



# 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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As many will be aware, Chief Inspector Maggie Miller has taken over as the Local Area Commander for Moray. Ch Insp Miller previously served in Highlands and Islands Division where she has built up a wealth of experience in a number of Operational and CID roles.

The new Policing Plan for Moray has been launched and about which Chief Superintendent Thomson said "I am very pleased to be launching our new policing plan for Moray following approval by the board. It highlights where our local officers will build on the strong performance from previous years, tackling the local issues that our communities tell us matter to them.

"The Local Policing Plan can only be delivered through working hand-in-hand with our partners and the continued support of the communities we operate within. By working together we can continue to make a real difference."

Chief Inspector Miller will be attending the November JCC Meeting and can answer any queries.

## George Ogg – Crime Prevention Officer

Having their home broken into is something that many people understandably fear. However, it is not a common occurrence. By applying the following advice, you can improve the security of your home and discourage criminals from breaking in.

- Don't leave keys on the inside of door locks, under mats or anywhere else an intruder might easily find them.
  - Always ensure that your keys are well out of sight/reach of letterboxes and windows.
  - Don't label your keys - if you need to identify keys, consider using a colour code theme.
  - Don't keep house keys on the same key ring.
  - Avoid keeping large amounts of cash in the house.
  - Don't have your wall calendar near a window where appointments can potentially be seen.
  - If you are going away for a few days, use timer switches to turn lights on when it gets dark.
  - External lighting can help deter intruders.
  - Lock away tools and ladders as they could be used to access your home.
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Within Moray the community policing teams are supported by a dedicated Crime Reduction Officer who assists them in their work to promote crime reduction and progress prevention opportunities which we see as key to reducing crime and antisocial behaviour in your area.

Whilst crime reduction advice is regularly provided to individuals who raise a specific query, an exciting new innovation called **Neighbourhood Alert** now affords Police Scotland the opportunity to send e-mail messages relating to local crime trends and containing crime prevention advice quickly and effectively to a wide audience, but which can be targeted to particular streets or communities if required.

Any individual can sign-up to receive these e-mail messages, either for themselves or their community group, and the sign-up process allows the recipient to specify the type of information that they are interested in and from what source. Neighbourhood Watch Scotland, who coordinate this resource, work with a range of partners in the public sector to provide information not only on crime but also on matters of community safety and resilience.

These messages are intended to inform the public and to keep them abreast of information which will assist them in keeping themselves, their families and their properties safe. For this reason, we will only send out messages if we feel it is important that the public receive the information and are then able to use it effectively in their daily lives.

Please take the opportunity to sign-up for **Neighbourhood Alert** e-mail messages and encourage your family, friends and neighbours to do the same. Whilst the number of subscribers is constantly growing, the more people who sign-up to receive these alerts, which we always try to send timeously, the more effective these messages will become as they allow communities to become better informed and make better decisions.

There is no requirement to join or set up a Neighbourhood Watch, simply follow the link below to the registration instructions. By signing up you control your personal information, contact details and also decide what information providers who want to receive Alerts from.

<https://member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/91/Join>



## Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour

Community Council Area (September)	Abandoned Vehicles	Dog Fouling	Environmental	Neighbours	Noise	Rowdy Behaviour	Grand Total
Elgin	9	8	2	11	16	2	48
Buckie & District	5			2	3		10
Speyside	4	2			4		10
Forres	1			1	6	1	9
Innes	2	1				2	5
Lennox			1	1	2		4
Lossiemouth	1			1	1		3
Dufftown & District		1		2			3
Burghead & Cummington	1	1			1		3
Keith	1			2			3
Strathisla	1	1					2
Hopeman & Covesea	1	1					2
Cullen & Deskford		1					1
Findochty		1					1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>104</b>

\*Environmental includes Littering, Fly Tipping and Graffiti.

\*\*Any Community Council not shown above has a nil return for the month

### Elgin – All Wardens

A supermarket trolley was left a long way from home in the Bain Avenue area and in Hill Street, whilst maybe well intentioned, food left out for stray animals caused some concern around attracting vermin into the area. Both of these incidents appear to have been isolated and have not recurred.

Dog fouling was reported in Duff Place, Kingsmills, South College Street, Teindland Place, Sandstone Place, Moycroft and Morriston Road areas. Posters have been placed in the affected areas.

Neighbour and noise nuisance have featured prominently and 5 Council tenants have received warnings regarding their inconsiderate behaviour.

Abandoned vehicles continue to pop up and whilst early success has been had in getting 4 of them moved, 5 remain insitu as we continue to track down owners. Once the respective statutory periods have run out, they will be uplifted and scrapped.

CW Betts delivered an input to the Bishopmill BALL group around the role of the Community Warden and gave advice on a variety of issues including crime reduction, antisocial behaviour as well as home, fire and online safety.

CW Haytack continued work at Elgin High School to deal with lunchtime litter.

## **Forres & Upper Speyside – CW Dave Haytack**

5 Abandoned vehicles were reported this month with 4 of them being in Rothes. In all cases enquiries are ongoing to trace last owners.

Dog fouling occurred in Aberlour Gardens, Aberlour and Green Street, Rothes. These incidents are being investigated.

2 Council tenants received warnings for antisocial behaviour

CW Haytack was on hand to engage with members of the community who attended the Dyke Primary School Summer Fayre and in conjunction with Elgin Rotary Club, assisted Knockando Primary children do a litter pick in their area as part of the Rota Kids initiative promoting social responsibility. Five refuse sacks of rubbish were collected including old bottles and sweetie wrappers. The Children who took part were shocked that such a relatively small space could contain so much rubbish, also shocked by where the rubbish collects.

## **Lossiemouth Area – CW Tim Betts**

As summer gives way to autumn and the nights start to draw in, sadly dog fouling can become more of a blight. To prevent this, people should get in touch to report hot spot areas or incidents they witness which will be investigated and enforcement action taken whenever possible. Regular patrols to detect and deter dog fouling and littering offences have taken place throughout the area. During September complaints were received relating to Golf Crescent, Hopeman and Backshore, Burghead. In the latter case a dog owner received a warning.

Sadly, further complaints have been received relating to groups of young people in Hoepman banging on doors and windows. This can be especially distressing to elderly residents and CW Betts will conduct evening patrols in this area.

In Lhanbryde concerns have been raised about ball games being played in the grassed area between Drumbeg Crescent and Woodview Crescent with residents' fences and gardens being damaged. There also safety concerns raised concerning children climbing over garden fences to retrieve footballs. This is a designated play area and letters have been delivered to raise awareness of the issue and to encourage responsibility and courtesy.

A large quantity of fly tipped tyres and a number of abandoned vehicles have been removed from the Coulardhill area of Lossiemouth over the previous month. We are continuing to monitor this.

5 abandoned vehicles have also been reported in Lhanbryde, Lossie, Hopeman and Burghead. If I cannot trace owners to move them they will be uplifted for scrap.

## **Buckie Area – CW Chris Haywood**

CW Haywood attended a wellbeing and information day at the phoenix centre in Buckie. The Phoenix Centre provides mental health support for those experiencing and/or in recovery from mental ill health. This includes support to adjust to life changes, develop confidence, learn new skills and meet new people. Staff provide practical advice and guidance signposting to other group activities and information sessions. For more information contact [Phoenix.centre@moray.gov.uk](mailto:Phoenix.centre@moray.gov.uk)



CW Haywood has been spending time at the Buckie Skate Park in September. As well as dealing with issues of an antisocial nature has tried to address the problem of excess litter left behind by a minority of irresponsible users. With the help of the Buckie Baptist Church and its members and some very helpful young people, 8 bags of rubbish were removed from the park and surrounding area.

5 vehicles have been abandoned around Buckie. One has been moved and the others are being chased up. Dog fouling has been reported in Cullen's Seatown and on the railway line between Sloch and Finechty.

## **Keith / Fochabers Area – CW Donna Jamieson**

Dog fouling complaints were received relating to Newmill, Kingston and Keith.

The incident on Drum Road, Keith resulted in a male dog owner receiving a warning. CW Jamieson would like to thank members of the Keith community for assisting with this. New signage was installed along Main Street, Newmill and Parkmore Cottages, Dufftown.

CW Jamieson provided an input on the effects of littering and dog fouling has to the environment to the Eco group of Mortlach Primary. Together, they have come up with some inventive ideas on how to tackle the issues and improve the quality of outdoor learning areas so that everyone can enjoy them.

A report of an abandoned vehicle in Dufftown is being investigated. Information was also received regarding vehicles in the Mulben area which were not abandoned but being used whilst not road legal. This has been shared with the Police.

The Schoolwatch patrols to prevent & discourage vandalism will begin in earnest again as the October holidays approach with the ongoing building works at Milnes proving to be an attraction for young people out of school hours.

## **Forres, Speyside and Glenlivet Area Policing Team**

The stand-out crimes during September occurred mostly in the rural parts of our beat, especially between Dufftown and Kellas. There have been a number of high value thefts, where vehicles, sheds, or other storage, has been broken into and items stolen. In general these have been power tools, and the total value of the items taken runs to thousands of pounds. The loss of the tools is bad enough, but it is made worse in monetary terms when one considers the detriment that the theft of the tools causes the owners, who need them in the course of their businesses.

A quad bike was stolen from a rural location in the Dufftown area, and removed from the scene on a trailer stolen from the same location, so it is clear that in committing some of these thefts, the criminals would have had to use large vans or something similar in order to remove the stolen property. All of the thefts occurred during the hours of darkness. So, I would appeal to those members of our community living in rural areas to be aware of this recent trend, and to take extra precautions to protect their property. Also, if people see vans, or other large vehicles, near to rural properties in suspicious circumstances, they should contact us without delay, and try to get as much descriptive detail as possible.

As a result of these criminal acts, we have instated crime patrols in the rural parts of our beat, especially during the hours of darkness.

We have also experienced an attempt at a crime type of which there have been a number in the Grampian area of late. On this occasion, a commercial property in Tomintoul was targeted. We would like to highlight the method to retailers and other business people in order to raise awareness and reduce the risk of their becoming victims. The criminal approaches staff working at a till and produces a large sum of money in notes of 1 denomination. He then asks the intended victim to change the notes into a different denomination. That having been done, he changes his mind and asks for it to be changed back, and so on, the idea being to distract and confuse the victim. During the back and forth of cash, the criminal manages to steal a sum of money from the victim. This can be hundreds of pounds, and usually isn't noticed by the victim until after the criminal has left the scene. The perpetrators are usually male and are described as having a Mediterranean appearance. Fortunately, the staff at the Tomintoul premises were alert to what was happening and lost no money. If people think that an attempt is being made to perpetrate this crime on them, they should contact us immediately. This is an organised criminal activity, carried out by travelling criminals who operate all over the country, so the quicker we are able to respond, the better our chances of catching them.

## **Elgin & Lossiemouth Area Policing Teams**

Local officers in Elgin have been working closely with staff at New Elgin Primary School this month. This is in response to concerns raised for the safety of children walking to the school due to the selfish and inconsiderate parking by parents who can't be bothered to park responsibly when dropping off their children. Working with staff the police have carried out high visibility patrols during relevant times, primarily to educate offenders but latterly to issue fixed penalty tickets to those who flout the law. In the coming week's staff and the school will be taking on this role and will be noting details of those who choose to put the lives of other children at risk by ignoring the parking restriction in place to protect them.

Keeping with the education theme, Police at Elgin were alerted to reports of drug dealing being conducted near to Elgin Academy. Acting on information, they detained an adult male, executed a drug search warrant at his home address and reported him to the procurator fiscal on charges of being concerned in the supply of cannabis.

The Police in Elgin respond with a zero tolerance approach when it comes to anti-social behaviour when it's reported to them. In recent month there have been a number of youth nuisance calls received particularly on a Friday night and generally in the vicinity of Elgin Youth Café. Working with the volunteers working there and conducting high visibility patrols has seen a dramatic decrease in the number of calls we are receiving. Where offenders have been identified they have been cautioned and charged and reported to youth justice.

Residents of Garmouth have been experiencing unacceptable instances of speeding or anti-social driving through the village and particularly through the 20 speed limit. This is an issue that the local police are aware of as it has been raised at Community Council Meeting previously. This area will be included in Octobers Operation CEDAR which is a divisional initiative designed to tackle the problem of speeding and anti-social driving. The event run by local policing teams from Lossiemouth and Fochabers is scheduled for early October and will aim to tackle the issue of road safety throughout the local beat areas.

A night out in Lossiemouth ended badly for a group of friends who attempted to enter the Steamboat pub whilst drunk. A 32 year old female was unable to accept the refusal and carried out an unprovoked attack on the door steward to his serious injury. She was arrested at the scene, charged with the offence and reported to the procurator fiscal.

The police in Lossiemouth are investigating a break in to the office at the Silversands Caravan Park that occurred during the early hours of 10 September 2017. A door was jemmied open and a quantity of cash stolen. Anyone who has any information about this crime or any other is asked to contact the police.

## **Buckie & Keith Area Policing Teams**

Following intelligence being received, a drug search warrant was executed at an address on Scott Terrace, Buckie, during which cocaine was recovered with an estimated value of fifty thousand pounds. A 36 year old man has subsequently been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Another man was stopped and searched on Paul Street, Buckie, and found in possession of Valium, Pregablin and Methadone. Two further males were stopped and searched in the Buckie area and found in possession of small quantities of Cannabis resin.

A Buckie man was charged with possession of an unregistered air rifle in an unrelated incident at another address in Buckie.

Two people in the Keith area have been dealt with for possession of cannabis resin after being stopped and searched by local officers.

The biggest event in the Buckie / Keith area during September was the Buckie Thistle versus Dunfermline football match in the 'Irn-Bru Cup'. This passed without any incident with both sets of fans being well-behaved. Unfortunately, vandalism was reported later on in the month at Buckie Thistle where a changing room door was spray painted with orange paint. Two assaults occurred in Keith with a man being reported for one and a positive line of enquiry being followed in the other. In Buckie, a man was assaulted in Cluny Square by a male who will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

A man who caused a number of disturbances and smashed a house window in Keith was traced by officers, kept in custody to appear at court, and subsequently remanded in custody.

Probably the most alarming incident was vandalism to a headstone which was deliberately smashed at Broomhill Cemetery in Keith. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the offender and appropriate support has been given to those affected.

Three other vandalisms have occurred whereby a car in Buckie had a window smashed, a car in Keith had some tyres slashed, and a window at Keith Grammar School was smashed. Enquiries are ongoing regarding all of these.

A report was also received of two hay bales being set on fire by a group of youths at Mains of Auchoynergie, Keith.

A man and a woman were reported for stealing items from an insecure house in Buckie. Three other thefts occurred in the Buckie area involving theft of a bike, a mobile telephone, and an iPod.

In Keith, report was received of the theft of three white quail birds from an address in Land Street and enquiries are ongoing.

On 22 September 2017, ninety Suffolk cross lambs with an estimated value of £7000 were reported stolen from Balnamoon Farm, Crossroads, Keith. This appears to have been a well-planned theft which would have required using dogs and transportation. Enquiries are ongoing.

During the past month two vehicles failed to stop after being involved in minor road collisions (one in Buckie and one in Keith). A man from Buckie was reported for driving with a revoked licence and two others were dealt with for careless driving.

Roads Policing officers and officers from the local Keith and Buckie community policing teams are continuing to tackle issues around anti-social driving and speeding in the local area by conducting dedicated patrols and checks.

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## **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;

[n.abmpreventionandprotection@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:n.abmpreventionandprotection@firescotland.gov.uk)

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 0915-1445	MONDAY TO THURSDAY 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: [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)  
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](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_103264.html)