

Community Report



Community Planning Partnership

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Introduction Chief Inspector Mackie

Dear Moray Community Councils it is my pleasure as the chair of Moray Community Safety Partnership to introduce the first Community Council news letter from the Moray Community Safety Partnership.

As you will be aware following a meeting of the chairs of the various Community Councils and Area Forums in Moray on 16 October it was agreed to trial a new method of engagement with you all which would augment and support our attendance at your meetings. This format was agreed in order that a partnership approach could be adopted to get key messages to you all in respect of crime trends across Moray as well as important community safety advice from a number of partnership agencies.

The newsletter will be circulated to the chairs of each community council and area forum on a monthly basis from Jane Martin, The Moray Council Community Council Liaison Officer.

As this is the first iteration of this document I would very much value your feedback on its content over the next few months. We will thereafter endeavour to develop the document as far as possible to meet your needs.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Stewart Mackie

Chief Inspector

Moray Local Command Area - Community Policing Inspectors

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Should you have any queries as to which CPT you live within more detailed information can be found under the Police Scotland Web site.

FESTIVE SAFETY ADVICE FROM CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER PC GEORGE OGG, ELGIN

Police Scotland wants everyone to have a safe, enjoyable time over the festive period and beyond. With that in mind here is some basic advice to help you do so:

- Secure your home - Keep cash at home to a minimum and gifts out of view.
- Don't drink and drive - Use taxis or arrange for one of your group to be the designated driver.
- If you are driving, be aware of changing road conditions - In severe weather increase your stopping distances.
- Be careful online - use a secure browser and only insert card details if the padlock icon is visible.
- Shop safe - be alert at ATMs and look after your bags.
- Don't leave drinks unattended.
- Don't use drugs or psychoactive substances.
- Stay with your friends - don't leave on your own or with strangers.

For more advice on keeping safe this Christmas, please visit www.scotland.police.uk/festivesafety

#KeepXmasSafe

Join Scotland's fight against fire

Get ready for winter. Make sure you have working smoke alarms. Consider fitting a heat alarm in your kitchen to give you early warning of a fire in the home.

Take extra care when cooking if you suffer from any illness, disability or are taking prescribed medications that makes you careless or forgetful.

Consuming even a moderate amount of alcohol can greatly increase the risk of fire and fire injury.

Festive safety tips

- Check your smoke and heat alarms are working. Replace batteries if necessary.
- If you have an open fire make sure your chimney is swept before winter. Always use a fire guard, secured in position, to protect against flying sparks from hot embers.
- Never place Christmas cards or decorations around the mantelpiece.
- Check your Christmas light plugs are fitted with the correct fuse, don't overload extension leads and ensure all electrical devices are Intertek BEAB approved.
- Always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed.
- Decorations can burn easily – don't place them near lights or heaters.
- Never leave cooking unattended, especially when using hot oil. For early warning of fire consider fitting a heat alarm in your kitchen.
- Take time to check on elderly relatives and neighbours this Christmas as they are at greater risk from fire, particularly if they suffer from ill health or disability.

We all know older people who are at risk from fire – it could be a grandmother, aunt, friend or neighbour.

Winter Wellbeing

It may be cold outside but winter needn't be the unhealthiest time of the year for you and your family.

To help fight off the winter blues keep active, eat healthily, see your family and friends and talk it through.

If medical attention is required over the festive period it is important to access the most appropriate service and to be aware that some services close over this time.

To find out more about services please visit <http://www.knowwhototurnto.org/>



Over the festive period it may be thought that over-indulgence in food and drink is the best way to celebrate the "perfect" festive season. The guideline on alcohol consumption has changed this year.

The low risk guidelines (for over 18's) are to drink no more than 14 units per week

To celebrate with less alcohol:

- pace yourself, have plenty of water or soft drinks in between alcoholic drinks
- eat something before you go out.
- Staying safe means staying in control and planning ahead how you will get home.
- The new lower drink drive limit means you shouldn't drink anything if you plan to get behind the wheel, and think twice about driving the next morning
- if you have had a lot to drink the night before. If in any doubt, use public transport

For further information on alcohol, units and advice on safer drinking guidelines please visit <http://www.madp.info/>

ASB Community Safety Report

The Community Safety Team within Moray Council is led by Willie Findlay, Community Safety Officer and comprises of 4 Community Wardens, a Housing Liaison Officer, Admin and Analytical Support, and a seconded Police Officer.

The team deal with a range of Community Safety and Antisocial issues across Moray.

Through the Community Safety Hub we co-ordinate our response to issues with numerous Council Services and partner agencies such as Housing Associations, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and NHS and work together when required.

In coming months we will provide more detail about the work of the CS Team and the complaints received in each area, but as a starting point, since the start of October we have dealt with the following ASB complaints across Moray.

Area / Type of Complaint	Abandoned Vehicles	Neighbours	Dog Fouling	Noise	Fly Tipping & Litter	Rowdy Behaviour	Other	Total Calls
Elgin	35.4%	35.4%	13.8%	4.6%	6.2%	3.1%	1.5%	100.0%
	23	23	9	3	4	2	1	65
Buckie to Cullen, Portgordon	20.0%	12.0%	20.0%	28.0%	16.0%	4.0%	0.0%	100.0%
	5	3	5	7	4	1	0	25
Keith, Dufftown, Lower Speyside	28.6%	21.4%	28.6%	14.3%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
	4	3	4	2	1	0	0	14
Lossiemouth to Burghead, Lhanbryde	22.7%	18.2%	31.8%	9.1%	0.0%	13.6%	4.5%	100.0%
	5	4	7	2	0	3	1	22
Forres, Alves, Upper Speyside	30.4%	26.1%	13.0%	21.7%	4.3%	4.3%	0.0%	100.0%
	7	6	3	5	1	1	0	23
Whole of Moray	29.5%	26.2%	18.8%	12.8%	6.7%	4.7%	1.3%	100.0%
	44	39	28	19	10	7	2	149

The Community Safety Team's dog fouling awareness and enforcement initiative, Operation Typhoon, has seen Community Wardens conducting plain clothes patrols in hot spot areas across Moray. To assist with this initiative, council CCTV systems have also been deployed where appropriate and those caught failing to remove and dispose of dog faeces will be issued with fixed penalty notices under a zero tolerance approach.

The Moray Community Safety Partnership will again be running its annual Safer Streets initiative over the forthcoming festive season. As in previous years the campaign aims to ensure people stay safe while enjoying the seasonal celebrations by providing additional police officers, taxi marshals and first-aid cover during busy evenings throughout December on the High Street in Elgin. The message from the partnership to those heading out for festive events also remains the same – have fun, but look after yourselves, your friends and your property.

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Forres, Finhorn & Kinloss, Finnerne, Dyke Landward Community Council

During the reporting period there were fifty-four crimes investigated in the Forres beat area. In relation to misuse of drugs offences four persons were reported for possession of controlled drugs. Other priority crimes investigated included vandalism where one male was reported and two other reports of spray painting are currently being investigated. One male appeared from custody after being charged with assaulting another and a police officer.

A further male appeared at Elgin Sheriff Court in relation to acting in an aggressive manner at the Forres Medical Centre. In relation to a report of a youth being found in possession of a knife a report has been submitted to the Youth Justice Management Unit.

Officers attended various incidents involving street disorder and two males were later reported for assaults.

Findhorn and Kinloss are generally low crime areas. Of note during November were an attempted telephone scam on an elderly gentleman, where the caller purported to be from the tax office and almost persuaded his intended victim to part with money. People should be vigilant, particularly when they receive unsolicited telephone calls / emails. Do not disclose personal details, bank details, or part with money to people you don't know.

Officers attended 2 calls relating to wildfowling at Findhorn Bay.

We attended 2 calls relating to noisy parties in Kinloss, and there was an attempted break-in to a shed and a caravan there. This is under investigation.

There were no notable incidents in the Dyke Landward CC area.

A gentleman in the Dallas area suffered an on-line fraud, when he ordered and paid for items, which were never subsequently delivered. We would like to remind people to be cautious when purchasing items on line, particularly from sites offering second-hand goods. Try to use only more reputable sites and make sure that you use a secure payment method.

Elgin, Heldon, Burghead & Cummington, Lossiemouth, Community

During the month of November there have been a number of instances of vandalism in the Elgin area. Windows of domestic houses have been reported to have been broken by stones having been thrown at them. These crimes have occurred in Woodland Crescent, Findhorn Court and Croft Road during the evenings.

We have also seen vandalism to the football pitches at Morrison Playing Fields, whereby extensive damage has been caused to the grass pitches there due to a motor vehicle driven on to them.

A number of cars have been vandalised and again these have occurred during the evenings in Fleurs Road, Forteach Street, Linkwood Road, Calcots Crescent and Waulkmill Road, Elgin. Generally the cars have been scratched or had stones thrown at them. Proactive Police patrols are in place.

Lossiemouth continues to suffer from unlocked cars being broken in to overnight with vehicles parked in Macdonald Drive and Castle Court being targeted this month. Again we would appeal to car owners to always keep their vehicles locked when unattended to deter this type of crime occurring.

A number of vehicles have been vandalised whilst parked in Lossiemouth. Cars on James Street, Coulardhill, Prospect Terrace, Balomie Place and St Margarets Crescent have all been damaged. Enquiries into these senseless acts of vandalism continue and we would urge anyone who has information about any of these crimes to get in touch with us.

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Lennox, Buckie, Portnockie, Findochty, Cullen & Deskford Community

Nuisance from motorists in Buckie town centre, particularly during the evenings and late night continue to be an issue for local residents. Local officers assisted by Roads Policing officers will take action against those identified. It is particularly for local residents to call in at the time of the offence with as much details of the vehicles as possible.

Buckie has recently seen an increase in the number of thefts from vehicles. We are pleased to advise that the majority of these have since been detected and a male has appeared in Court regarding this matter.

We continue to act on the information supplied by members of the community in relation to drugs activity and a number of Drugs Search Warrants have been executed throughout Buckie.

Local officers deal regularly with those responsible for antisocial behaviour be that late night revellers leaving licensed premises or noisy neighbours for example. We work closely with the Moray Council antisocial behaviour coordinator to address issues as they arise ensuring a multi-agency approach to the problem.

Between 9-11 November in Tannachy Terrace, Portgordon, a shed was broken into and 3 chain saws stolen. Investigations are still ongoing.

During November, Findochty also saw a number of vehicles broken into. These crimes have also been detected and as reported above, a male has been the subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal

Cullen has seen low crime levels with the only incident of note an attempt to break in to a flat at North Deskford Street on 27 October. A positive line of enquiry is being followed up.

Keith, Strathisla, Dufftown & District and Speyside Community Council

Nuisance from motorists in Keith town centre, particularly during the evenings and late night continue to be an issue for local residents. Local officers assisted by Roads Policing officers will take action against those identified. It is particularly for local residents to call in at the time of the offence with as much details of the vehicles as possible. Also reported as a concern is incidents of motorists driving at excessive speeds through Keith on the A96, particularly during the early hours of the morning. Again this is being monitored by local Keith officers and officers from the Roads Policing Unit.

On 4 November, a small fire was started deliberately outside industrial premises at Isla Road, Keith. Fortunately the fire did not spread and no significant damage was caused.

Between 14-17 November a 4 x 4 vehicle had its windscreen smashed whilst parked on Cameron Drive, Keith. Enquiries are ongoing.

Between October and November farm equipment including a power washer was stolen from a farm at Newmill. This crime remains undetected and anyone with any information as to those responsible is asked to contact Police Scotland.

Dufftown and the surrounding areas and villages has seen low levels of crimes with nothing of significance to report.



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Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

[http://
www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk)

Police Scotland

[http://
www.scotland.police.uk/](http://www.scotland.police.uk/)

HIE Moray

<http://www.hie.co.uk>

Moray College UHI

[https://
www.moray.uhi.ac.uk/](https://www.moray.uhi.ac.uk/)

NHS Grampian

[http://
www.nhsgrampian.org](http://www.nhsgrampian.org)

The Moray Council

www.moray.gov.uk

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[http://
www.tsimoray.org.uk/](http://www.tsimoray.org.uk/)

HITRANS

<https://www.hitrans.org.uk/>

Skills Development Scotland

[https://
www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/](https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/)

The Scottish Government

<http://www.gov.scot/>

What is Community Planning?

According to the Scottish Government, "Community Planning is a process which helps public agencies to work together with the community to plan and deliver better services which make a real difference to people's lives.

The **aims** of Community Planning in Scotland are:

- making sure people and communities are genuinely engaged in the decisions made on public services which affect them; allied to
- a commitment from organisations to work together, not apart, in providing better public services.

There are two further key principles in addition to the two main aims outlined above:

- Community Planning as the key over-arching partnership framework helping to coordinate other initiatives and partnerships and where necessary acting to rationalise and simplify a cluttered landscape;
- the ability of Community Planning to improve the connection between national priorities and those at regional, local and neighbourhood levels.

Community Engagement

Effective engagement with communities is at the heart of Community Planning. There is no restriction on the type of community to be consulted, they can be linked to a place or can be a community of interest, for example young people. Information from engagement feeds in to the planning and delivery of public services, making them more responsive to the needs of users and communities. Partnerships should work together to coordinate community engagement activity and the information gathered. They can draw information on community views from a number of sources for example, the experience of service users, specific consultations, visioning exercises etc. Many Partnerships use the National Standards for Community Engagement to inform their work."