



# 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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IT'S JUST NOT ON**

**Keep everyone and everything important to you safe. Don't leave appliances such as dishwashers, tumble dryers and washing machines on when you're out or asleep.**

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## WHITE GOODS SAFETY CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

### **New fire service campaign aims to extinguish white goods fires.**

On 18<sup>th</sup> March the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is poised to launch a hard hitting new advert highlighting the dangers of white goods fires.

The Service is driving this safety message as new statistics reveal that fire crews were called to 327 white goods fires during 2018.

The cause of these fires included: Washing Machine – 121; Tumble Dryer – 111; Fridge / Freezer – 53; Dishwasher – 33; Washer / Dryer combined – five; Spin Dryer – four.

Deputy Chief Officer David McGown is the SFRS Director of Prevention & Protection.

David McGown said: “We have taken this step because the public needs to be aware of the potential dangers posed by the unsafe use of white goods.

“People may not associate white goods such as washing machines and tumble dryers with fire but we responded to 327 white goods fires last year alone – that is why we are launching this campaign.

“We know that the Scottish public has a high awareness of the traditional causes of fire in the home. Cooking, smoking and alcohol are all factors which have been deservedly highlighted.

“But the risk of fire from white goods is also one which we all face. This campaign sets out to highlight not only the risk of fire but simple steps you can take to significantly reduce that risk to yourself, your family and all that is important to you.”

DCO McGown added: “These new figures show that house fires involving white goods happen every week. Our message is clear. Use your white goods safely. Don’t risk it. If you’re out or asleep, it’s just not on.

“The SFRS is working closely with partners including Scottish Government, Safer Communities, Trading Standards Scotland and Electrical Safety First. Together we have a common aim – to reduce the number and the impact of white goods fires.”

The campaign will see safety adverts and features appearing across press, radio and television in Scotland. To coincide with the campaign the Service are also launching two new social media channels offering helpful safety tips and advice:

[facebook.com/SFRSYourSafety](https://facebook.com/SFRSYourSafety)

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The campaign has the following top safety tips and advice:

#### 1. IF YOU'RE ASLEEP, IT'S JUST NOT ON

Keep everyone and everything important to you safe. Don't leave appliances such as dishwashers, tumble dryers and washing machines running when you are sleeping.

#### 2. IF YOU'RE OUT, IT'S JUST NOT ON

Leaving appliances such as dishwashers, tumble dryers and washing machines on when you are out of the house leaves your home at unnecessary risk. If you're not in make sure your appliances are switched off.

#### 3. REGISTER YOUR WHITE GOODS

It only takes a few minutes on [www.registermyappliance.org.uk](http://www.registermyappliance.org.uk) to register the large appliances we rely on every day to handle essential chores, chill food and cook for our families. In a small number of cases, manufacturers may identify problems with a model once the product has been in use for some time. They then need to contact owners to get the fault corrected as quickly as possible. Registering your appliances makes sure you'll know if a safety issue is identified.

#### 4. PRODUCT RECALLS

Look out for product recalls. Manufacturers may, on occasion, issue product recall notices for electrical appliances where the product could affect the safety of the user/consumer. Simply check out the list of products recalled on the Electrical Safety First website\* to find out if your product is listed as a recall item. There is also a section which explains what to do with your recalled product. You can also keep up to date with all the latest product recalls by following the new SFRS Your Safety social media channels.

\* <http://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/product-recalls/>

SFRS offer a free Home Fire Safety Visit service. The visits only take around 20 minutes and help householders spot possible fire hazards and make sure that their home is safer.

To request a free home fire safety visits for you or someone you know, call 0800 0731 999 or text 'FIRE' to 80800 or visit [www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk)

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# IF YOU'RE OUT, OR ASLEEP IT'S JUST NOT ON

Keep everyone and everything important to you safe. Don't leave appliances such as **dishwashers, tumble dryers and washing machines** on when you're out or asleep.

- Register your white goods so you'll know if a safety issue is identified. Visit [www.registermyappliance.org.uk](http://www.registermyappliance.org.uk)
- Check for product recalls - visit [www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/product-recalls/](http://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/product-recalls/)
- Get your free home fire safety visit. We'll help you sort out a fire escape plan and provide information about smoke, heat and carbon monoxide alarms.

- Call 0800 0731 999
- Text 'FIRE' to 80800
- visit [firescotland.gov.uk](http://firescotland.gov.uk)

## DOMESTIC APPLIANCE FIRES 2018

**121** WASHING MACHINE FIRES 

**111** TUMBLE DRYER FIRES 

**53** FRIDGE FREEZER FIRES 

**33** DISHWASHER FIRES 

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## **COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT – BUCKIE / KEITH**

### **SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME**

#### **Buckie**

On 14 March and following the execution of a warrant, a 31 year old man was arrested for obstructing officers and a public indecency offence after he dropped his lower clothing in a public place. He was kept in custody to appear at court.

On 16 March an 18 year old man was found in possession of cannabis on Samson Avenue, Portessie, and was reported to the PF.

On 17 March a wallet was handed in to Police and found to have a personal quantity of cocaine within it. The 18 year old owner of the wallet was charged with possession of a controlled drug when he came to collect his found property!

Two parcels containing cannabis were intercepted by the Royal Mail (one bound for a Buckie address and one for a Keith address). The packages were handed to police and enquiries are ongoing.

#### **Keith**

### **ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE AND DISORDER**

#### **Buckie**

Overnight on 2 March, a pane of glass at a house on Morven Crescent, Findochty, was smashed with an estimated cost of damage of £50. Enquiry is ongoing.

During the early evening of 5 March, a pane of glass in the stairwell leading up to the Bengal Brasserie restaurant in Cluny Square was smashed by unknown means.

Two 18 year old men were charged and issued with fixed penalties after a disturbance in Cluny Square in the early hours of 10 March. In a separate incident and on the same night, a 22 year old man was arrested and charged with assault and offensive weapon offences following an altercation at the PITS. He has been reported to the court.

On 12 March, a resident on West Street, opened his door and was punched by a man that is known to him. Enquiries to trace the suspect are ongoing.

Overnight on 16 March, the tyres of two cars on Scott Terrace were slashed by unknown means with a cost of damage of approx. £45 each.

A 14 year old girl has been reported to the Youth Justice Team following a fight involving teenagers at Ian Johnston Park on 18 March. The victim (also a teenager) had an injured wrist as a result of the assault.

During the late evening of 20 March report was received of a three males driving a Transit van whilst drunk on Alba Road. The van was traced by Police a short time later and the three males resisted arrest but were ultimately arrested and reported for various driving offences and possession of an offensive weapon.

On 24 March an 18 year old female was issued with an anti-social fixed penalty after causing a disturbance within the Northern Lights bar on Yuill Avenue.

#### **Keith**

On 2 March, a 52 year old man was issued with a fixed penalty notice after failing to leave the Royal Hotel on Church Road when instructed to do so by Police. A 30 year old man was also issued a fixed penalty for refusing to leave the same pub the following night (3 March).

On 25 March an elderly male was walking on Nelson Brae when he was verbally abused and threatened by another male. A positive line of enquiry is being pursued.

### **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

## **Buckie**

Overnight on 2 March, a battery for an electric fence at a field near March Road was disconnected and stolen. Enquiries are ongoing.

During the early hours of 6 March, a quantity of milk was stolen from outside Portessie Primary School. CCTV enquiry is ongoing and security measures have been changed regarding the delivery of milk there.

Between 6 – 10 March a high value housebreaking occurred at a house on Cathedral Street, Buckie. A large quantity of jewellery was stolen. Extensive enquiries are ongoing and a reward of £1000 has been offered by the householder for any information leading to arrests.

On 8 March, report was received of a fraud on Gumtree whereby a man from Silberg Drive bought a laptop online and paid £1270 but did not receive any goods. A suspect was identified through enquiries and details passed to Police in England (where the suspect lives).

Between 9 -11 March, an attempt was made to break into a house on Greenlaw Lane. Jemmy marks were noticed on the front door and frame by the householder but no entry was gained. House to house and other enquiries are ongoing.

Between 10 – 17 March, power tools to the value of £1600 were stolen from an insecure garden shed on Station Road, Portgordon. Enquiry is ongoing.

During the early evening of 16 March, report was received of a prowler entering a house on Crown Terrace, Portgordon. The householder was alerted by his dog and the culprit ran off (nothing stolen). Enquiries are ongoing.

## **Keith**

Overnight on 5 March a quantity of diesel was stolen from a lorry at the Balloch Road council depot.

Power tools were stolen from a locked shipping container at Aultmore overnight on 16 March.

On 20 March, a resident on Station Road was alerted to a male in the garden of her house. The male ran off prior to Police arrival and enquiry is ongoing.

## **ROAD SAFETY**

### **Buckie**

On 2 March a road traffic collision occurred between a pedestrian and one car at Burns Square. The pedestrian was left with a leg injury. Following enquiry, a 43 year old man was charged with a road traffic offence.

During the evening of 8 March, a grey Ford Fiesta that was parked on South Pringle Street sustained damage to its front grille (it appears someone reversed into the car and drove off). Enquiries are ongoing.

Between 10 – 11 March, a black Vauxhall Corsa that was parked on Douglas Crescent had its rear bumper and light damaged in what appears to be a hit and run. Enquiry is ongoing.

### **Keith**

On 16 March a 40 year old male was charged with drink driving after being stopped by Police near Blackhillock on the A96.

On 16 March a 34 year old woman was charged with various road traffic offences after driving the wrong way down a one way street (off Mid Street) and colliding with another car.

## **FORRES, SPEYSIDE AND GLENLIVET**

### **ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE AND DISORDER**

#### **Forres**

On Friday 01 March 2019 a 36 year old male was reported for shouting and swearing officers whilst he was being dealt with for road traffic offences. The males behaviour was near to the Grant Park where a number of children were taking part in football training with their families present. A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 03 March 2019 two females aged 20 and 19 years were reported for assaulting another female whilst out in Forres during the early hours. All persons were known to one another.

On 03 March 2019 three males were reported for assaulting two other males in the Forres area. This was a hate crime and appeared to be homophobic in its origin. Minor injuries were sustained by the victims.

Specific anti-social behaviour patrols were carried out on the weekend of 22/23 March in Forres. It was particularly bad weather on the Friday evening and there were no calls of that nature. There was a missing child returned home and licensed premises checks were carried out with no problems found. The Saturday was a bit busier and officers responded to calls of an off road bike being used on ground near to Pilmuir. Police had been there 30 minutes prior to the call and were only five minutes away but still the bike had left prior to their arrival. Youths were spoken in an around Forres but no problems were found. There was one call to youths throwing things in St Leonards Road but these children were not found. These patrols will be repeated on another date.

#### **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

It is the time of year when the clocks go forward and the better weather hopefully comes with it. As a result people are more likely to leave windows open and doors unlocked, bikes are left outside in the garden and sheds are unlocked after gardening work. We do see an increase in Theft at this time of year. So things to remember if you go out make sure windows are shut and doors are locked. If you are out in the garden at the rear of the property make sure the front door is locked to stop any opportunists walking in and helping themselves. Ensure that bikes are locked away at night, a separate bike lock is also useful round the wheels so that if someone does break in to a shed then they are not able to cycle the bike away. Padlock shed doors, it won't stop a determined thief but it is a deterrent. Don't leave car keys obviously on display and don't keep your handbag/wallet next to the door, it may be handy for you but it is also handy for a thief to grab if he happens to find your door open. Residents usually have an awareness of who is usually around and who looks out of place therefore if anyone seems suspicious then please call 101.

#### **Roths**

On 25 March 2019 two children were reported for theft of drain covers from Roth's primary school. The covers were returned by the children shortly after being seen by Police.

## **ROAD SAFETY**

### **Forres**

On 08 March 2019 a vehicle was impounded in the Forres area after the driver was found to be driving it without a valid MOT. The vehicle was not in a road worthy condition and the male was charged accordingly.

On 23 March 2019 a 42 year old female was stopped driving her motor car by Police after she had mounted the kerb and almost struck two pedestrians on Victoria Road, Forres. She refused to provide a sample of breath to Police both at the roadside and at the Police station. Due to her clearly being under the influence of alcohol she was charged accordingly and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

### **A96**

On 13 March 2019 a 59 year old male was reported for providing a positive breath test after being stopped driving near to Brodie. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 24 March 2019 Police were called to a road traffic accident on the A96 near to the Forres Enterprise Park. One of the drivers was found to be under the influence of alcohol and a 21 year old male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

There were two persons reported for exceeding the speed limit on the A96 at Alves and one further at Brodie.

## **ELGIN LOSSIEMOUTH, FOCHABERS AREA POLICING TEAMS**

### **ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE AND DISORDER**

#### **Elgin**

About 2220 hours on Friday 15 March 2019, a 19 year old male smashed a window at The Muckle Cross, High Street, Elgin. The male has been traced, charged and will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

#### **Lossiemouth**

Sometime between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019, a house window in Community Way, Lossiemouth was damaged. Enquiries on-going.

### **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

#### **Elgin**

About 1945 hours on Thursday 7 March 2019, a 13 year old male and 12 year old female stole confectionery to the sum of £3.35 from Scotmid, Southfield Drive, Elgin. The pair have been charged and will be reported to the Youth Justice Team.

About 1530 hours on Thursday 21 March 2019, a female stole clothing to the sum of £72.98 from New Look in Elgin. Enquiries on-going.

#### **Lossiemouth**

About 1420 hours on Saturday 2 March 2019, a 13 and a 15 year old female stole alcohol to the sum of £26.21 from the Co-Operative, Queen Street, Lossiemouth. The females have been charged and reported to Youth Justice Team.

About 1800 hours on Monday 25 March 2019, an 18 year old male and a 19 year old female stole alcohol to the sum of £14 from the Co-Operative, Coularbank Road, Lossiemouth. They have been identified and will be charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal once traced.

#### **Fochabers**

About 2200 hours on Saturday 16 March 2019, a purse was stolen from a house in the Murrayfield area of Fochabers. Enquiries on-going.

### **ROAD SAFETY**

#### **Elgin**

Between Thursday 7 March 2019 and Friday 8 March 2019, the drivers of seven separate vehicles were charged with failing to stop when required to do so by a school crossing patroller in the New Elgin area.

About 1725 hours on Monday 25 March 2019, a 28 year old male was charged with using a mobile telephone whilst driving along Reiket Lane, Elgin. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

#### **Innes**

Sometime between 9 and 11 March 2019, a vehicle was damaged in the Lein Road area of Kingston. Enquiries on-going.

**Burghead**

At some point in the evening of Friday 15 March 2019, a vehicle parked on Granary Street, Burghead was damaged. Enquiries on-going.

## **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

Back in October 2017 the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service launched the Community Asset Register (CAR).

Essentially this is a register of volunteers who have a particular asset or skill which they feel could be used to support emergency services and responders at an incident.

Examples include someone with a boat who could be called in times of flooding to assist evacuate people from houses to a place of safety. Similarly someone with a 4X4 may be used in times of severe snow to transport vulnerable people to a community hall.

Further information about the CAR can be found on the link below:

[http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/news-campaigns/news/2017/10/sfrs-launches-community-asset-register-\(1\).aspx](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/news-campaigns/news/2017/10/sfrs-launches-community-asset-register-(1).aspx)

Unfortunately, it is impossible to gauge how often a volunteer will be requested.

Mobilisations can be determined by severe weather, a specific type of asset/skill required for the incident, the emergency services availability and resources in the area and the location of the volunteer.

It must be stressed that even when someone has registered, they are under no obligation to mobilise when they are called by the Operations Control centre.

For anyone to register an interest and request a form they would be required to email:

[SFRS.CommunityAssetRegister@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:SFRS.CommunityAssetRegister@firescotland.gov.uk) and a registration form will be sent to be completed along with guidelines on how to complete the registration process.

## **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 0915-1445	MONDAY TO THURSDAY 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](http://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](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_103264.html)