



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 November 2019

Community Council Area	Abandoned Vehicle	Environmental	Neighbours	Noise	Rowdy Behaviour	Grand Total
Elgin	6	2	4	8	1	21
Forres	6	3	6	4		19
Buckie & District	3	2	3			8
Speyside	1		2	1		4
Lossiemouth	1	2		1		4
Findochty	3					3
Keith		1		1	1	3
Dufftown & District	2					2
Lennox		1		1		2
Innes			1			1
Cullen & Deskford	1					1
Hopeman & Covesea		1				1
Findhorn & Kinloss			1			1
Burghead & Cummington				1		1
Grand Total	23	12	17	17	2	71

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

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

Stats for December 2019

Community Council Area	Abandoned Vehicle	Environmental	Neighbours	Noise	Other	Rowdy Behaviour	Grand Total
Elgin	6	7	4	5		1	23
Buckie & District	6		1	5			12
Forres		2	1		2		5
Speyside	2	2		1			5
Innes	3						3
Lossiemouth	2			1			3
Keith	1			1			2
Dufftown & District	2						2
Lennox	1			1			2
Burghead & Cummington		1					1
Findochty		1					1
Cullen & Deskford				1			1
Grand Total	23	13	6	15	2	1	60

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

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Community Engagement & Reassurance

We have now well and truly arrived in 2020, much further in than I would have liked as I type this, but I thank you for your patience.



December is traditionally a very busy month in many respects, but the weather was very kind to us, so there was minimal disruption on the road network. That did not stop us disrupting drivers committing offences and on occasion seizing vehicles where appropriate until such a time as the user/owner legalises the vehicle and gets it back on the road. Along with our Road Policing Colleagues we keep a very keen eye on road safety, but it always surprises me that people continue to drink and drive, which is reflective of some of our work this month. That being the case, we are very grateful to everyone, partners and public alike, who work with us in continuing the efforts to absolutely minimise this going forward.

As well as our work responding to incidents and proactive operations (the results of which are documented by the Community Policing Inspectors), I was delighted to see PC Yvonne Squire who runs the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV) in Moray and Sergeant Kevin McPherson from the Probationer Governance Unit, attend a careers fair at Keith Grammar School just before the Christmas break. Developing the young workforce and informing young persons is exceptionally important and it is not simply with a mind to encourage them to join the Police, but to ensure they are aware of the exciting options that are out there and what life skills can be gained, whilst serving the community.



This report is late enough in the month now, so I shall not waste any more time in getting this out. Please do let me know if there is any particular information you wish to see in this section during 2020.

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 December 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 ten assaults reported during this period, one of which resulted in the victim sustaining serious injuries. Of the ten incidents six have been detected thus far and the outstanding four have positive lines of enquiry which are being pursued. Two of the assaults occurred within licensed premises one in Buckie and the other in Findochty.

An assault and Robbery was reported to the Police in Buckie during the month of December and as a result of investigations, three males have now been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Two vandalisms have been reported, one in Findochty whereby a garden ornament was damaged, which remains undetected. The other vandalism occurred at Portgordon Village Hall whereby a window was smashed. A male has been charged with this offence.

During December 2019, two recoveries of heroin were made resulting in reports being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal against individuals for being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs. The combined street value of the drug is in excess of £16,000.

KEITH

There have been four assaults reported this month all of which have resulted in minor injury. Alcohol appears to have been a factor in three of the offences.

One vandalism has been reported in Keith whereby a vehicle was damaged whilst parked on Land Street Keith around midnight on 29 December 2019.

A further vehicle was damaged on 29 December 2019, whilst parked on Den Crescent, Keith whereby fire caused damage to the paintwork.

During December one male has been reported to the Procurator fiscal after being found in possession of Cannabis.

Acquisitive Crime

BUCKIE

During December there have been four reports of acquisitive crime.

One relates to the theft of a wheelie bin in Buckie, another a theft by shoplifting where the culprit has been traced and dealt with. There was also a theft of money from an address in Buckie where positive lines of enquiry are being pursued.

The last incident pertains to a Gumtree fraud where the victim in Buckie has paid for an item advertised on Gumtree but has not received the item. The whereabouts and identify of the suspect are still to be ascertained but believed to be in England.

KEITH

Two reports of theft have been made, with one relating to the theft of firewood from Rothiemay and the other a theft by shoplifting.

During the review a resident in the Keith area became the victim of a telephone fraud and paid sums of money to an apparent fictitious company. Positive line of enquiry are being pursued.

Road Safety & Road Crime

BUCKIE

Two reported incidents of dangerous and careless driving in and near to the town centre in Buckie are currently being investigated.

A hit and run road accident has been reported which occurred in the car park of Buckie Swimming Pool on 17 December 2019. The circumstances relate to a parked and unattended vehicle being struck by another vehicle which thereafter left the scene.

Whilst carrying out speed checks on the A98 at Cullen, Roads Policing Officers reported a driver travelling at 90mph on the outskirts of the village. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

KEITH

One driver has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal after been stopped in Keith and found to be under the influence of alcohol.

During December Roads Policing Officer completing speed checks on the A96 on the outskirts of Keith reported a motorist for driving at 88mph.

Following a road traffic collision on the A96 near to Keith a driver has been charged with Careless driving.

Following concerns being raised around parking on Mid Street, Keith, particularly around motorist failing to adhere to the parking restrictions, Officers have taken proactive steps to address such concerns and moving forward will continue to do so.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & REASSURANCE

Our Officers over the festive period have supported local events and particularly enjoyed the Buckie Christmas Cracker taking the opportunity to engage with our communities.

Over the festive period, Officers in the Buckie and Keith area were supported by colleagues from the Divisional Violence Reduction Unit to provide an increased presence in and around licensed premises during busy festive periods.

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 December 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 at the Cancer Research shop on the High Street and I am pleased to report that a 25-year-old man has since been charged with this offence.

There were 5 vehicles vandalised this month at various locations in the town and enquiries are ongoing.

There were 2 serious assaults reported this month, with 1 of these occurring at licensed premises. Both were detected and reports have been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. There were 19 common assaults and of these 8 had a domestic element, 4 were at licensed premises and 14 people were charged.

Following an intelligence led operation in New Elgin, 4 males aged between 20 and 41 were charged with supplying class A controlled drugs.

An enquiry at a premises in the east of the town led to the recovery of approximately £1000 of class A drugs. A male aged 28 and a female aged 26 were reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

In total 12 people were charged with possession of controlled drugs with quantities of Cocaine, Heroin and Cannabis recovered. Of these, 4 occurred at licensed premises.

Acquisitive Crime:

During this period there were no housebreakings or robberies. My officers dealt with 6 reports of theft from retail premises with foodstuffs, clothing and other consumables the favoured items to steal. Enquiries are ongoing with suspects sought for some of these crimes.

Road Safety & road crime:

This month my officers have dealt with 2 disqualified drivers, 6 drink drivers and a number of motorists have been reported for driving offences including driving without a licence, insurance, MOT and driving while using a mobile phone. Patrols in and around the High Street and Primary Schools continue.

Community Engagement & Reassurance



During the festive period my officers were engaged in 'Safer Street' weekend patrols, working alongside Street Pastors and Taxi Marshalls, ensuring the town centre maintained its reputation as a safe place to socialise. Feedback from revellers was overwhelmingly positive and the partners are thanked for their assistance during this busy period.

Reports were received regarding youth annoyance and anti-social behaviour at Elgin Library, St Giles Car Park and the Elgin-Lhanbryde cycle path. Patrols were carried out and a number of individuals spoken to. A quantity of alcohol was seized and disposed of from a group of youths causing annoyance.

Community Officer PC Jamie Dey was out and about patrolling the town on his Police bicycle. On 19 December 2019, he held a drop in session at Asda where he was available to speak to customers and gave advice about a variety of issues. Similar sessions are planned at various venues in the New Year which we will highlight in advance on our social media channels.

From all at the Elgin Community Policing Team we wish you a healthy and prosperous 2020.

Andrew Wilson
Inspector
Elgin Community Policing Team
29 December 2019



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 December 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 in Lossiemouth over the period, committed at the same time, albeit two youths have been charged in connection with these.

Graffiti was spray painted within the playground at Hopeman Primary and enquiries are ongoing to identify those responsible.

Four disturbances were reported at private properties over the period, 1 in Lossiemouth, 2 in Mosstodloch and 1 in Duffus. Individuals will be reported for these in due course.

One male was found in possession of a personal amount of controlled drugs.

There have been two incidents of Assault this period within domestic settings, One occurred in Lossiemouth, whilst the other was in Hopeman. The persons responsible have been charged and reported in both cases. There were three further assaults in Lossiemouth involving youths. All those responsible will be dealt with through our Youth Justice processes to ensure any wider concerns are addressed.

Acquisitive Crime

During the reporting period there two thefts from rural unoccupied properties. One property is located in Orton where a quantity of lead from the roof was stolen and the second property was located in Garmouth, where garden equipment was moved from garages but recovered within the grounds.

Heating oil was stolen by unknown means from an outside oil tank at a property in Fochabers.

There was also a theft of a watch from an insecure house in Lossiemouth. Enquiries are ongoing in respect of these thefts.

A small Christmas tree was removed from Lossiemouth cemetery. A suspect has been named and enquiries are ongoing.

Road Safety & road crime

During December, there was one report of Drink Driving at St Andrews Road, Lhanbryde, and a report of driving without a valid licence or insurance at Boyd Anderson Drive, Lossiemouth.

The respective drivers have been reported.

A further report of dangerous driving and failing to stop after an accident was received. Enquiries are ongoing to establish the offending vehicle and driver.

Community Engagement & Reassurance



Our Officers have been out and about supporting those enjoying the Christmas festivities, whether it's been switching on the Christmas lights, Turkey trots, Christmas parties, or a boxing day harbour dip...brrrhhh, they have been appreciating the good spirited fun.

Our community Officers have been visiting shops in the Lossiemouth, Burghead, Hopeman and Duffus. Thank you to all the shop keepers for the warm welcome that was received. We are pleased to say no shopliftings were reported during the period.

Unfortunately, due to the nature of our job we are also acutely aware that this time of year can also bring added sadness to some. We tend to see a rise in calls to assist those who are feeling overwhelmed by life's struggles and this year has proved no different. Our Officers have attended numerous such calls, providing a much needed immediate response, and we remain mindful of all our communities at this time of year, experiencing good times and bad.

Moving into the New Year we are targeting parking issues around Fochabers which have been identified and we will look to support the work of the Innes Community Council in drawing up resilience planning around potential flooding alongside our partners.

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 December to 31 December 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

December has seen an increase in annoyance calls regarding youths banging on windows, throwing eggs and they are even thought to be responsible for deflating car tyres. As such, plain clothes patrols are planned for the coming weeks around the Forres area, which will allow us to engage with young people and gather intelligence that will hopefully assist in reducing the anti-social behaviour and its effects.

Youths were also reported as having entered the disused Leancoil Hospital. Hospital. A check of the building revealed persons had been inside and various windows were insecure and a rear door could easily provide access as the lock was weak. The premises have now been boarded up to help prevent further access, with the assistance of the owners.

Acquisitive Crime

There was a break in to a garage in Dalvey and some tools were taken including a strimmer and chainsaw. Enquiries are ongoing but it reminds people to ensure that lighting is used to help deter thieves, consider the installation of CCTV and ensure items are marked to make it difficult for them to be sold on.

A 55 year old female has been charged with embezzling a significant amount of money from a local shop.

Attempts are still being made by fraudsters to try and get you to part with your bank details or to allow them access to your computer. The latest attempts involve the caller pretending to be from Amazon Prime and advising that they have a refund to give. However when persons provide their details the fraudsters then attempt to

make withdrawals from the account rather than any deposit. Remember that if you are due a refund any company will normally already have your payment details if you have paid in the past by direct debit. You can ask for them to send you a cheque instead of providing details of your bank. If in doubt call the company back using the number listed on their approved website.

Be aware of false emails pretending to be from well-known companies offering the same refund opportunities. The number they provide will not get you through to the company but instead will put you through to fraudsters.

Do not give out your bank details over the phone and do not allow them access to your computer. If you think your details may have been compromised then contact your bank as soon as possible and consider taking your computer to a reputable repair centre to check for any viruses before buying anything online or carrying out online banking.

Road Safety & road crime

Applegrove Primary has reported issues with drivers parking on double yellow lines and restricted single lines at pick and up and drop off times at school. Officers attended at the start and end of the day and a number of drivers were educated and warned that future offending will lead to a £30 fine. They were encouraged to park further away and use the time to walk with their child that short distance to and from school.

Four drivers were reported for speeding in the Alves and Brodie areas. They were all caught doing speeds in excess of 20 mph over the speed limit. All were reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

During December our patrols to licensed premises were increased and we are pleased to report that there were no assaults reported at any of the licensed premises in Forres or Speyside.

It still remains bitterly cold at nights and we urge people to continue to follow our safety advice given the previous month regarding carrying a mobile phone in case of an accident or fall.

Although there were no assaults at licensed premises in our area we know at this time of year drinking can increase within the home. Also there can be additional pressures at this time of year both before and after Christmas, emotions can be heightened and stress increased. This can lead to domestic incidents such as assaults and abusive behaviour. This includes financial, physical, sexual or verbal abuse. As well as contacting the Police there are a number of agencies that can assist and offer advice. So if you are suffering or know of someone who is, then please call us. If you do not feel ready to do that or are unsure then please reach out to other agencies who can help.

Police Scotland Domestic Abuse Investigation Officers 01224 307104

Moray Womens Aid 01343 548549
Shakti Women's Aid 01314752399
Rape and Abuse Support 01224620772
Abused Men in Scotland 0808 800 0024
Moray Drug and Alcohol Partnership 01343 543792

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Forres and Speyside Community Policing Team