



# 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.

### Telephone Fraud

There have been incidents reported of telephone fraudsters calling and pretending to be a BT engineer. These fraudsters will induce you to allow access to your computer and on-line banking. Sadly, frauds like this are not uncommon, and we would remind people not to divulge security or personal information to people they don't know, no matter how insistent or persuasive they are. If you have any doubts at all, please call the police on 101 before you do anything.

**\*\*KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION SECURE\*\***

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## Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour

Community Council Area	Abandoned Vehicle	Dog Fouling	Environmental	Neighbours	Noise	Other	Rowdy Behaviour	Grand Total
Elgin	19	8	2	11	11	2	2	55
Forres	4	7	3	5	4	1	1	25
Lossiemouth	4	4		4	1			13
Buckie & District	1	2		6	1	2	1	13
Keith	4			1	3		2	10
Innes	2	1	1			1	1	6
Lennox	1	1		3				5
Findochty	2	2						4
Glenlivet		2						2
Dufftown & District	1						1	2
Burghead & Cummington			1	1				2
Hopeman & Covesea		1				1		2
Speyside	1			1				2
Portknockie		1				1		2
Findhorn & Kinloss	1							1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>144</b>

\*Environmental includes Littering, Fly Tipping and Graffiti.

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

## Community Warden Activity

Unsurprisingly our workload increased considerably into January as the relaxed tolerances of the festive period fade into memory and normal routines return.

Neighbour disputes and noise complaints show little signs of abating and have been the predominant complaint over the course of the month.

Abandoned vehicles continue to occupy our time and blight the streets in which they are left. Many reports we receive relate to vehicles that are not actually abandoned, but are being used without the requirements of road tax or MOT. In these cases we refer the vehicles to partners in Police Scotland for enforcement action. It may interest you to know that a Police Officer is based within the Community Safety Team.

Instances of dog fouling have increased considerably in January. Innes CC forwarded this sign for our consideration and you may see a version appearing in our hotspot areas soon! There would, of course, be no need if irresponsible dog owners picked up behind them. You can help by naming and shaming them to us and a fixed penalty may be used as incentive to pick up on future walks. Our current posters have been placed at appropriate locations below and Wardens have given attention in these areas



<b>Dog Fouling Locations</b>	
<b>Costal Path</b>	Buckie
<b>Millbank Primary School</b>	Buckie
<b>Spynie Street</b>	Elgin
<b>Inchbroom Walk</b>	Elgin
<b>Barlink Road</b>	Elgin
<b>Springfield Gardens</b>	Elgin
<b>Calcots Crescent</b>	Elgin
<b>West Covesea Road</b>	Elgin
<b>Duffus Heights</b>	Elgin
<b>Hamilton Gardens</b>	Elgin
<b>Duke Street</b>	Findochty
<b>Steps From Commercial Street</b>	Findochty
<b>Thornhill Road</b>	Forres
<b>Caroline Street</b>	Forres
<b>Argentier Road</b>	Forres
<b>Between Drumduan Park And Forbeshill</b>	Forres
<b>Old Bridge Court</b>	Forres
<b>Fulton Road</b>	Forres
<b>Gordon Street</b>	Hopeman
<b>Garmouth Road</b>	Lhanbryde
<b>Station Park</b>	Lossiemouth
<b>Woodland Walk Along The Railway Line</b>	Lossiemouth
<b>James Street</b>	Lossiemouth
<b>Quarry Road</b>	Lossiemouth
<b>Portgordon</b>	Portgordon
<b>Reidhaven Street</b>	Portknockie
<b>Grassed Areas</b>	Tomnavoulin

On the subject of dogs, during one of our calls, a care issue was identified with one dog resulting in the SSPCA removing the animal from the owner. This was a last resort done in the interests of the welfare of the animal.

The brief encounter we had with snow led to a number of complaints of snow balls being thrown at houses and windows across Moray, largely with little or no damage, but nevertheless unsettling for those inside.

Offensive graffiti sprayed on houses off the Nairn Road, Forres was quickly cleaned off by our colleagues in DLO and Police in Forres are investigating this mindless act.

The dumping of litter near Lhanbryde Primary School, in Burghead and in Forres is being investigated as is fly tipping near Elgin golf course.

Even this early in the year three seagull complaints were received.

Wardens have also provided inputs to Bishopmill and Cluny Primary Schools during the month on matters of social responsibility.

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

On 1 January, officers patrolling in the area of Grantown Road, Forres, observed a 17 year old local man drinking alcohol in public, in contravention of Moray Council by laws. On speaking to the man, it became clear that alcohol was not the only substance he was taking. He was searched and found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis.

During the early hours of 1 January, a 20 year old local man, celebrating the New Year on Forres High Street, was approached by a 19 year old local man who shouted "happy New Year" and then punched the 20 year old on the face. Fortunately, the victim of this unprovoked assault did not suffer any serious injury. The 19 year old was arrested and charged.

On 9 January a 47 year old local man who was wanted by Police was found in the High Street area of Forres. He was taken into custody and during the course of a routine search, was found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis.

On 14 January an insecure house in Land Street, Rothes was entered by a person, or persons, unknown, and a handbag and its contents were stolen. This is known as a sneak-in theft. It is worth making sure that the opportunity for thieves to enter property and steal is minimised, by keeping ground floor windows closed and doors locked - even if you are in the property. On this occasion, the occupier was at home but had left the back door unlocked.

Also on 14 January, a 5 year old stallion was stolen from a stable in the Knockando area. The thieves would have had to use a horsebox, or similar, and a vehicle capable of towing it. On the same date, at another farm property not far away, an Oxdale E400 log splitter and a Polaris 204 quad bike were stolen. It seems likely that the 2 thefts are connected. We would be grateful if people living in rural areas that see vehicles with or without trailers in circumstances that appear suspicious, call us so that we can check them out.

On 15 January, we were made aware that the Chapelton Farm Wetland and Wildlife Hide in Forres had been completely destroyed by fire. We have been following positive lines of inquiry, have identified those responsible and are in the process of charging and reporting them.

On 23 January, officers on patrol on Bogton Road, Forres saw a 40 year old local man driving a vehicle which had front end damage. They stopped the man and discovered that he was driving whilst drunk, and had no valid insurance policy. He was arrested and charged.

On 24 January, in Kinloss, a 30 year old local woman attended at the address of a 26 year old woman, where she argued with her before assaulting her. The victim did not sustain any serious injury. The assailant was subsequently arrested and charged.

On 25 January, a 69 year old Kinloss resident was telephoned by a fraudster pretending to be a BT engineer. The fraudster induced her to allow him access to her computer and her on-line banking. She later discovered that £900 had been removed from her account. Sadly, frauds like this are not uncommon, and we would remind people not to divulge security or personal information to people they don't know, no matter how insistent or persuasive they are. If you have any doubts at all, please call us before you do anything.

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

Between the 15-17 January 2018 officers from Elgin Community Policing Team assisted by their colleagues from the Roads Policing Department carried out a Road Safety operation focusing on driver behaviour around the primary schools in Elgin. Specifically they targeted St Sylvester's, East End, Linkwood, and Bishopmill Primary School in response to complaints about issues of parking and poor driving.

As a result of this 3 day operation 45 drivers were educated regarding their driving and 8 parking tickets were issued.

As part of a National ongoing operation to highlight speeding issues around schools we will be looking to implement a practice currently carried out in Aberdeen where selected school pupils will assist officers to carry out speed checks at their own schools. This will purely be for the purposes of educating drivers and is designed to bring a slightly different perspective to the driver. It is an interesting concept and one which we look forward to trying.

Officers from Elgin are investigating a wilful fire raising that occurred in the early hours of 10 January 2018. Circumstances suggest that a tractor was set alight at industrial premises at Chanory Industrial estate, Elgin. The fire spread and another two vehicles caught fire. Investigations are ongoing assisted by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Officers from the Lossiemouth Community Policing team were happy to assist in the smooth running of this year unique burning of the Clavie at Burghead. The large crowd that attended the event were well behaved and there were no issues for the Police to deal with. We look forward to the rest of the events planned for this year being as successfully organised and run as this one.

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

### **Serious and organised Crime**

Two drugs search warrants have been executed in the Buckie area resulting in quantities of herbal cannabis and cannabis resin being recovered. As a result of separate stop / searches, four males were found in possession of personal quantities of cocaine and cannabis and are also to be reported to the Procurator Fiscal. In Keith, a 34 year old man appeared at court from custody following reports of him being in possession of a knife and being threatening towards others on 1 January.

### **Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder**

There have been three incidents of domestic assault reported in the Buckie area with two males having appeared before the court (enquiry is ongoing regarding the third assault).

Three assaults have been reported at various licensed premises in Buckie with all three accused having been traced and charged. Two incidents of disorderly behaviour in the town centre were dealt with and those responsible issued with fixed penalty notices. A serious assault occurred on High Street, Buckie, and a 45 year old male has been reported to the court regarding same.

The door of a house on Samson Avenue was vandalised on 1 January and enquiries are ongoing.

A 60 year old man from the Buckie area has been dealt with for firearms licensing offences.

A 64 year old man from the Portgordon area has been reported for threatening behaviour following a neighbour dispute.

Enquiry is ongoing into two separate racial breaches of the peace, the first being an abusive phone call to a resident in Cullen and the second having occurred in Douglas Crescent, Buckie.

Four vandalisms have been reported in the Keith area - the wing mirror of a car on Regent Street was damaged; a stone was thrown at a moving vehicle at Westerton Road; and a garden wall was damaged and a window smashed at separate addresses and on different dates at Mid Street.

Four breaches of the peace / threatening behaviour have been reported in Keith with three being detected and enquiry ongoing into the fourth.

### **Acquisitive Crime**

Overnight on 7 - 8 January, clothes were stolen from a washing line in Brodie Avenue, Buckie. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 23 January, approximately 15 metres of cable was stolen from a storage yard at Westerton Road, Keith. The cable is worth approximately £1000. CCTV and other enquiries are being pursued.

### **Road Safety**

A 24 year old male was stopped by officers on St. Peters Road Buckie and dealt with for having no insurance. His vehicle was seized.

A lorry driver has been reported for carrying a dangerous load and other road traffic offences on the A98.

Enquiries are ongoing into a hit and run after a vehicle damaged the wall of a house on St. Peter's Terrace on 12 January.

Five further cases of road traffic offences were reported in the Buckie area with a number of people being reported to the Procurator Fiscal. One incident involved a young male driver being dealt with for spinning his tyres (Careless Driving) in the town centre.

Following Police enquiries, two vehicles that were reported to Police in Nelson Terrace, Keith have been removed and are no longer on the public road. Two Motorists were dealt with separately for no Insurance and no MOT and another Motorist was issued a parking ticket.

## **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](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:

[SFRS.CommunityAssetRegister@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:SFRS.CommunityAssetRegister@firescotland.gov.uk) 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 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)