Portknockie amongst others.

Stay safe and well.

Norman Stevenson

Chief Inspector

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Don't add to the cost of your staycation...

Dear Sir / Madam

**NOTICE OF INTENDED PROSECUTION
VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK:**

in accordance with Section 1 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988, I am intended to institute proceedings against the driver of the vehicle in respect of the following offence:

Offence Details:
Time: 24-May at 10:46 hours
Speed: 76 mph
Location: A9 public road between Kingussie and ...

PROSECUTION IS SUPPORTED BY PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

I hereby give notice that should the matter be reported to the Procurator Fiscal, as an alternative, to proceed under the Road Traffic Act 1988 you may be liable for the following offence:

Careless Driving).

Registered Keeper for the above-mentioned vehicle is ...

Hotel
Restaurant
Petrol
Ice Cream
£100 fine
3 points on licence





#KnowYourLimits and stay within them.



Cars and Motorcycles
including car derived vans up to 2 tonnes maximum laden weight



Cars Towing
including car derived vans and motorcycles

			
Built-up Areas	Single Carriageway	Dual Carriageway	Motorway
30	60	70	70
30	50	60	60



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Moray East 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 May 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:

Buckie Area

During the course of the month, Officers responded to three reports of Assault in Buckie, all of which were minor in nature and persons have been reported accordingly. Two other Assaults were reported and enquiries are ongoing into these incidents with named suspects sought.

Five incidents of vandalism have been reported and subject to Police investigation with two being detected and the persons being reported accordingly.

Enquiries are ongoing into four incidents involving the possession of controlled substances with another two persons being reported accordingly.

During the course of enquiries it has been identified that many of the incidents involve young persons and frequently alcohol and controlled substances are suspected to have been involved. Increased and targeted patrols are being conducted in the Buckie area to tackle this issue with further work being developed to address the underlying factors.

Keith Area

During the course of the month, Officers responded to three reports of Assault in Keith, one of which was serious and two classed as minor, three persons have been reported accordingly.

Two incidents of vandalism have been reported and subject to Police investigation with enquiries ongoing.

Enquiries are ongoing into three incidents involving the possession of controlled substances with two persons being reported accordingly.

During the course of the month Officers have been required to attend at an increased number of incidents and disturbances involving alcohol. To reassure the public and to deter incidents,

increased High Visibility patrols are being conducted in the Keith, with particular attention to licenced premises, to tackle this issue. Engagement with licensees and off-sales premises is being promoted to address some of the underlying issues.

Acquisitive Crime:

Buckie Area

During the course of the month, Officers responded to twelve reports of Theft in the Buckie Area. Eight persons have been reported and enquiries are ongoing in respect of the other four with named suspects and positive lines of enquiry being developed.

The majority of incidents relate to theft by shoplifting with alcohol being the common factor in most of these. A review of the incidents is ongoing and following this, work will be conducted with the respective off-sales premises with a view to encouraging each to make changes to working practice and employing tactics to minimise the risk. Our Crime Prevention staff based at Keith will be supporting CPT Officers with this.

Keith Area

During the course of the month, Officers responded to one report of Theft in the Keith Area which involved the theft of red diesel fuel from a secure container, enquiries are ongoing.

At present no other reports have been received of a similar nature, however, given the nature of the quantity of the fuel removed from the locus it would strongly indicate that the theft was planned and coordinated. A media release has been circulated and further targeted media and crime prevention advice will be provided.

One incident of fraud involving the unauthorised access to a vulnerable persons banking account was reported to the Police after the bank identified unusual financial activity. Enquiries have commenced and are ongoing however it is suspected that the suspect will reside outwith the United Kingdom.

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.

Following concerns raised by the Head Teacher at Findochty Primary School a number of targeted patrols were conducted at specific times to assist in addressing safety concerns being experienced at drop off and collection times. The policing approach was that of education and advice with a view to making parents and road users aware of the problem. Further engagement is planned to seek a more substantial and long term solution.

During this period a number of Officers based at Buckie have been trained in the use laser speed detection equipment which will enhance the capability of Officers in the area to carry out speed check.

Keith Area

Road traffic offences detected this reporting period included no insurance, failure to stop

after an accident and faulty vehicle components. Reports and fixed penalties have been submitted accordingly.

An increasing number of reports have been received over the last period in respect of anti-social driving in and around the Keith area. Patrols have been increased and tasking submitted to the Road Policing Unit to increase patrols in the area. In addition an intelligence led operation is being developed for the Keith Area to target those strongly suspected of anti-social driving.

During this period a number of Officers based at Keith have been trained in the use laser speed detection equipment which will enhance the capability of Officers in the area to carry out speed checks.

Community Engagement & Reassurance



Underage Drinking and Antisocial Behaviour Initiative

Recently, and in particular over weekend periods, Buckie, Keith and the surrounding area has seen an increase in incidents of antisocial behaviour and underage drinking being reported.

The conduct and actions of the youths involved, combined with the tendency to congregate in large numbers, is recognised and acknowledged as being a significant cause of intimidation and harassment to the public with the increasing fear of criminal acts being conducted.

In response to this type of behaviour, Police Officers from the Buckie and Keith Area will be running a coordinated initiative to tackle the issue, whilst taking steps to address the underlying problem in respect of the means by which young people are able to access alcohol and controlled substances.

Increased and dedicated Police patrols are scheduled to be conducted across the area involving Officers in plain clothes and unmarked vehicles. In addition, Police Officers will be supported by the use of Body Worn Video and a mobile CCTV Unit.

In addition to engaging with the youths directly and taking appropriate action, subsequent direct engagement with their respective families will be undertaken to increase awareness and seek their ongoing support.

Information obtained during the course of the initiative will be used to assist in the detection and disruption of the source of alcohol and controlled substances being supplied to the young people.

Awareness Profile



How to report suspicious (Phishing) Emails and Text Messages

Definition

Phishing - the fraudulent practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers.



Cyber Criminals employ many tactics to steal information and money from people. One of the most common and convincing approaches is by the use of 'Phishing' emails.

The Cyber Criminal's goal is to convince you to click on the links within their scam email or text message, or to give away sensitive information (such as bank details).

These messages may look like the real thing but are malicious. Once clicked or selected, it may direct or take you to a rouge website which could download viruses or malware onto your computer, or automatically start to steal personal or private information such as your passwords.

Have you spotted a suspicious email?

If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS):

report@phishing.gov.uk

The message might be from a company you don't normally receive communications from, someone you do not know, or you're just concerned by it. Whatever it is, if you're suspicious, you should report it immediately.

By reporting a phishing email it will help the UK Governments National Cyber Security Center (NCSC) to act quickly and help protect other people from being affected.

Reported an email? Here's what happens next...

The NCSC will analyse the suspect email and any websites it links to and monitor suspicious activity.

If suspicious activity is discovered and believed to be malicious, they will:

- seek to block the address the email came from, so it can no longer send emails
- work with hosting companies to remove links to malicious websites
- raise awareness of commonly reported suspicious emails and methods used (via partners)

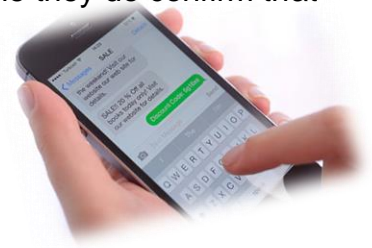
The NCSC is unable to update each submission as to any outcome they do confirm that they act upon every message received.

Have you spotted a suspicious Text Message?

Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to:

7726

This free-of-charge short code enables your provider to investigate the origin of the text and take action, if found to be malicious.



Kind regards

Graham Worton

Police Inspector

Buckie and Keith Community Policing Team

BuckieCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

KeithCullenCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk



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 May 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

May has seen 13 incidents of Vandalism. These included two commercial premises, with the remainder being damage caused to motor vehicles and other private property.

Amongst the incidents reported was damage to property at Brodie Place and Brodie Drive along with damage to items within a business premises in Pinefield Industrial Estate. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the persons responsible.

Assault

May has seen an increase in the number of Assaults from last month with 18 being reported to Police. Fourteen of these crimes have been detected and of the remaining four, three have named suspects who require to be traced.

A 28 year old male has been charged with three assaults on members of the public and several assaults on Police Officers. He was also found in possession of a knife. The male later appeared in court and has been remanded in custody.

A 12 year old has been reported to the Youth Justice Management Team having been charged with assaulting another youth at their primary school.

A 14 year old has been reported to the Youth Justice Management team after assaulting another youth and thereafter assaulting the Police Officers who attended to deal with the matter.

Drugs

Over the course of the month 11 contraventions of the Misuse of Drugs Act were investigated by Officers, ranging from possession of a controlled drug to being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs.

Over the period, personal quantities of Cocaine, LSD, Diazepam and Cannabis were recovered.

Four Drug Search Warrants were executed which led to seizures of Cannabis, Cocaine and other substances, believed to be controlled drugs, which will be sent to the forensic laboratory for testing.

Acquisitive Crime:

Theft

May has seen 18 reports of theft with the majority being shopliftings from various commercial premises in Elgin.

An 18 and 20 year old male have been charged with attempting to steal a charity tin from McDonalds. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

A 47 year old male was cautioned and charged with Robbery after attending at an address in Elgin and threatening the occupant there with bodily harm should they not give him a sum of money. The male appeared in court from custody and was remanded.

Road Safety & Road Crime:

As per previous months the Roads Policing Unit and Community Policing Team have been out continuing to tackle road traffic and associated issues.

A 37 year old female has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal having been found to be driving her car whilst over limit on Thornhill Road.

Three persons were reported for driving motor cars without valid insurance cover.

A 25 year old male driver provided a positive test for drugs, having been involved in a minor collision on Gordon Street, Elgin. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal in due course.

A 29 year old male was stopped on Thornhill Road and found to be driving without a licence, valid insurance or an 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 46mph in the 30mph part of Duffus Road. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Community Engagement & Reassurance:

Community Officer Jamie Dey carried out various duties over the course of the month including mobile surgeries in the High Street and Bishopmill areas. These will continue over the coming months.



Jamie has also been conducting cycle patrols which are a great way of covering the town and getting to areas not easily accessible by car. As well as this, he used his bicycle to deliver meals to vulnerable families along with Elgin Youth Café staff

Finally, a reminder from our partners at Trading Standards who are seeing a rise in doorstep scams and bogus workmen as we ease out of lockdown.

Below are some of the most common type of scams along with telephone numbers to contact should anyone have any concerns

Regards

Neil Morrison

Inspector A0163

Elgin Community Policing Teams

Rogue traders are visiting properties across Scotland offering to do maintenance or gardening work

Don't deal with cold callers -
find council-approved local
traders at
approvedtrader.scot



#ShutOutScammers



Shut out Scammers



Common Doorstep Scams:



"We're offering a special deal on driveways - it's only available today"



"We've noticed that you need some urgent work carried out on your property."



"I work for an energy company - we're offering grants for new boilers."



"We've just completed similar work at other houses in the local area"



"It looks like your solar panels need to be replaced - they're not safe."



"We have some gardening materials left over from a job - we can offer them at a discount"

Report suspicious behaviour to Police Scotland on 101, or 999 in an emergency

Report scams to Advice Direct Scotland on 0808 164 6000 or at consumeradvice.scot

Sign up to receive Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Alerts at neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk



Moray West 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 May 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

During the course of the month, Officers responded to three reports of Assault in Lossiemouth, all of which were minor in nature and persons have been reported accordingly. Two other Assaults were reported and enquiries are ongoing into these incidents.

One report of Assault was investigated in Fochabers and a person was charged accordingly.

Enquiries are ongoing into two reports of persons in possession of a small amount of controlled drugs in Lossiemouth.

A number of youths were traced within the disused Lossiemouth High School where property was damaged. Enquiries are ongoing into this incident.

Forres Area

In Forres, Officers responded to three reports of Assault, all of which were minor in nature. Persons have been traced and reported for these incidents. A further four Assaults were reported and enquiries are ongoing into these crimes.

An attempted Robbery was reported at house in the town and a male was quickly apprehended and has since appeared in Court. There was no threat to the wider community and the incident was contained to that address.

There was one report of a person being in possession of a small amount of controlled drugs and they were reported accordingly.

A report was received of vandalism to the fence to Forres Thistle FC's football ground and enquiries are ongoing into this.

Speyside Area

Two reports of Assault were reported during the month, both of which resulted in persons being reported accordingly.

One person was reported for being in possession of a small amount of controlled drugs and they were reported accordingly.

Acquisitive Crime:

Lossiemouth & Fochabers Are

Enquiries are ongoing into a report of a sneak in theft to a house in Lossiemouth whilst a bike was stolen from a garden at another address.

Enquiries are ongoing into a housebreaking at business premises on the outskirts of Lossiemouth during which time two quad bikes were stolen.

Forres Are

A Theft by Housebreaking was reported at a takeaway premises in the town during which a small amount of money was taken. Enquiries are ongoing into this

A Theft occurred at a farm premises on the outskirts of the town whereby a piece of electrical equipment was stolen from a vehicle. Again enquiries are ongoing into this.

Speyside Area

A report was received of the theft of a motor vehicle in Rothes, however the person responsible was quickly traced and the car recovered.

Road Safety & road crime:

Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area

Roads Policing Officers continue to patrol the area in conjunction with Community Policing Officers. Resultantly, a number of motorists were charged with speeding offences and another motorist was reported for having no insurance and who was also disqualified from driving.

Forres Area

A small number of drivers were reported for speeding offences in and around the Forres area with one other report of a person driving with no insurance.

Officers from the Community Policing Team and Roads Policing Unit quickly attended a report of child having been knocked over outside Kinloss Primary School. The driver of the car was charged with a number of offences and work continues to support the School and Community going forward. Our thoughts are with the young child who was injured, albeit thankfully not seriously.

Speyside Area

There was one report of a driver driving whilst under the influence of alcohol in Dufftown. They were traced shortly thereafter and reported accordingly.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

During the month, Community Policing Officers provided bike security to persons in Forres. The event was by appointment only due to COVID restrictions however it was very well attended and received.



Officers continue to be visible and proactive in various areas across the area where youths are gathering and causing an annoyance. These patrols will continue during the coming months given the summer holidays are approaching the better weather is here.

Additionally, Officers have proactively been visiting licenced premises across the area as the COVID restrictions ease, cooperatively working with Licencees to ensure that they are compliant with the restrictions that remain in place. It is very pleasing to note that this has been widely welcomed with no incidents of note arising.

Kind regards

Tony McCullie

Inspector

Lossiemouth & Fochabers and Forres Community Policing Teams

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As restrictions ease in the Moray area local crews are taking advantage to get back out in the local communities and deliver key safety messages directly. As always one of the main priorities for us is making sure the most vulnerable members of our communities are protected from harm.

Our Community action team alongside local crews are back directly engaging with members of our communities in delivery face to face Home Fire Safety Visits. These visits had been restricted over the past few months with only phone calling being made. This will see teams targeting those in the very high and high-risk categories in the first instance.

It is envisaged over the next few months there will be an increased level of travel to the local area with families looking to have "Staycations" again this year. As part of the work associated with this myself and other local SFRS officers are working directly with our partners to support this making sure we deliver a collaborative message. Within this SFRS will take the opportunity to promote the key safety messages within our summer thematic action plan which focuses on Summers safety, Wildfires, deliberate fire setting and Boat safety.

Focus is being given to target local caravan/camp sites and with support from site management teams and other partners crews will aim to deliver advise on caravan and camping safety. This was carried out last year in line with the summer holiday which was a great success.

As part of this Crews from Cullen, Fochabers and Lossiemouth have begun delivering safety messages to the local primary schools and community group with the aim of highlighting the risks associated with both fire and water related incidents we experience over the summer period.

Crews from Lossiemouth and Fochabers are continuing with the wildfire initiative which was established last month and will continue to be developed over the next few months. Through education, support to local land owners and positive intervention we along with partners aim to reduce the impact of wildfires deliberate or accidental in the local area.

Andy Hislop

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Moray LSO area.

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