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**Speyside Area Forum
Meeting on 21 August 2012**

1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

Between the end of May and the end of July 2012, numerous road traffic offences were detected in the Rothes, Craigellachie and Aberlour area. These consisted of speeding, dangerous driving, driving whilst disqualified, careless driving and insurance offences. Within this time period, two incidents of drink driving were also detected.

On the 21 July 2012 and 5 August 2012, Anti Social Behaviour, Fixed Penalty tickets were issued in the Ballindalloch and Aberlour areas respectively, for instances of Breach of the Peace and urinating in public.

On 24 July 2012, it was reported to Police that a vandalism had taken place at Mortlach Primary School, Dufftown. Police are now following a positive line of enquiry in relation to this matter. A further instance of kids on the roof of the school on 16 August 2012 is also being investigated and again there is a positive line of enquiry.

On 4 August 2012, in two separate incidents, two males were arrested in the Aberlour area in relation to disorder offences including, assault and breach of the peace

A proportion of the above can be linked to increased activity due to the various Highland Games events and associated revelry. The increased activity for anti social behaviour is unfortunate but comparable with previous years and the associated events.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND

Grampian Police would like to make local groups and organisations aware of its Community Initiative Fund. The fund is designed to support and assist local projects with small grants which contribute towards either a reduction in crime, support for the victims of crime, community empowerment and/or public reassurance.

The fund which is managed by Grampian Police and the Grampian Joint Police Board is provide for by the sale of lost and found property received by the Police were an owner could not be found.

Local groups and organisations who believe they could benefit from a small grant of between £50 and £500 (with an upper limit of £2,000 for any exceptional applications) should contact their Local Area Inspector requesting further information and an application form.

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

No matters raised from previous meeting.

3. DETAILS OF ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL PRIORITIES

The latest quarterly report has been produced and is available on the Grampian Police website.

<http://www.grampian.police.uk>

follow the links for Moray, Local Policing Area and Forres / Speyside.

4. ONGOING LOCAL/ FORCEWIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

VANDALISM

Damage to property can be annoying and costly in monetary terms to victims. We recognised the impact this can have and so tackling vandalism is one of our local priorities. In response to this we have increased our patrols in areas where vandals have struck with a view to deterring their activities. Analysis shows that where property is damaged and not repaired that it is more likely to suffer a repeat attack so we have worked with victims and the Local Authority to ensure that where property is damaged, it is repaired quickly. Our efforts in this regard have reflected positively in terms of a decrease in the number of offences of vandalism reported year on year from 169 to 135 and an increase in the detection rate for reported vandalisms from 27% to 45%.

HOUSE/PROPERTY SECURITY

The crime of housebreaking can be particularly upsetting and we recognise the effect it can have on victims. There is always someone who is on the look out for a bargain and who is willing to trade in the misery of others by buying stolen property. These are the people who make the thief's job of converting property into cash, easy. We are determined to locate the market for stolen property and when we do, those responsible will be the subject of criminal proceedings.

Moray 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 Grampian Police website.

TELEPHONE SCAMS AND COLD CALLING

Members of the public should be wary of persons offering 'too good to be true' cash windfalls, competitions won, computer fixes etc, over the phone or on the door step, especially where bank details are requested for release of funds. Generally, these details should never be passed to anyone in these circumstances. If at all dubious ask

for contact details, company name etc and research the caller fully before making any decision on proceeding. Research can easily be carried out on the internet where people who have attempted similar scams have been detected in the past and have had their modus operandi exposed. Similarly companies can easily be researched by contacting your local Trading Standards Office.