



Speyside Area Forum

Tuesday 22 April, 2014

7.30 pm at Archieston Village Hall.

1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

Reported crime between 4 March 2014 and 20 April 2014 has shown a decrease compared to that reported in the previous Forum brief.

There have been 21 offences reported, 8 of which are currently detected with several the subject of ongoing positive enquiry and should also result in detections. This makes for a positive ratio.

Crimes committed against the person (including Domestic incidents)

Two such crimes were reported in the area during the review period with one having been detected. Of the outstanding crime further enquiry is to be made. No domestic incidents have been raised.

Crimes of dishonesty

Eight such crimes were reported in the area during the review period. Further enquiry is ongoing which should result in some of these crimes being cleared.

Rural properties, domestic and commercial, remain a target for travelling and local, opportunist and organised thieves with metal, tools and diesel continuing to feature prominently upon stolen property lists.

Community residents are asked to be vigilant with regard to this and should they see anything suspicious to contact the Police Scotland Service Centre by telephoning 101.

Road traffic offending

Six such crimes relating to careless driving and speeding were reported during the review period with 5 having been detected.

Anti Social Behaviour

Five such crimes were reported during the review period with two having been detected. Further enquiry is being made with two others.

Licensed Premises checks are a routine part of the duties of the Community Policing Team Officers and will continue to be so.

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

None raised

4. ONGOING LOCAL / FORCE-WIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Tomintoul Police Office

The official opening of the new Tomintoul Police Office will take place at 2pm on Monday 28th April and will be attended by Stephen House, Chief Constable for Police Scotland. The opening of the office will see a higher Police presence in the village allowing a more local point of contact as well as allowing for a more localised approach to Policing of the Lecht Ski Centre during the winter season.

There is an open invitation to anyone in the local community wishing to attend the opening and to view the new facility.

Operation RAC was initiated in response to an increase in housebreaking across Scotland. Target areas of the country were pinpointed in Edinburgh, Forth Valley, the Lothians and Scottish Borders, Fife, Highlands and Islands, Aberdeenshire and Moray, Aberdeen City and Lanarkshire.

Extra resources and support were provided with the aim of tracking down those responsible and bringing them to justice. Since 1 April, Police Scotland has provided dedicated resources to communities to tackle violence, sexual assaults and domestic abuse and encourage reporting.

As part of Operation RAC, dedicated policing teams have been

created to exclusively investigate housebreakings within homes, outbuildings and businesses and to apprehend the individuals responsible. Throughout the operation, Police Scotland has been working closely with COPFS to ensure housebreakers are being appropriately dealt with and removed from communities where possible.

The Local Policing Campaign continues which sees Police Scotland Corporate Communications, combine with Local Divisional Commanders to produce local media information's and points of interest specific to the area. This will see concentrated activity for a number of weeks on national radio and in the social media, with the focus of highlighting the local community policing teams and their work within the community.

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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