



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

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: 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

Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour

Stats for August 2019

Community Council Area	Abandoned Vehicle	Environmental	Neighbours	Noise	Other	Rowdy Behaviour	Grand Total
Elgin	8	7	5	13	2		35
Buckie & District	4		3	9	2	1	19
Forres	2	2	4	7	1	1	17
Keith	7		3	6			16
Lossiemouth	5		3	2	1		11
Speyside		2	2	4			8
Innes	5						5
Portknockie	4		1				5
Lennox		1	2	1			4
Burghead & Cummington		2					2
Grand Total	35	14	23	42	6	2	122

Stats for September 2019

Community Council Area	Abandoned Vehicle	Environmental	Neighbours	Noise	Other	Rowdy Behaviour	Grand Total
Elgin	6	5	5	7	1	2	26
Forres	8		5	4		1	18
Buckie & District	6	2	2	3			13
Keith	5	1	4	1			11
Innes	3		2	3			8
Speyside	3	1	2				6
Lossiemouth	1			2			3
Lennox		2	1				3
Burghead & Cummington				2			2
Glenlivet	1						1
Dufftown & District				1			1
Findhorn & Kinloss	1						1
Heldon				1			1
Cullen & Deskford				1			1
Grand Total	34	11	21	25	1	3	95

*Environmental Issues include Dog Fouling, Littering, Fly Tipping and Graffiti.

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

Community Engagement & Reassurance

The Police Scotland Economic Crime Unit has previously highlighted an increase in vishing frauds against the elderly. Below is a list of recent vishing fraud MO's in Scotland.

Vishing: The fraudulent practice of making phone calls or leaving voice messages purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as bank details or credit card numbers.

Oxford Dictionaries

1. The victim is contacted by landline or mobile knowing basic details about whom they are and who they bank with. The fraudster uses spoofing so the caller phone number matches numbers used by the banks. The fraudster introduces themselves as an employee of the bank and claim there has been suspicious expenditure on their accounts. They convince the victim that they must move their money to 'safe accounts' set up for them. The victim thereafter logs into their online banking and transfers all their money into their own current account. From there they are provided with a list of mule accounts and instructed to send the funds to these accounts. Fraudster states the victim will receive new bank cards in the post.

2. Contact with victim as above. Fraudster then states that bank staff in the victim's local branch is responsible for intercepting people's money and stealing it. To catch them the fraudster requires the victim to attend the local branch and make transfers to 'safe accounts'. By doing so they claim they will see the flow of the funds and be able to identify which staff member is responsible. The victim is schooled in how to answer any questions if challenged by bank staff. The following have been used recently:

- They are sorting out their financial affairs
- The money is for their Grandchildren
- The money is for building contractors

It is reinforced that they must not trust anyone in the branch. Fraudsters also warn victims that it is a criminal offence to tell anyone about the contents of the phone calls.

The victim is also told to describe what they are wearing as the fraudster will be monitoring live CCTV footage of within the branch. On occasions they have been told to keep an open line on their mobile phone so the fraudster can monitor what is being said.

Victims have also been told they will receive a four figure sum for assisting with this investigation. On several occasions they have then followed up with calls pretending to be Police Officers. They have used the genuine name of a financial investigator within the police (who has previously made various media releases available on open source).

The successful levels of social engineering can be demonstrated in the following two very recent examples:

- A recent vishing fraud resulted in an elderly female attending at a local Bank of Scotland branch on three occasions in one afternoon. On each occasion the fraudster even insisted she took taxis and not the bus. In total £36,000 was transferred (4 lots of £9000) over the three visits. The victim was only challenged once but provided the answer that the money was for her Grandchildren. The victim thereafter believed a fictitious Police Officer would be attending to take a statement causing a delay in any reporting.
- An elderly male was victim of social engineering over a three week period from fraudsters purporting to be from RBS and the FCA. This resulted in him cashing out his investments into his RBS accounts. Thereafter he was instructed to attend another RBS branch which wasn't his local branch. The male was specifically told to go to this other branch with the reason being that RBS staff in his local branch rotates the branches they work in. The male made an international transfer to Dubai of £600,500. He was schooled to lie to RBS staff if he had been challenged.

3. The victim receives a text message on their smart phone claiming to be from PayPal stating their account has been compromised and they have 36 hours to login and fix this. There is a fraudulent internet link on the text message. Victim clicks this link and is taken to a fake PayPal page where they ultimately unwittingly provide the fraudsters with their PayPal details.

The victim is later called using spoofing technology. The fraudster claims to be from a Fraud Team of their bank and question fictitious spending at Argos (or similar). The fraudster thereafter states the victim's account has been compromised via PayPal and they must move their money to a safe account. The victim thereafter is talked through how to do this via online banking. At this stage, the fraudster may have gained remote viewing access to the victim's computer via spyware. The fraudster may go through direct debits and recent expenditure on the victim's account. The victims bank account names on their online banking app had also been changed to 'locked' or 'closed', further suggesting remote access.

Further advice to protect yourself from cyber scams can be found at "The Little Book of Cyber Scams" <http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/174967/the-little-book-of-cyber-scams?view=Standard>



FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

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 and a registration form will be sent to be completed along with guidelines on how to complete the registration process.



Buckie & Keith Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Buckie and Keith Community Council area during the period 1 September to 31 September 2019.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

Local Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder

BUCKIE

There have been five assaults during this reporting period, two of which involved children assaulting each other with the incident of a minor nature. Of note and worthy of mention is that there has been no domestic related incidents reported this month.

Additional patrols continue around the High School and Skate Park in response to concerns of antisocial behaviour particularly in the evenings. Following a drug related incident at the park a male has been charged with being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs and another with assault and robbery.

Patrols and meetings with partners continue to look at and address anti-social behaviour at The Meadows and St Andrew's Square.

1 Person has been found in possession of controlled drugs.

KEITH

Five assaults were reported for the same period. All were minor in nature and four occurred in licenced premises at weekends. Of these incidents, early assessment is that all will be detected with persons charged as enquiries progress.

Of note is that there have been no crimes of a domestic nature reported within Keith.

A male was found in possession of a small quantity of controlled drugs and was charged accordingly.

Two vandalisms were reported, with damage to a window and the other to a door both at licenced premises, subsequent enquiries has led to the persons responsible for these incidents being identified and enquiries continue in order for the persons to be charged.

Acquisitive Crime

BUCKIE

Over the period four instances of acquisitive crime were reported in Buckie. These related to the theft of alcohol from a shop, theft of four wheel trims from a parked vehicle, theft of two pedal cycles and the theft of items from within an insecure car. A pedal cycle and a quantity of alcohol were also stolen from an address in the town.

Enquiries into the theft from the vehicle resulted in a 24 year old male being arrested and presented to court.

Enquiries into the theft of the pedal cycle and alcohol are also being progressed with positive lines of enquiry being generated and a suspect identified.

KEITH

Over the reporting period four instances of acquisitive crime were reported and investigated and related to:

A shoplifting whereby energy juice was stolen. This resulted in a 14 year old been dealt with.

There was two incidents in Keith reported whereby residential premises were subject of crime. An attempt was made to break into a shed within a garden however no items were stolen. Later on in the month a theft by housebreaking was reported where a wrist watch and some clothing was stolen. Enquiries into these are both ongoing.

A 72 year old male was subject to a phone scam whereby persons unknown to him have falsely represented themselves as employees of his bank and defrauded him of a significant amount of money from his bank accounts. Positive lines of enquiry have been generated and enquiry is ongoing.

Road Safety & road crime:

BUCKIE

Roads Policing crews have been frequenting the policing area and assisting with a road safety operation being run by staff from the Buckie and Keith Community Policing Team. This operation led to a vehicle failing to stop for the Police that was later abandoned and recovered. Suspects for this have been identified and enquiries continue.

During the same operation three vehicles were found being used without insurance.

A number of high visibility speed checks and patrols as well as plain clothes patrols were carried out over the weekend 20 and 21 September, by local policing teams, roads policing and staff from NESAMP.

Other incidents included a number of heavy goods vehicles being stopped in Buckie and loads being carried being insecure. Vehicle excise and dangerous defects were also other offences which were identified and dealt with.

A 39 year old female was reported for taking a driving away a vehicle and doing so whilst she was under the influence of alcohol. She was kept in Police custody pending appearance at court.

KEITH

Roads policing crews have been frequenting the Keith policing area and assisting with a road safety operation being run by staff from the Buckie and Keith Community Policing Team. A number of high visibility speed checks and patrols as well as plain clothes patrols were carried out over the weekend 20 and 21/09/2019 in Keith Deskford and Aultmore.

A 23 year old male was stopped and reported for careless driving after being seen by Police accelerating harshly and excessively revving his vehicle engine. The male was given an antisocial behaviour warning.

Other incidents included a collision whereby an 84 year old male failed to give way and pulled into the [path of oncoming vehicle. Another collision whereby a motorist failed to give way has resulted in the offending driver being reported for careless driving. Mobile phone offences were also detected.

Contact Us

Please also remember you can communicate with us using any of the following:

- 📞 101 – Non emergency;
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- 🐦 Twitter - @NorthEPolice;
- 📘 Facebook – www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision;
- 🌐 Web – www.scotland.police.uk;
- 📞 999 – Emergency;
- 📞 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers.

Inspector Neil Campbell

Buckie and Keith Community Policing Team



Elgin Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Elgin Community Council area during September 2019.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

Local Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder

In Elgin, we operate the weekend policing plan which as a management tool, seeks to focus efforts at weekend evenings, manage amongst other topics, high visibility visits to Licenced premises to reduce licencing offences, disorder and violence in and around the town centre. The plan identifies monitored Premises, provides information on planned events and recent relevant issues and persons of interest.

A 28-year-old male was arrested in the town centre in possession of a quantity of ecstasy.

A 20-year old male was arrested for causing a disturbance in City Arms Close and charged with a variety of public disorder offences

Antisocial Behaviour Fixed penalties were issued to patrons who had had committed a Breach of the Peace and for urinating in public

Acquisitive Crime

There were 13 reported thefts. The majority of these are shopliftings. There were 2 bicycle thefts

There have been 2 housebreakings, both at commercial premises and suspects were apprehended.

Road Safety & road crime

Operation Cedar which deals with anti-social driving in Elgin is an ongoing action in response to reports of antisocial driving, inconsiderate parking and other frequently reported vehicle related matters. The operation records ongoing work and balances education with enforcement to ensure the relatively small minority who are responsible for committing offences and antisocial behaviour with vehicles are held accountable for their actions. Those affected by antisocial driving are encouraged to

contact Police on 101 at the time to report incidents in order for us to take positive action.

During September officers carried out regular evening patrols of the Lossie Green car park in response to a complaint regarding anti-social driving. Officer engaged with and educated several young drivers. No offences were detected.

A number of motorists have been dealt with in Elgin for offences including drink/drug driving, driving while disqualified and speeding.

In relation to concerns from parents and pupils, officers have carried out enhanced patrols around Elgin primary schools to deal with illegal parking. As a result of patrols 3 drivers were issued with Fixed Penalty notices for parking on double yellow lines opposite a school entrance. A letter of thanks was received from a member of the public.

Officers have been carrying out foot patrols in the town centre to address illegal parking and a number of Fixed Penalty notices have been issued to motorists on South Street and High Street.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

During September 3 drug search warrants have been executed and quantities of class A, B and C drugs recovered with various persons reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 14 September, local officers were in attendance at the New Elgin & Ashgrove Hall to help deliver the launch of the New Elgin East Community Plan, which was well attended by the local community. Officers attended a further working group meeting on 26 September. On 24 September, local officers and other members of the working group were interviewed live on Wave Radio to discuss and promoted the plan.

The collaboration with Wave Radio is part of an ongoing monthly initiative led by the Elgin Community Policing Team to promote health and wellbeing in communities and to give the public an insight into the work that officers and partners do on a daily basis. 1hr shows are broadcast on the last Tuesday of each month at 8pm. Further details can be found at waveradio.org.uk

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0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers.

Inspector Andrew Wilson
Elgin Community Policing Team



Heldon, Laich, Lossiemouth & Fochabers Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Lossiemouth & Fochabers Community Policing Team area during the period of September 2019.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

Local Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder

There have been 3 Vandalisms to windows at residential properties, 2 in Lossiemouth and 1 in Lhanbryde over the period for which enquiries are continuing.

3 disturbances were reported in Lossiemouth involving named persons, all at private properties. 3 males have been charged in connection with 2 of these disturbances and a named male is being sought in regards to the third.

There have been 5 Common Assaults this reporting period, 4 of which within a domestic setting. Of those crimes reported 4 are detected and a named suspect is sought in connection with the fifth assault.

These figures are on a par with the last reporting period.

There was an incident where a female was bitten by a dog in the Spey Bay area. The owner has been traced and charged accordingly.

There were 3 wilful fire raising incidents all within a short time period between Hopeman, Burghead and Roseisle. There are a number of lines of enquiry being progressed and led by the Criminal Investigation Department.

A Drug Search Warrant was executed at an address in Lhanbryde and a personal amount of Cannabis recovered.

Acquisitive Crime

During the reporting period a female was seen to be within a parked motor car with the intention of theft in the Lossiemouth area. The suspect has been traced and enquiries are ongoing.

There was one attempted Theft by Shoplifting of clothing in Lossiemouth and one theft by finding where a dividend card was found and used fraudulently. Named suspects are being sought and it is anticipated charges will be preferred and reports sent to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).

A garden in Garmouth was entered and fruit taken from the tree there and there was 1 reported sneak in to an insecure house where a briefcase was stolen. No suspects have been traced to date.

Road Safety & road crime

During September, there was one report of careless driving and 2 reports of dangerous driving which are being investigated.

Three reports have been sent to the COPFS in relation to an incident of Dangerous Driving, an incident of disqualified driving and an overloaded transit van.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

Safer Crossings Initiative

Last month we reported on our planned collaborative work with St Gerardine Primary School to try and improve driving practices around the school at pick up and drop off times. I am delighted to announce we officially launched our 'Safer Crossings' campaign on 20 September supported by the Innes Community Council and local Councillors and we have carried out our first joint patrols with some of the P4s. This resulted in 6 drivers found driving over the speed restriction being educated directly by the children and a further 6 letters being sent to registered keepers of vehicles also noted to be driving over the 20 mph speed restriction who could not be safely stopped at the time. These letters include quotes from the children around their feelings and views of speeding motorists and the impact on them.

It was noted a number of drivers spoken to were parents so further planning around how best to educate this audience is being reviewed. Further updates will follow.

The initiative has been publicised in local and social media and has been positively received.

Milnes Primary staff has also raised concerns regarding a minority of drivers causing concern in their school access area. We will look to widen the initiative and use of impact letters as we move forward.

We hope this work will complement the work already being undertaken by the Community Council to heighten awareness and raise funds for speed humps.

Wilful Fire raisings

In response to the three fires, highlighted above, Police Scotland has undertaken additional patrols in known hot spots. We have been liaising with our coastal partners the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and the Forestry Commission and plans are afoot for joint patrols and multi-agency fire awareness campaigns.

Females approached incidents







We received three reported incidents of women being approached by men while walking alone in the Fochabers village area the course of a weekend. We became aware that, as a result, there was a certain amount of online speculation in the area following these reports.

Enquiries were undertaken and the male driving the white Subaru which had been linked to the one of the reports was traced and we were able to satisfy ourselves that the incidents were not linked, and at this stage, there is no evidence of criminal intent.

Additional patrols were put in place as a precaution.

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Kerry Rigg
Inspector
Lossiemouth & Fochabers Community Policing Team



Forres & Speyside Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Forres and Speyside Community Council area during the period 1 September to 26 September 2019.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

Local Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder

The numbers of Antisocial Behaviour incidents within the Forres and Speyside areas have been kept to a low level. Community Policing Team officers have responded to calls concerning youths throwing items at street lighting and at passing vehicles in the Pilmuir area and patrols in the area have been increased.

High visibility visits to licensed premises and increased patrols have been carried out by Community Policing Team officers with the assistance of the Divisional Alcohol & Violence Reduction Unit in response to a recent spate of alcohol related assaults. During September there have been no assaults attributed to local licensed premises.

There have been a total of 11 Assault reports during the period. None of these have resulted in serious injury.

As a result of intelligence led incidents, 3 persons have been charged in relation to drug possession offences. Any information relating to the misuse of drugs can be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111.

There were 11 reports of Vandalism in September. An incident of note was a disturbance which occurred at an address in Pilmuir Road, Forres, during which the windows of the property were smashed. Two males were arrested in connection with this incident and appeared in court from custody.

Acquisitive Crime

Attempted Frauds continue to come to our attention. As previous information has been sent out it relates to phone scams from persons purporting to be from the bank, internet or phone providers. The rouse can be that they have noticed suspicious activity on your card/account and want you to create a new account or move the money to another account provided by them. Another version is that they say they are from your internet provider and need you to log on to your device where they

then will get to you allow them to take over your device, this way they will try to get your bank details or passcodes. Do not provide information to these callers at all.

Hang up. If you have moved any money or changed accounts at the caller's persuasion then immediately call your bank – ensure that you hear a dial tone when you pick up your home phone to ensure the scammers have hung up. Block the caller's number on your mobile or home phone. Ensure that security on your computer is up to date.

No thefts have been reported in the Forres and Speyside area during the period.

Road Safety & road crime

Concerns have been raised regarding inappropriate parking by parents at drop-off and pick-up times at local schools, including parking on double yellow lines and zig-zag markings, resulting in pupils being put at unnecessary risk when crossing roads. Patrols have been instigated and any offences detected will be dealt with robustly with offenders likely to be issued fixed penalty tickets or reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Since the last report 2 drivers have been reported for careless driving, 1 driver has been charged with speeding and crossing the solid white lines on the A96 near Alves, 1 driver has been reported regarding using a hand-held device whilst driving. 1 driver has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal and had his car seized after being found to be driving without insurance. No drivers have been found to be driving whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

We will continue to carry out periodic speed checks in areas highlighted to us to where there is a perceived problem. We would encourage communities to keep contacting us so that we can work together to stop this happening.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

Following a Locality Management Group Meeting, plans are in place to try to set up a youth community council to gather the views of the children and young people in our area. We fully support this move and look forward to hearing their views and how we can assist and meet their needs.

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Forres Community Policing Team