



Speyside Area Forum

Tuesday 30 June 2015

7.30 pm at Kirkmichael Hall, Tomintoul.

1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

Reported crime between 19 May 2015 and 28 June 2015 has shown a marked decrease compared to that reported in the same period of 2014, by just over 50%.

This is a fairly remarkable and unusual figure but is explained by the activities at that time, of a prolific thief who was later caught and sentenced to imprisonment for his crimes.

There have been 14 offences reported with 7 of these crimes as currently detected, which is an increase in the detection rate compared with the comparative period of 2014.

Crimes committed against the person (including domestic incidents)

3 such crimes were reported in the area during the review period, with 2 being detected. Two of these were domestic incidents.

Crimes of dishonesty

5 such crimes were reported in the area during the review period; with 2 currently detected and the remaining incidents are subject to ongoing enquiries.

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

2 such crimes, with 2 detected. 1 of those detected was reported for drink driving.

Following on from last month's forum meeting, there again has been an increased Roads Policing presence in the Speyside area which has accounted for some of the detections. This is aligned to the time of year taking into consideration motorcycle use and also in relation to the forum's observations on speeding vehicles.

Local officers have also directed speed checks in the area.

Anti-social behaviour

3 such crimes were reported during the review period, with all 1 being detected. 2 of these related to vandalism which are still subject to further enquiry.

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

Misuse of drugs

No such crimes were reported during this measuring period. However, intelligence plays a significant part in the detection of drug crime and members of the public are encouraged to contribute in this respect (see Crimestoppers information below).

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

(See above section relating to Road Traffic Offending)

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**

Tomintoul Police Office is now well established and has been greatly received within the local community there. PC Andy Main is the Officer allocated the Tomintoul post and as part of his weekly duties conducts local surgeries.

Wildlife crime campaign

On 23 March 2015, Police Scotland launched its Wildlife Crime Campaign. The campaign is intended to raise the profile of the subject by highlighting the UK Wildlife Crime priorities. These will include those most prevalent in Scotland, namely hare coursing, deer poaching and fish poaching. Further details on this subject will be available on the Police Scotland website.

Operation Cedar (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce)

The traffic campaign to reduce the number of road collisions in Aberdeenshire and Moray is ongoing in a bid to highlight to drivers the known risks that can contribute to serious and fatal collisions. This operation mainly focuses on reducing the number of fatal road traffic collisions on our roads, which have shown an increase over the past 12 months.

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 opportunities for criminals and also to increase the probability of Police Officers apprehending those responsible. Simple steps that can be taken are available on the Police Scotland website.

Doorstep callers offering to do various types of work should also be highlighted at this time of year. Householders should be aware that works are not always required and prices are often inflated. The initial contact may also offer the opportunity for doorstep callers to distract the householder and allow them to commit other criminality. The present public campaign offers the tag line "**If in Doubt - Keep Them Out**"

Crimestoppers

If anyone has any information relating to controlled drugs or drug dealing, please call Police Scotland on 101. Alternatively, contact can be made with Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Crimestoppers allow information to be passed anonymously in relation to any crime or criminal activity. They can be contacted via the website at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Ask the Scottish Police

Do you need a Police related/legal based issue answered and do not know where to look for the answer?

Why not consider the 'Ask the Scottish Police' website? It's a simple and straightforward legal database, maintained in Scotland, with almost 800 frequently asked questions and answers and is available to everyone, including the general public.

What is 'Ask the Scottish Police'?

Originally launched in November 2010 and re-launched with the creation of Police Scotland, the Police National Legal Database is a tool which could assist you in finding a quick answer to a regularly asked question.

- It is a tool which can be used by any member of the police service or member of the public to provide a consistent answer to non-urgent questions which are regularly posed by the public
- It empowers the general public to discover the answer to frequently asked questions from a reliable source, without having to contact the Police Service
- It gives the public an opportunity to ask an appropriate question with the reassurance that a fully researched question will be returned within 24 hours

Who can use this?

Anyone can! We would like to encourage members of the public to use this option to find answers to questions without needing to phone the Police Service for advice.

If a question isn't on the site, why not submit it and it will be answered by the legal team?

Where do you find the website?

www.askthe.scottish.police.uk

There were 4.2 million hits on the site in the first six months after Police Scotland was launched. Why not check out Ask the Scottish Police for yourself and see if it can assist you?

PARENTLINE SCOTLAND

ParentLine Scotland is a free helpline (0800 28 22 33) and email service parentlinescotland@children1st.org.uk for anyone with concern about a child. www.parentlinescotland.org.uk

POLICE SCOTLAND

Police Scotland are keen to highlight their use of social media and advise the public that our latest news can be found at www.scotland.police.uk and using the Twitter feeds @policescotland and @ShireMorayPol or on Facebook at <http://www.twitter.com/policescotland>

Community Policing issues can also be highlighted to your local micro beat officers using the E-mail address:

AberdeenshireMorayForresCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

POLICE REFORM

Police Scotland is now well established since the change in April 2013, incorporating all of the previous eight 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 who 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.