



# 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.

<b>BUCKIE</b>	0700 - 1700	7 DAYS
<b>ELGIN</b>	0700 - MIDNIGHT	7 DAYS
<b>FORRES</b>	0915 - 1715	MONDAY TO THURSDAY
	0915 - 1445	FRIDAY
<b>KEITH</b>	0815 - 1600	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
<b>LOSSIEMOUTH</b>	0900 - 1700	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
<b>ROTHES</b>	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)

## Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour

Stats for October 2019

Community Council Area	Abandoned Vehicle	Environmental	Neighbours	Noise	Other	Rowdy Behaviour	Grand Total
Elgin	5	12	8	10			35
Forres	5	1	4	7	1	3	21
Buckie & District	6	1	1	6	2		16
Keith	4		3	2		1	10
Lossiemouth	4		1	2			7
Innes	2			1		1	4
Speyside	1			2			3
Cullen & Deskford				2			2
Hopeman & Covesea	1		1				2
Lennox	2						2
Heldon		1					1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>103</b>

\*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

November 2019, has been another busy month with ongoing operations and initiatives that link in to National and local aspects. Whilst I will go into a little detail in the following paragraphs, I do wish to highlight that the national initiatives compliment the quality work present in the day business of Police Officers and Staff in the Moray area.

I started off November by having the privilege of representing Police Scotland at the Remembrance Parade in Elgin.

I was also very proud and impressed to see the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers do so well representing the community, Police Scotland and young people at another parade.



It is important to highlight the community contribution to Policing in Moray that was very apparent at the parade in New Elgin as it was Special Constable Kevin Willox who 'policed' the parade, whilst his daughter Sonya led the PSYV in laying their wreath.

I am very conscious that I could not attend all the events, but wherever possible I ensured there was an appropriate Police presence across Moray.

November started with Officers from Roads Policing targeting drivers committing road traffic offences and behaving in an antisocial manner in their vehicles that resulted in 39 offences being detected over one weekend. Whilst enforcement of legislation was at the fore, it also gave the opportunity to engage with these drivers in a bid to prevent behaviour occurring, particularly at key places in Moray that has been highlighted to me via the community and local elected members.

Alcohol Awareness week took place between 11 – 17 November, which was local delivery of a national partnership approach. The theme was 'Alcohol and me' and as a partnership, explored the impact that alcohol can have on our bodies, our lives and those we love. However this highlighted the positive interaction that we have collectively with retailers and licensees, as well as partners whom we work with daily to help people with any alcohol related issues.

We supported the 16 Days of Action campaign that commits to preventing all forms of gender based violence, which is a key theme for us locally day to day. Specifically though, on 27 November 2019, we were supported by staff from the Divisional Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit, Operational Support and Public Protection in order to deal specifically with all aspects of these crimes in Moray. This resulted in many enquiries being completed, but

more importantly offered us the opportunity to speak to the local media in partnership with Moray Women's Aid to highlight the great work carried out by many people and organisations as we support victims of such violence. This followed hot on the heels of an excellent conference led by the Moray Violence Against Women Partnership, which was held at Moray College on 29 November 2019. Whilst this highlighted the already good work that occurs, it served to solidify the thoughts that this is a journey we are collectively on that requires continued focus.

Both Road Safety and Alcohol is a key theme as we go forward now and look into December and everything that it brings. Such a great time of year to spend with and thinking about family and friends, but also a point when we continue to highlight the safety messages that cover a number of different priorities of Policing, including online, personal and home safety in the lead up and during the festive period.

To that end, I shall sign off this month by extending kind thoughts for the festive period to you, your families and the communities you service and all the very best for 2020, which approaches at speed (but nothing that is above the limit!).

Norman Stevenson  
Chief Inspector



## **Buckie & Keith Community Council Report**

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Buckie and Keith Policing areas during the period of November.

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 three assaults reported during this period, all of which involved minor injury. One was drug related and the other two assaults involved an altercation between youths.

Six domestic related incidents were reported this month. Four of these related to domestic assaults and two of these related to offenders failing to comply with conditions of bail and non-harassment orders.

Over the course of the month a number of vehicle vandalisms have been reported. Numerous vehicles have been scratched had tyres punctured and two had a corrosive substance thrown over them causing a substantial amount of damage and cost. Enquiries are ongoing and we are grateful to the Public for their assistance to date as we investigate these crimes.

One person has been charged with supplying controlled drugs following the recovery of Class A drugs with a street value of £3500.

One drug search warrant was executed resulting in the recovery of suspected controlled drugs. Enquiry remains ongoing.

## **KEITH**

There have been four assaults reported this month all of which have resulted in minor injury and have been alcohol related.

During the reporting period there has been three domestic incidents recorded. One related to an assault, another a theft of mobile telephone and a breach of undertaking conditions by contacting the victim.

One breach of the peace was reported which related to a drunken male shouting and swearing.

There have been no vandalism's reported during this period.

## **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

### **BUCKIE**

Over the period, five instances of acquisitive crime were reported in Buckie.

These related to theft of a box of twiglets from a shop, the theft of a handbag and a theft by housebreaking whereby a key was stolen.

The remaining crimes are frauds, one an internet scam and the other a telephone scam.

Enquiries into these offences resulted in a male being charged for the shoplifting and in relation to the other incidents of dishonesty in the town, they are still being investigated.

### **KEITH**

There has been no dishonesty related crimes reported in Keith

## **ROAD SAFETY & ROAD CRIME**

### **BUCKIE**

Following a road traffic collision, a driver was charged with careless driving, driving without a licence and insurance.

Enquiries are being made into careless driving, whereby a 16 year old fell from his moped causing slight injuries due to another drivers careless actions.

A male driver was charged and his vehicle seized after he was found driving without insurance and without displaying L plates.

One driver has been reported for driving whilst under the influence of alcohol.

### **KEITH**

Motoring offences for this period included, one fixed penalty notice being issued for driving over the solid white lines and enquires are being made into a fail to stop after an accident, dangerous driving and driving without insurance.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & REASSURANCE**

Officers continue to conduct patrols around local schools at times of drop off and pick up of children following reports of inconsiderate parking impacting upon pedestrians. These patrols will continue into December.

Inspector Mike McKenzie

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 Policing Team area during the period of November 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 last month's report I highlighted the vandalism to the New Elgin War Memorial and following extensive enquiries by my officers I am pleased to report that a 17-year-old male has been charged with this offence.

Unfortunately, this month has seen further random acts of vandalism including the following: 8 parked cars damaged at various locations in the town between 21st and 25th, (these are being treated as a linked crime series), the Cancer Research shop on the High Street suffered a damaged window on the 24th and 2 diggers on Linkwood Road were damaged on the 26th. Enquiries are ongoing and I am confident that my officers will be in a position to charge a suspect for some of these offences.

There were 3 serious assaults reported this month with 1 of these occurring at a licensed premises, 2 have been detected and positive lines of enquiry exist with the other. There were 20 common assaults and of these 7 have a domestic element, 2 were at licensed premises and 10 people have been charged.

A number of Drug Search Warrants have been executed. In total 10 people have been charged with drug offences with quantities of Cocaine, Heroin, Cannabis and Ecstasy recovered.

#### **Acquisitive Crime:**

During this period there have been no housebreakings. My officers have dealt with 7 reports of theft from retail premises with 2 suspects charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Items stolen have been low value consumables. There have been 5 other thefts, including a bicycle from a communal stairwell. Suspects have been charged for 2 of these crimes with enquiries ongoing into the others.



A 42-year-old man was charged with assault and robbery following an incident on East Road on the 20th where a 54-year-old man had a small sum of money stolen and suffered a minor injury.

**Road Safety & road crime:**

Illegal parking continues to be an issue in and around the town centre and whenever possible I will deploy my officers to address this. This month 22 drivers have been issued with 'tickets' for parking offences. Road Safety around our Primary Schools at drop off/pick up time is important and again whenever possible officers will attend to focus on this issue.

This month officers have dealt with 4 drink drivers and a number of motorists have been reported for driving offences including driving without a licence or insurance, vehicle defects, speeding and driving while using a mobile phone.

**Community Engagement & Reassurance**

On Tuesday 26 November, PC Matheson and PC Farquharson from the Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit and Gordon Methven from the Street Pastors, were interviewed on Wave Radio to give an insight into the excellent work they do in the community.

My officers have been out patrolling on foot and bicycle in the community, distributing 'Ditch the Dealer' leaflets and generating valuable intelligence which has been put to good use.

Andrew Wilson  
Inspector  
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 November 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 2 Vandalisms to motor cars over the period. 1 in Lossiemouth and 1 in Mosstodloch and a house window was smashed in Lossiemouth. Enquiries are ongoing into these.

Two disturbances were reported at private properties over the period, 1 in Lossiemouth and 1 in Lhanbryde. Individuals will be reported for these. A juvenile was involved in a disturbance in a public street in Lossiemouth and seen in possession of a knife. He is being dealt with through our Youth Justice processes.

A car was found set alight within wooded area in Lossiemouth. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the vehicle owner.

There have been 2 incidents of Assault this period, both within domestic settings in Fochabers. The persons responsible have been charged and reported.

There was a further assault within a private address and items of value stolen from the victim, at an address Lossiemouth. Enquiries are ongoing and a suspect has been identified.

1 person has been charged with possession of controlled drugs after Police executed a Drug Search Warrant at an address in Lossiemouth. Another person was charged after being found in possession of controlling drugs in Lossiemouth.

A utility worker was bitten by a dog at an address in Fochabers. The circumstances are being investigated.

### **Acquisitive Crime**

During the reporting period there was a theft of a drill from a garden in Lhanbryde.

There was a theft of cash and bank cards from an insecure house, a theft of a handbag from an unlocked car, a theft of a jacket from a licensed premises, and 2 reported shopliftings, all occurring in Lossiemouth.

There was a theft of a trailer from a farm near Urquhart.

A male has been reported in respect of the stolen jacket which was recovered, enquiries are ongoing in respect of the other thefts.

### **Road Safety & road crime:**

During November, there was 1 report of Dangerous Driving and no insurance at Mosstodloch, 1 report of driving whilst unfit on the A941 Lossiemouth to Elgin road and 2 reports of speeding, one within the 30mph restriction in Lossiemouth, one within the 60 mph restriction on the A941 Lossiemouth to Elgin road. All persons involved in these offences have been reported.

## **Community Engagement & Reassurance**

### **Lossiemouth Severe Flood Alert**

On 27 November 2019, SEPA issued a severe flood alert for the harbour, Shore Street and Seatown areas of Lossiemouth. As a result, our partners in the Local Authority initiated a multi-agency response, known as the Local Resilience Partnership. This saw a number of partners, including Local Authority, Police Scotland, SEPA, Scottish Ambulance Service, NHS Grampian, Health and Social Care Partnership, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Coastguard, the Royal Air Force and British Red Cross all quickly group, to work together and ensure a robust action plan was in place to react timeously to any threats.

Properties within the Marina Quay area in Lossiemouth were evacuated as a precaution and sandbags made available to the public for defences in the identified areas of risk.

Lossiemouth Police Office served as a rendezvous point and I was delighted to welcome a number of our partners. Patrols went on through the hours of darkness to continue to monitor and respond to any threat and contingency plans put in place for any further required evacuations. Thankfully the predictions did not come to full realisation and there were no incidents of flooding.

The quick response and willingness of all the partners within Moray Resilience Partnership provided me with a great deal of reassurance, that in times of significant need, there is a shared wealth of resource available for our communities.

**Festive Period**

As the festive period approaches there will be increased visible bicycle and foot patrols in and around our local shops and our Officers will be engaging with our retail communities, a welcome chance for them to come in out the cold! They will be more than happy to offer advice and information, and direct you to our specialist crime prevention team if required.

We have successfully reduced incidences of shoplifting recently, through targeted crime prevention advice, and this will remain high on our agenda during the festive period.

Everyone at Lossiemouth & Fochabers Police office would like to take this opportunity to wish all our communities and safe and Merry Christmas.

Kerry Rigg

Inspector

Lossiemouth & Fochabers Community Policing Team



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## **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 01 November to 30 November 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:**

This month has seen some vandalism although at this time it is too early to say if any of them are connected. At one incident at the start of November two children were seen running off after a window was cracked after a stone was thrown at it. Damage has occurred to gate where they are building the new Pilmuir Nursery. A stone was thrown at a house roof causing damage to a tile there and another window broken in an unoccupied house. Also towards the end of the month another window was broken when a large stone was thrown a kitchen window. We will continue our patrols and enquiries are ongoing to find out who is responsible. Compared to November last year vandalism has still reduced overall for the month but we would like to prevent it where possible or find those responsible.

#### **Acquisitive Crime:**

There has been a theft of fuel from a vehicle in the woods at Monaughty Wood and a similar theft at Christies nursery at Forres from a fuel tank.

At this time of year theft of fuel, in particular heating oil does happen. We would advise using CCTV and good lighting around premises to help deter would be thieves.

#### **Road Safety & road crime:**

During the month there have been four incidents of Careless Driving that have resulted in road traffic collisions. We are reminding drivers to take cognisance of the road conditions and make sure you drive with due care. That means realising that a drop in temperature after wet conditions means icy conditions, Drivers should ensure that lights are in full working order, tyres are at the correct pressure and tread depth and drivers should take that time to look twice before pulling out of junctions. Low

sun or twilight conditions can make it more difficult to see vehicles or bikes coming so taking your time to have a second look is more important than ever.

Excessive speed continues to occur with one person being charged with speeding through Rothes. They have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

### **Community Engagement & Reassurance**

During December we will be increasing our patrols of licensed premises to coincide with the increase in revellers ready to enjoy the festive season. This has been successful in the past at deterring anti-social behaviour and physical altercations. All of the licensees are supportive and will contact us should there be any problems.

If you are out and about whether it be day or night, it is a good idea to carry a mobile phone with you. That means if you get disorientated then you are able to contact someone or the Police for assistance. Should you have a fall then you will be able to summon help which can be vital as temperatures drop. It can also help to carry a small torch in your pocket during the evening which can be used to get attention should you fall and also if there is a power cut, which does happen more often at this time of year, then you will still have a light to help guide you home.

If you are on a night out and your plans change then please text, use social media or call someone to let someone know. This will help prevent someone worrying as to why you didn't come home and help stop unnecessary reports of missing persons. You can always agree on a phrase to use with a friend, parent or relative to use if you are in need of help or want to remove yourself from a situation but are worried that someone else may read your texts/messages.

Plan ahead for any car journey too. Make sure that you have a spare blanket/clothing/sleeping bag in the car for any delays. You may be only going a short journey but an extra layer can help should you be stuck in traffic or your car slides off the road. Carry a mobile phone and make sure that all fluids are topped up in the car.

We want everyone to enjoy the festive season and the winter weather but want you be safe too.

Keli McPhail

Inspector

Forres and Speyside Community Policing Team