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.

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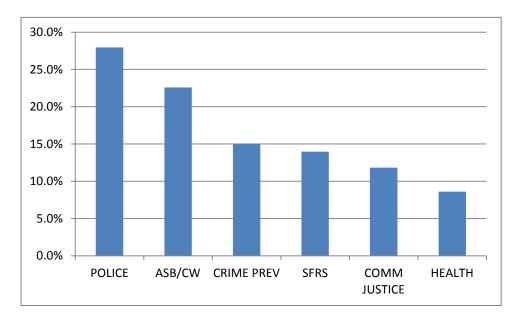
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CSP Report Reader Survey Results

| Content | Very Good /Good | Okay | Poor |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| ASB / CW Updates | 57.1% | 32.1% | 10.7% |
| Police | 64.3% | 28.6% | 7.1% |
| Crime Prevention | 53.6% | 35.7% | 10.7% |
| SFRS | 52.0% | 32.0% | 16.0% |
| Community Justice | 26.1% | 43.5% | 30.4% |
| Health | 23.8% | 38.1% | 38.1% |
| Overall | 74.1% | 18.5% | 7.4% |

Thanks to all those who responded to the survey. The majority of readers are pleased with the intention of the report and its content although clearly there is still some room for improvement in terms what the partners provide.

The table below gives an indication of preferences in terms of content we should concentrate on.



We also received a number of constructive comments which the various partners will now consider in respect of their content. Common themes were updates on what happens to offenders (Community Justice), up to date area crime trends rather than raw stats (Police), broader information on SFRS activities (SFRS) and if possible a bit more detail relating to individual CC's.

A further update will be provided in next month's CSP Report.

George Ogg – Crime Prevention Officer

Over the next few weeks Officers across Moray will be focusing efforts on tackling Road Safety around schools as the new term has begun.

The operation is being run as part of Operation Cedar (Challenge Educate Detect and Reduce) which aims to reduce casualties on roads across the North East and supports the longer-term vision of the North East Scotland Road Casualty Reduction Strategy.

Speeding and irresponsible parking in the vicinity of schools will be two areas that the officers will be focusing on. Additional patrols will also be carried out around school drop off and pick up times.

George said: "The start of the new school term can be an exciting and busy time for parents and pupils and we want to ensure that our communities are kept as safe as possible during this period.

"Many families will be getting into new routines and we urge people to allow a little extra time for their journeys. Make sure you know the route you will be taking and that you have a safe place to park.

"Irresponsibly driving around schools risks lives and will absolutely not be accepted. Our officers will be targeting those who engage in this and taking action.

"We will be focusing on education and prevention and where drivers are parking illegally and inconsiderately suitable advice will be given.

"Children going to and from school are not always highly visible so I am urging motorists to please take a little extra care. Drivers should pay particular attention when driving along popular school routes and outside schools.

"I would urge parents and relatives who drive children to school to always obey the local parking restrictions. Do not park on the yellow zig zag lines or near junctions, do not obstruct driveways, do not park on double yellow lines or single lines during restricted times and when arriving and/or leaving school always check around you for pedestrians. Some children may be smaller than your vehicle, especially for those who drive large 4x4s.

"Always drive carefully in and around schools and at a speed that is within the limits. You do not need to drive at the maximum speed permitted. Children can be excited and distracted, especially at home time and so drivers should always exercise caution near schools.

"Road safety is a top concern for many parents and Police Scotland is fully committed to reducing incidents on our roads. They are thankfully very few in number and reducing them to zero should be our collective goal.

"Operation Cedar is an ongoing initiative and patrols will be carried out throughout he school year."

Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour

Taking account of feedback, ASB complaint data has been broken down into CC area. To bring you up to date the first table shows the year from April and the second table only the month of August. If a CC is not mentioned then no complaints have been made in that month.

| Community Council Area (April to August) | Abandoned Vehicles | Dog Fouling | Environmental | Neighbours | Noise | Other | Rowdy Behaviour | Grand Total |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| Elgin | 51 | 15 | 12 | 55 | 47 | 17 | 10 | 207 |
| Buckie & District | 6 | 4 | 6 | 26 | 18 | 16 | 10 | 86 |
| Forres | 15 | 4 | 2 | 26 | 22 | 1 | 7 | 77 |
| Lossiemouth | 19 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 50 |
| Innes | 7 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 35 |
| Keith | 3 | 10 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 32 |
| Lennox | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 2 | | 22 |
| Speyside | 7 | 1 | | 6 | 4 | | 1 | 19 |
| Burghead & Cummingston | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 15 |
| Dufftown & District | 4 | 2 | | 4 | 1 | | | 11 |
| Findochty | 8 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 11 |
| Heldon & Laich | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | 10 |
| Strathisla | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 9 |
| Portknockie | 2 | 1 | | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Findhorn & Kinloss | | 1 | 3 | | 2 | 1 | | 7 |
| Cullen & Deskford | | 1 | | 1 | | | 2 | 4 |
| Finderne | | | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Glenlivet | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 2 |
| Hopeman & Covesea | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Dyke | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Grand Total | 133 | 58 | 38 | 160 | 126 | 50 | 45 | 610 |

Environmental includes Fly Tipping, Grafitti and Littering

| Community Council Area (August) | Abandoned Vehicles | Dog Fouling | Environmental | Neighbours | Noise | Other | Rowdy Behaviour | Grand Total |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| Elgin | 4 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 37 |
| Buckie & District | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 4 | | 2 | 17 |
| Lossiemouth | 7 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 |
| Forres | | 1 | | 7 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 14 |
| Keith | 2 | 2 | | 1 | | | 1 | 6 |
| Findochty | 5 | | | | 1 | | | 6 |
| Lennox | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 6 |
| Innes | | | | 1 | 2 | | | 3 |
| Dufftown & District | 2 | | | | | | | 2 |
| Burghead & Cummingston | 1 | | 1 | | | | | 2 |
| Speyside | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Portknockie | 1 | | | | 1 | | | 2 |
| Strathisla | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hopeman & Covesea | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Grand Total | 26 | 8 | 6 | 37 | 23 | 6 | 8 | 114 |

Elgin – All Wardens

Now that the schools have gone back, CW Haytack has been engaging with Elgin High School to follow up on work started prior to the summer break relating to litter at lunchtimes in the surrounding streets. This is a common problem around all our schools. Some headway was made at the end of last term and some early education to the new batch of students will help maintain that.

CW Jamieson has dealt with two noise complaints that both related to barking dogs being left home alone throughout the day. Advice was given to both owners who were unaware that there dogs were causing a nuisance.

CW Jamieson also installed some signage at a play area in Burnside Place to discourage sea gull feeding.

Dog fouling locations in August were Thornhill Road and Duff Place.

Neighbours and noise complaints account for most of our activity in Elgin, indeed the whole Moray during the month.

Forres & Upper Speyside - CW Dave Haytack

I attended the inaugural youth engagement event at the Costa Coffee at Tesco, Forres. This was a worthwhile time spent speaking with the youths, appreciating their points of view and looking to get them involved in solutions. This is an exercise that we will look to repeat in the near future.

The Dyke Primary School summer fete was another opportunity for me to meet and engage with members of that community.

A slightly unusual complaints this past month involved bagpipes. A stirring sound, but clearly not everyone's cup of tea. Fortunately, some reasonable discussion between neighbours has mediated out a solution that will allow practise to continue.

The only dog fouling complaint relates to a shared garden in Forres and I am liaising with the relevant neighbours to put a stop to this.

Lossiemouth Area – CW Tim Betts

Throughout the month of August my Police Scotland colleagues and I have been undertaking regular patrols of the local schools as part of the School Watch initiative in a bid to prevent vandalism over the holidays. I am pleased to say the school buildings in Burghead, Hopeman, Lhanbryde and Lossiemouth have enjoyed their time off too!

Dog fouling continues to be an issue throughout the area and I would ask people to get in touch to report hot spot areas or incidents they witness. I will gladly investigate and take enforcement action when I can. I continue to conduct regular patrols to detect and deter dog fouling and littering offences throughout the area.

Lossiemouth has sadly been blighted by some serious fly tipping recently, part of a rising trend of incidents being reported to the council. Lines of enquiry are currently being pursued and I would ask anyone who witnesses fly tipping incidents to get in touch. Information such as vehicle registrations can be invaluable when it comes to identifying and dealing with those responsible. A number of abandoned vehicles have also been reported which are currently being dealt with.

I have received complaints of young people causing disruption in Hopeman during the evenings by banging doors and windows and throwing items into gardens. I have been conducting regular patrols in the evenings to engage with any groups of young people and would ask people to get in touch if they are experiencing similar issues.

The Community Safety team have received a number of reports regarding to items being left on land near the harbour in Burghead which has received some publicity and the source of which is known. This is currently being investigated by colleagues in Planning and we will continue to monitor the site. I have received further complaints of dog fouling in Burghead and have spoken to and provided robust advice to a few people in response. Complaints of young people causing disruption and damage to community space have also been received. I would strongly encourage people to report these incidents to Police Scotland via 101 at the time they occur.

Seagull feeding has been reported in Lhanbryde and I have delivered leaflets to residents in problem areas. We continue to ask people not to feed seagulls as the noise, mess and swooping behaviour can be distressing and cause friction between neighbours.

Buckie Area - CW Chris Haywood

The Alba Road area residents meeting went ahead as planned at Buckpool Golf Club with representatives from Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and other colleagues from Moray Council.

There was an excellent turn out from the residents with many issues being discussed along with a lot of positive ideas on how to solve them. Although many of the problems on the estate won't be solved overnight we have made a promising start.

The Buckie Skate Park has received a lot of my attention this month and having proved to myself I am not 16 anymore and bruise very easily, I have been engaging with many of the kids and adults that use the park and discussed issues ranging from litter to drugs.

Keith / Fochabers Area – CW Donna Jamieson

Several dog fouling complaints have been received this month from Keith, Fochabers and Marnoch areas. A male on Drum Road, Keith was seen to allow his dog to foul and blatantly walk away ignoring a challenge from a member of the public. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the male and issue a FPN.

In Marnoch despite warning letters being delivered to all residents in the area the dog fouling continues. The next stage is to install CCTV in the near future to identify the offenders.

I attended the Keith Show and assisted Police with joint patrols in and around the showground area. Several lost children were reunited with parents and quite a bit of lost property was returned to anxious owners. The sun shone for once and the show was in the words of the Committee "a grand day out".

I received an email from the Eco group of Mortlach Primary School who are concerned at the amount of litter and dog fouling in the area which is spoiling their outdoor learning sessions. I will be meeting with the group to discuss the problems and see how we can work together to improve the areas.

A complaint regarding feeding seagulls received and dealt with one at a residential address in Fochabers where the alleged offender was advised appropriately.

The School Watch patrols to prevent and discourage vandalism drew to a conclusion with little or no damage to the schools in the Keith, Fochabers and Dufftown areas. I am however seeking information as to who is responsible for smashing bottles in the playground area of Mortlach Primary School.



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Forres, Speyside and Glenlivet Area Policing Team

Traditional summer events continued to consume police resources. During August, our officers attended the Aberlour Highland Games.

Levels and types of crime that we have dealt with during the month have been typical for our area, with one notable exception in Forres at the end of the month, when we had to deal with a man in crisis within his house. Neighbours had to be evacuated from their properties, and the multi agency response involved utilities providers, who had to disconnect the gas supply. Unfortunately this also affected neighbouring properties. Grampian Fire and rescue Service, Scottish Ambulance Service, and The Moray Council, all contributed to the response on the night. The police deployed specialist officers including hostage and crisis negotiators, public order trained officers, and an armed response vehicle. Although the incident caused disruption in the community, and property was damaged, including a police vehicle, the incident was resolved without any harm being caused to any person.

We have continued to mount patrols aimed at improving road safety, and reducing road crime. We are assisted in this by roads policing colleagues who are based in Elgin. The focus of these efforts tends to be on the main roads in the area - the A96, A941, A95 and A940, although we try to give some attention to our towns and villages as well, particularly where speeding is an issue for the community. As a result, this month we have dealt with people for a variety of crimes including carrying passengers in a dangerous manner, drink driving, driving without a licence, no MOT, vehicle excise offences, dangerous driving, and tachograph offences. We will continue to mount small scale local roads policing operations when we can.

We have recorded a number of instances of vandalism during the month. There does not appear to be any pattern to these acts; they are often random and motiveless and, consequently, can be difficult to detect. In a number of cases, however, damage to property has occurred following disturbances or in circumstances where the perpetrator is known to the victim. Of note during August was damage caused to 2 cars in Kintail Grove, Forres, and graffiti at Dyke Primary School.

We have investigated several types of acquisitive crime during August. Shoplifting of alcohol continues to feature; there was a break-in to an empty barn in the Dunphail area; and, notably, a series of thefts by opening lockfast place, in the Kinloss area. Two men were arrested for that series of crimes.

We have been using all lawful means to deter and disrupt drug use in our area. Officers have used stop and search powers when it was appropriate to do so and, as a result, we continue to catch people in possession of small amounts of drugs. During August this was generally small amounts of cannabis. Information from the community powers our activity in this area, and I would like to thank people for the information that has been provided, and encourage them to keep it coming.

We have recorded and investigated a small number of assaults across the area, where no serious injury was suffered by the victims. Almost all of these have been detected. In the upper Speyside area, these have mostly been in the Dufftown area. Fortunately assaults resulting in serious injury are uncommon, but during August there were 2 such assaults in Forres. Four men (2 for each incident), were arrested and put to court.

Elgin & Lossiemouth Area Policing Teams

Both these areas have drugs and speeding/anti-social driving as priorities for the beat areas and during August both have been targeted by local community policing teams with assistance from other specialist areas in the Force including Roads Policing and the dog section.

PC Brendan Merchant and his Police dog Buster assisted the local Elgin Officers with a drugs detect and deter operation on Saturday 26 August.

We conducted 6 stop searches, only one of which was positive. An 18 year old male was charged in relation to possession of Cannabis. Also on foot patrol, a 24 year old male was arrested for acting in a threatening and disorderly manner.

Although only one search resulted in a positive search, several of the others had admitted to either smoking Cannabis or being in the company of someone who was earlier that night. There was a huge positive reaction from the many revellers around Elgin on Saturday, happy to see their local officers out being proactive and interacting with the public.

Throughout the summer local officers have participated in Operation CEDAR which is a divisional initiative designed to tackle the problem of speeding and anti-social driving. One particular operation was very successful. As luck would have it on the night in question there was an organised cruise in Elgin down at the usual Retail Park near to Asda with around 250 cars attending. Between Roads Policing Teams and Community Policing team they detected the following number of offences

- 9 x Noisy Exhaust offences
- 1 x Illegal Window Tint (38.7% of light instead of 70% legal limit)
- 2 x Bald Tyre Offences (devoid of tread)
- 1 x Unauthorised Lights Fitted (pink bulbs as side lights)
- 1 x Obscured Lamps (film placed over lighting unit)
- 2 x Illegal font on number plates
- 1 x Defective handbrake
- 1 x Obscured Vision to the front (sun strip)
- 1 x Prohibition issued for defective brakes (no handbrake)

A range of disposal method were used to deal with these crimes, included issuing fixed penalty tickets and reporting more serious offences to the procurator fiscal.

Similar operations in Lossiemouth and Fochabers beat areas are planned for September.

The Police in Lossiemouth are carrying out enquiries into two incidents of theft that occurred sometime between 11 and 15 August. A number of tools were stolen from a locked shed at a property on the Innes Estate. Around the same time a quantity of diesel and tools were stolen from plant machinery and locked containers at Lossiemouth Quarry.

We would also like to remind members of the public to keep their dogs under control following an incident that occurred during the evening of 14 August on Commerce Street, Lossiemouth. A local jogger was attacked and bitten by a dog whilst it was on a lead. Enquiries are ongoing into this unpleasant incident.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

LIFE SAVING CPR SKILLS

Whole-time and Retained crews from across Moray have been involved within their local communities providing CPR Life Saving Skills.

These sessions have taken place within Work places, community groups, Flu Clinics and Local Community Fire Stations including Elgin, Forres, Lossiemouth, Cullen, Buckie and Aberlour.

The Firefighters have passed on these skills to approximately 300 people in the local area and would like to offer this opportunity to anyone interested in learning this important skill.

If you would like to book a session or require further information please contact your local *Community Fire Station* or contact the following;

<u>n.abmpreventionandprotection@firescotland.gov.uk</u> Telephone 01779471645

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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

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Website: <u>www.scotland.police.uk</u>

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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