

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.

Advice from SGN

If your boiler has stopped working in the cold weather, frozen condensate pipes could be the problem. Please visit SGN website at link below and see the guide for householders. Please share with anyone who may need this information. If you smell gas, have a gas emergency or are concerned about carbon monoxide, call the National Gas Emergency Service on 0800 111 999.

https://www.sgn.co.uk/News/2018-Mar-News/Has-your-boiler-stopped-working/

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Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour

Community Wardens

Moray Council's budget has been set for 2018/19 and, as you may be aware; this included a reduction in the Community Wardens service. This will take effect from 31 March 2018 and as of that date; CW David Haytack will leave the CS Team.

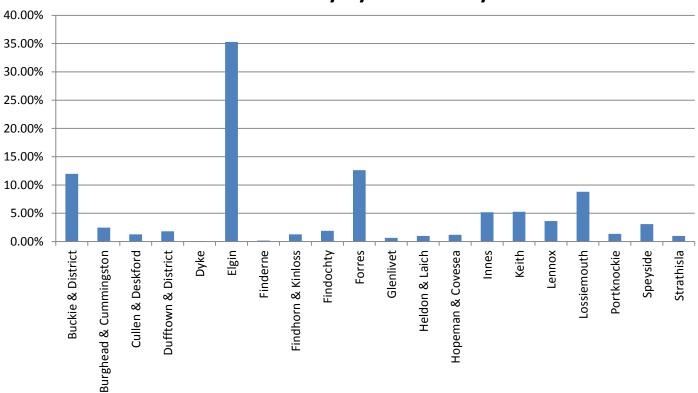


David has been a Warden for the last 12 years initially serving with Grampian Police before Warden Responsibilities transferred to Moray Council in 2011 and during that time he has been associated with the Forres and Upper Speyside area.

He has been a valuable member of the Community Safety Team and we wish him well for the future.

Originally the Wardens were geographically based, but accumulative changes to the service over time have dictated that the Wardens now cover the whole of Moray and we have operated on that basis for the last 12 months. Unsurprisingly our largest

Distribution of Activity by Community Council Area



area of activity is within Elgin, followed by the other towns in a proportional basis.

Moving forward the Community Safety Team will consist of a Community Safety Officer, Housing Liaison Officer and 3 Community Wardens supported by analytical and clerical staff. We will continue to develop our intelligence led approach to ensure we provide an effective response to any issues arising across Moray. However, it will be necessary to review how we deal with certain categories of incident and more information on that will follow in due course.

Unfortunately, due to a software issue, data could not be extracted in the usual format in time for the report so abbreviated data has been provided. An updated table will be published as soon as available.

February 2018	Totals
Neighbours	13
Noise	17
Environmental Issues	4
Dog Fouling	35
Elgin 11, Forres, 7, Lossie 5, Buckie 4, Keith 2, Elsewhere 6	
Abandoned Vehicles	42
Rowdy Behaviour	1

As you can see a significant number of dog fouling reports were received this month and two Fixed Penalty Notices were issued in relation to incidents in Portknockie and Cullen.

Forres, Speyside and Glenlivet Area Policing Team

About 4.20 am on 4 February, a member of the public alerted us to loud music emanating from a car parked on Califer Road. Offices attended and found a 25-year-old local man, seated in the vehicle, with the engine running, listening to music. He appeared to have been drinking, and so breath test procedures were carried out. As a result, he was charged with being in charge of a motor vehicle whilst over the limit.

About 4.00pm on 4 February, having received information from an anonymous member of the public, officers attended at Nairn Road, Forres where they found a 38-year-old Huntly man driving a motor car whilst he had no driving licence, and no insurance.

On 8 February, a 14-year-old local youth smashed a window at a property on Balnageith Road, by throwing a bottle at it. He has been charged with vandalism.

About 9.00pm on 9 February, officers on patrol in the Orchard Road area saw a motor car being driven at what appeared to be excessive speed. They followed the car and had the driver stop it on Roysvale Terrace. The occupants were found to be 2, 21-year-old men, and a 19-year-old man, all from the Lhanbryde and Keith areas. The vehicle was searched, and a quantity of cannabis found. One of the men assaulted police officers in a failed attempt to make good his escape.

About 9.20pm on 10 February, a group of men were ejected from a licensed premise in Tollbooth Street, Forres. A short time later, 2 of the group re-entered the premises and 1 of them assaulted a patron. A female member of staff intervened, and she, too, was assaulted by the man. We are following positive lines of inquiry and expect to identify and charge the man responsible.

On 13 February, officers patrolling in the Pilmuir Road area, caught a 33-year-old local woman driving whilst using her mobile telephone.

Between 13 and 15 February, a derelict house under renovation, in Kinloss was vandalised: a pane of glass in the front door was smashed.

On 16 February, we received a call from a member of the public about a motorist acting strangely near to the Bervie Chipper on the A96 outside Forres. Attending officers found a 33-year-old Inverness woman in a stationary vehicle. They carried out breath test procedures and she was subsequently charged with having been in charge of a motor vehicle whilst over the limit.

On 17 February a man entered a licensed grocery store on High Street, Forres and attempted to steal a bottle of alcoholic drink. A member of staff challenged the man and recovered the stolen goods. The man then assaulted the member of staff, who managed to restrain him, with the assistance of other shoppers, until officers arrived. A 34-year-old Dundee resident has been charged.

Forres, Speyside and Glenlivet Area Policing Team - continued

On 17 February, 2 properties within a mile of each other in the Cabrach area were vandalised. The first, a derelict property due for renovation was entered and damage caused. The second, a remote shed was extensively damaged by means of, what appears to be, a chainsaw. We are following positive lines of inquiry.

On 22 February, an unsecured car parked on Land Street, Rothes was entered, and items were stolen. Some have subsequently been recovered, and inquiry to identify the person responsible is ongoing.

Elgin & Lossiemouth Area Policing Teams

Moray is served by its local Divisional Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit (DAVRU) who deal with serious assaults and other violent crimes. During the month of February, they have been running a warrants operation specifically targeting violent offenders who are wanted on warrant. Linking in with local officers in Elgin and Lossiemouth a number of such individuals have been brought to justice and have appeared before the courts

The local Elgin Community Constable Leach has been busy engaging with the local primary schools and has hosted visits to the station by pupils at East End primary.

In response to local concerns raised regarding illegally parked vehicles in the town centre a number of tickets have been issued to discourage this kind of behaviour.

It has been brought to the attention of officers based at Lossiemouth that local youths have been acting in an anti-social manner around the pavilion at Cameron Park, Hopeman especially during the evenings and weekends. This resulted in a plastic bin being set fire to around about midnight on the 24th. Police have stepped up patrols in the area along with the local community warden and are keen to hear from anyone who knows about this act of vandalism.

Police officers from Fochabers are investigating after a vehicle was hit and damaged by another vehicle whilst parked on Robertson Road, Lhanbryde sometime between afternoon and early evening of the 12th February. The offending vehicle failed to stop and report the accident.

Another mindless act of vandalism occurred overnight between 11th and 12th February on St Margaret's Crescent, Lossiemouth whereby a vehicle had its tyres slashed by a sharp implement. Local officers are investigating.

Officers from Lossiemouth raced to reports of a light aircraft having crashed at the private airfield at Shempston. On arrival they found the aircraft had flipped over having come to rest near to the end of the runway. Fortunately, the pilot was found to be uninjured.

Police in Elgin are investigating after a number of bin bags were discovered in a wooded area near Thomshill, Elgin. The bags were found to contain a number of cannabis plants and are thought to have been dumped there.

Buckie & Keith Area Policing Teams

Serious and organised Crime

In Buckie, a number of unmarked patrols have been carried out, and a number of drugs search warrants executed. Two males aged 23, 29, were dealt with separately for being in possession of cocaine. Whilst three other males aged 26, 30 and 38 were dealt with for cannabis and a large quantity of controlled tablets, for cannabis and a tablet suspected to be Ecstasy and for possession of Diazepam, respectively. Two of the drug search warrants resulted in cannabis, cocaine and money being recovered in the Well Road area of Buckie with two females aged 21 and 52 dealt with by Police. A warrant at Harbour Street resulted in Diazepam being recovered with a 34-year-old male being dealt with by the Police.

In Keith a 24-year-old male was dealt with when he was found in possession of Cannabis.

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

There were two domestic related incidents in Buckie for which two persons have been reported, whilst in Keith there were five Domestic related incidents one of the incidents has enquiry ongoing with the four others having persons being reported. Eight common assaults were recorded in Buckie with six persons reported and enquiries ongoing in to the other two.

Four Common assaults in Keith for which two are ongoing with positive lines of enquiry with two other persons reported.

In Buckie a car was vandalized by scratching it on East Church Street and two windows were smashed one in Cairnie Place and the other on Milton Drive. Enquiries are ongoing in regard to these.

In Keith two vandalisms were reported, a tyre was cut in Coopers Lane West and a door was damaged on Land Street and enquiries are ongoing.

Acquisitive Crime

A theft by house breaking occurred at Strathlene Golf club where tools, clothing and a radio were stolen from a shed. An attempted housebreaking and attempted theft occurred at Motorsmiths, March Road West and a Theft by opening a lock fast place occurred at Thistle removals March Road where various cabinets, a TV and light fittings were stolen from a caravan.

Two heating oil thefts have occurred over the preceding month both in the Mill of Towie area by Keith, enquiries are ongoing. Whilst two bicycle related thefts occurred with the theft of a racing bike outside Grass Roots, Keith which was left insecure and a trike bike was stolen from a shed at 54 Braeside, Keith. Enquiries are ongoing in to both incidents.

Road Safety

An operation tackling anti-social driving in Buckie, Keith and the surrounding villages was carried out on the weekend of 9 February which involved local policing team officers working alongside Roads Policing colleagues, using both marked and unmarked cars, to target anti-social driving in the towns and to educate drivers. One driver was reported for no insurance and numerous drivers were stopped and their cars checked over with tickets issued for defects. "Two drivers were issued with section 126 anti-social driving warnings.

Buckie & Keith Area Policing Teams - continued

Of Note

On 1 February, a sheep worrying incident involving a dog occurred at Muirton Farm, Drybride where sheep were killed and injured, enquiries are ongoing to identify the dog and the owner.

On 18 February, a digger was driven in to a property at Land Street Buckie causing extensive damage before being driven off. Following enquiries, a 30 year old male was reported for a number of road traffic related matters and firearms offences which were uncovered during the enquiry.

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

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:

<u>SFRS.CommunityAssetRegister@firescotland.gov.uk</u> 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 MONDAY TO THURSDAY

0915-1445 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: <u>www.scotland.police.uk</u>

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