



**Speyside Area Forum**

**Tuesday 23 April, 2013**

**7.30 pm at Fleming Hall, Aberlour**

**1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION**

Between 13 March 2013 and 23 April 2013 there has been a relatively low level of crime in the Speyside area and some reported incidents have, after enquiry, proven to be non-criminal matters

Detections for the 10 crimes reported have been positive, seeing 3 cases being reported to the Procurator Fiscal and one incident being classed as 'no crime'. The detections made, were recorded against domestic assaults, housebreaking with intent to steal and several road traffic offences, dog bite and theft by shoplifting, assault and Police assault

The road traffic offences were recorded for driving under a revoked licence, failing to stop and report a road accident, driving a tractor in a dangerous condition with no lights

Continuing enquiries are focused again on the theft of metal from a field in the Rothes area, which again ties in with the below information regards security.

There have been several successful "Operation Avons" held in the area in 2012 aimed at tackling underage drinking and antisocial behaviour. Funding has been secured to enable this to continue in 2013 where similar patrols will be planned for the Speyside area, hopefully to coincide with any juvenile or youth

events.

There have been a number of incidents across the Moray area with regard to thefts of trailers / plant equipment, some of particularly high value in the Elgin area. Members of the public are requested to pay attention to the security around trailers or small plant equipment, which without proper deterrent, can be easily removed by thieves. Heating oil or commercial diesel can also be a target at this time of year.

Scrap metal theft is also still attractive to the opportunist thief and due to the price that can be obtained from metal dealers, can also be lucrative. Unfortunately it is not always items that could be considered as scrap that are stolen, with new equipment or metal being equally attractive. Farms and rural premises are usually the target of such criminals and again members of the public are requested to pay attention to their security regards these matters.

**2. FEEDBACK ON POLICE ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

None raised.

**3. DETAILS OF ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**4. ONGOING LOCAL / FORCE-WIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

## **HOUSE/PROPERTY SECURITY**

Owners and occupiers of rural property should remain on their guard for any suspicious vehicles or persons in or around their premises. Be alert to the chance of thefts and given the time of year, the potential for fuel oil and diesel thefts.

Local Policing Officers are keen to see householders and businesses following some simple advice to reduce the opportunity for criminals and also increase the opportunities for Police Officers to apprehend those responsible. Simple steps that can be taken are available on the Police Scotland website.

## **POLICE REFORM**

As of 1st April 2013, Grampian Police ceased to exist and has now been replaced by Police Scotland, incorporating all of the previous 8 Scottish Forces.

Effectively, this means very little change at a local level for members of the public and you will continue to receive a local service from the same officers that previously policed your area. These officers will continue to provide a service engineered towards 'keeping people safe' and incorporating fairness, respect and integrity into their everyday tasks.

For further information on Police Scotland and services and

assistance that can be expected, please click on the below link which will lead you to the new Police Scotland website.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/forces-welcome>

## **CONTACT POLICE SCOTLAND**

### 101 Non-Emergency Number

For all non-emergencies and general enquiries, 101 is the number you call if you need to contact your local police. You can call 101 to report a crime that has already happened, seek crime prevention advice or make us aware of any policing issues in your local area.

Using 101 for situations that do not require an immediate police response helps keep 999 available for when there is an emergency.

Deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or speech-impaired callers can contact us via TextRelay on 1 800 1 101.

Calls to 101 from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long your call lasts.

International callers and those in the UK residing outside of Scotland should call either +44 1786 289 070 (International callers) or 01786 289 070 to contact Police Scotland.

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