



# 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 Engagement & Reassurance



Further to my email to you all 20 March 2020, I will aim to update on everything that has been happening over the past few weeks as we continue to support the national response to the challenges presented by coronavirus

You will know that in your own community that vast majority of people continue to do the right thing to protect the NHS and save lives, for which I am exceptionally grateful.

With that, I offer assurance that we have continued to respond to crime and protect the vulnerable, but have altered how we go about our business implementing physical distancing in the workplace and when interacting with the public. We also use an enhanced assessment of threat, risk, harm and vulnerability to make sure we provide the right response for everyone.

Whilst doing this, we have focussed on continuing appointments where it is right to do so, using the telephone and also exploring technological options to conduct face-to-face video calls with those who require additional reassurance. I even managed to negotiate Zoom and have a meeting with our Special Constables in Moray which went very well. They have been fantastic in their volunteering at a time when they face so many uncertainties in their own lives. Despite this, they have given us their time in order to serve in their communities, for which I am very grateful.

I put a strong emphasis on visibility from the outset, increasing focused patrols in areas such as parks, beauty spots and town/city centres, whilst asking for common sense to be considered wherever possible in conjunction with the Government guidelines.

Looking ahead, we are developing our thinking/planning around the recovery phase and the learning/improvements which are emerging from this period, but there is no doubt we have challenging times ahead due to the unpredictability of the future. Nothing is unsurmountable and we will continue to support the community through these times, keeping them safe.

I am very proud of how the Police Officers, Police Staff and Special Constables in Moray have adapted and supported the Health and Social Care providers and the wider community as we all do our bit where we can. However, I want to again emphasise my commendation of you all as you continue to achieve great things in your community and keep spirits up. Not only that, but you are ensuring vital supplies are provided to the people who need it.

I look forward to hearing from you all soon and urge you to keep in touch over the coming weeks, either through myself, the Inspectors or Officers local to your areas.

Norman Stevenson  
Chief Inspector

## Buckie & Keith Community Council Report



Whilst we continue to face such challenging times, I do not intend to report on our local priorities but rather focus upon our community engagement in the Buckie and Keith areas. As always our Community Policing Teams continue to respond to crime, disorder and support the vulnerable within our community.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & REASSURANCE**

#### Special Constable



Many of you may have seen a recent article published in the Banffshire Advertiser and also available online through [www.grampianonline.co.uk](http://www.grampianonline.co.uk) featuring Buckie's Public Enquiry and Support Assistant, Ashley Milne. In the article Ashley talks about her role as a Special Constable which she juggles alongside family and work life. Ashley describes the rewarding nature of the work and which offers a chance to give something back to our communities.

Anyone interested in becoming a Special Constable can obtain information by visiting [www.scotland.police.uk/recruitment/special-constables/](http://www.scotland.police.uk/recruitment/special-constables/)

#### Public Counter Opening

I would like to let you know of some changes to the public opening hours of the Buckie Police Office which have come a direct result of the challenges we face at present. As a temporary measure a Public Enquiry and Support Assistant will be available at Buckie Police Office Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.

## COVID 19 Legislation

Communities will be aware that the Government have passed legislation designed to curb the spread of Coronavirus. These powers allow the Police to issue fixed penalties of £60 (reduced to £30 if paid within 14 days) to anyone found in breach of the legislation. Policing in Scotland is based on consent from the public and when applying the law, officers will always ENGAGE, EXPLAIN, ENCOURAGE and, only if faced with non-compliance and as a last resort, will they then ENFORCE. I would like to thank the vast majority of our communities for their compliance with this legislation as we continue to fight this virus together and protect one another.



Inspector Mike McKenzie

Buckie and Keith Community Policing Team

### **Contact Us**

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

- 📞 101 – Non emergency;
- ✉ Email - [BuckieCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BuckieCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk) or [KeithCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:KeithCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)

## 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 April 2020.

Whilst the report looks and feels slightly different at the moment, it highlights the good work we have been doing in Elgin to engage with communities and provide reassurance during these exceptional times. As always the focus of your Community Policing Team is to reduce crime and disorder, help to create safer communities and respond effectively to local needs and concerns.

### Community Engagement & Reassurance

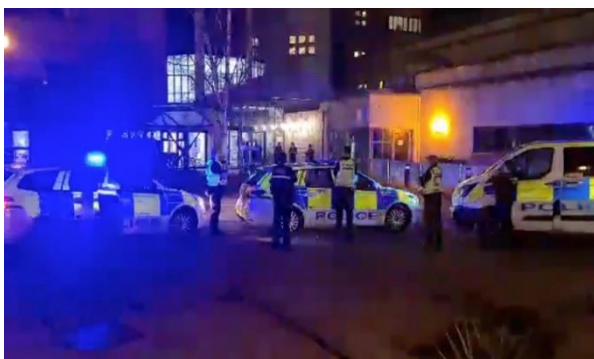


#### On Paw-trol

During patrols in Elgin, and the wider Moray area, Community Officer PC Jamie Dey has been 'paw-trolling' disguised as Police Dog 'Chase', a favourite character from popular children's television series 'Paw Patrol'.

PC Dey said, "This is an uncertain time for people and I've tried to put a smile on as many faces as possible by stopping and waving to children and their parents while I've been out on foot patrols. Some of the feedback I've had has been really amazing."

#### Clap for Carers



Officers have been delighted to take part in the weekly 'Clap for Carers' campaign and were able to take a few minutes out of a recent shift to attend at Dr Gray's Hospital and join in the applause. The subsequent video clip was shared widely on our @MorayPolice Twitter feed and re-tweeted across Scotland and further afield.

## Coronavirus Act 2020



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@MorayPolice

Over the last three weeks, PCs McKay & Dey have cycled a combined total of over 250 miles. Their bikes, supplied by @ElginBID, allow them to patrol areas that our vehicles cannot reach. If you see them out in your local area please give them a wave 🙌  
[#KeepingPeopleSafe](#)



## Bike Patrols

PC Gordon McKay and PC Jamie Dey have been patrolling on their police bikes in communities across the town, spending time in each area to give reassurance to people.

While they have been out being visible on their bikes, Gordon and Jamie have been speaking to people, giving advice and generally making sure that the public understand what is being required of them.

PC McKay said, "The benefits of being out on the bikes are that we can patrol the hard to reach places while also promoting a healthy lifestyle."

PC McKay was interviewed for a feature article on 'Scotland's Key Workers' which was published in the Press & Journal newspaper on 24 April 2020.

It is very much business as usual for the Police, we still respond to calls and deal with emergencies as people would expect, however, successful policing in Scotland relies on the consent of the communities that we serve, and I am very grateful for the high levels of support and co-operation we have seen from the people of Elgin thus far. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me or any of my officers.

Inspector Andrew Wilson  
Elgin Community Policing Team

## **Forres & Speyside and Heldon, Laich, Lossiemouth & Fochabers Community Council Report**



This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Forres, Lossiemouth & Fochabers Community Policing Team area during the period of April 2020.

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.

### **Overall Crime**

Giving due consideration to the changing priorities we are facing currently, I have taken the liberty to not report on all crime in the area this month, other than to say that overall, reported crime is reduced in all areas.

### **Community Engagement & Reassurance**

I write this as we come to the end of our fifth week of lockdown and I would like to thank the vast majority of our communities who have been adhering to the guidelines. I cannot overemphasise the importance of these measures that are undoubtedly saving lives.

It continues to be a period of transition for myself and my colleagues, in terms of our day to day focus and operational practices, but in this new world of social distancing and shielding, our mantra of 'keeping people safe' is still at the very much at the forefront of our work.

Officers are carrying out dedicated patrols across Moray to ensure the new Government guidance is being observed, as well as to regularly check on commercial and industrial properties in the area.

Police Scotland have adopted a policy of Engage, Encourage, Explain and Enforce. We would like to thank those members of the public who we have engaged with and have reacted positively to our efforts to encourage and explain the guidelines without the need for further action. We want to keep everybody safe at this time and need the community's compliance.

All that said, my officers and I remain committed to providing a high standard of service in all areas of our business, including the investigation of crime, and I want to encourage our communities to continue to contact us to report matters. We are exploring more creative ways to communicate with the public and carry out our investigations which minimise face to face contact, such as telephone contact, email

or even 'skype'. This means you can safely contact us and we will not compromise social distancing or shielding measures, to protect all involved. So, if you do need our services, please continue to get in touch.



One of our local Officers from Forres, PC Barnett, has recently been deployed to the newly launched Grampian Assistance Hub, which provides people all across Grampian with information on how to access social, practical and emotional support on Coronavirus (COVID-19). This Hub pulls together links to the latest advice from a range of partners including Moray, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City Councils, Police, Health, Red Cross, volunteers and community information. It is a site for anyone in Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray, with information for residents and businesses alike. The phonenumber is 0808 196 3384, 8am-8pm 7 days a week.

The main objective is as a focal point for information and assistance for anyone affected by coronavirus anywhere in Grampian. It is also a way for residents to offer their support which they can safely deliver in their communities. Staff are on the phone to provide callers with up to date information, or to link them up with the right person who can quickly answer questions.

Another important feature is that the site can be used to request help on behalf of someone else, allowing friends and neighbours to signpost to someone in need.

This is a new role for PC Barnett but already she has been able to resource services to the vulnerable, for instance, arranging volunteers to deliver and provide free food parcels to those most at need, arranging for essential medical prescriptions to be delivered to home addresses, offering support and advice to wellbeing volunteers. She is taking great pride in being part of this vital service which has dealt with almost 3000 requests for assistance since launching.

Stay safe everyone.

Regards,  
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