



CATTERLINE, KINNEFF AND DUNNOTTAR

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING ON**

TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2017

**7.30 PM
CATTERLINE SCHOOL**

1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

RECORDED INCIDENTS/ CRIMES/OFFENCES:

Crime remains generally low in the Kincardine and Mearns beat area. Since the beginning of February 2017, there have been 191 incidents reported to Police Scotland resulting in 48 Crime Reports being raised within the Kincardine area.

OTHER WORK:

High visibility mobile patrols will continue to be carried out throughout the Kincardine and Mearns area, whenever possible, to reduce the likelihood of crimes and offences occurring.

ONGOING LOCAL / FORCE-WIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Officers tackle opportunistic crimes in Aberdeenshire

Acquisitive crimes have fallen in Aberdeenshire against the five-year average as officers continue to tackle this priority for North East Division.

Chief Superintendent Thomson said: "In recent months a number of properties and vehicles have been targeted in the North East which means that tackling acquisitive crimes remains a priority for the Division. I can assure the public that preventing these types of crimes from happening in the first instance is at the forefront of our activity, however when the worst does happen we will use all resources and tactics available to Police Scotland to bring the people involved to court."

"Operation Magpie was launched last year following on from the successes of long-standing Operation Ruby and, as reflected in these latest figures, we continue to have significant success in apprehending many of the individuals involved and also recovering stolen property.

"I would like to take this opportunity to ask the public once again to assist us in ensuring their homes and vehicles are locked at all times to ensure thieves don't stand a chance from the outset. People don't think it will happen to them, but the sad truth is that you are far more likely to become a victim of crime if you don't take basic steps to ensure your valuables are safe."

Officers also continue to carry out intelligence-led action to disrupt and dismantle Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) operating in the area, in particular those who deal illicit drugs. During April and October last year more than £66,000 was seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act - a significant increase on the same period last year."

Chief Superintendent Thomson said: "The North East remains one of the safest places to live and in the last year alone officers have seized around £1million worth of drugs under Operation Aspen, our Division-wide initiative to tackle drugs. We know there are still criminal networks operating within certain community's however which is why targeted action using national resources to support local Policing is crucial to tackle the issue."

"I can provide every assurance that our officers are committed to making the region a hostile environment for those who choose to involve themselves in this type of unwanted activity and who prey on the most vulnerable people in our communities."

Chief Superintendent Thomson added: "This report reflects the very positive work of Police officers, Police staff and Special Constables and I know we could not record such results without the continued support from communities themselves."

Public warned to be vigilant following attempted telephone scam

Police in the north east have once again urged the public to remain vigilant to attempted telephone scams after an elderly gentleman was recently targeted.

The gentleman was telephoned by a person alleging to be from EE energy who advised that his bank was under investigation and as such he should withdraw all his money and contact them when he had done so.

Fortunately due to the vigilance of bank staff he was prevented from doing so. However when he returned home he received another call which was answered by a family member and the caller on this occasion pretended to be a police sergeant and told him that officers would be out to note a statement regarding the bank and may need to take his cash for safe keeping. They were informed that police had already been contacted and promptly hung up.

Crime Reduction officer, PC Kevin Marron, said, "Police officers would never ask you for money. If you are contacted by someone who advises they are a police officer and you have any concerns at all, end the call and phone 101 to get their details verified.

"Reputable organisations will not ask you for your banking details or password by phone. Never share any personal details or financial details. Do not be rushed or panicked into providing details or taking any action. Pause, think, ask."

"Be suspicious as to who is calling you. Contact Police Scotland for advice or contact the financial institution via another line using contact details that you have obtained."

Crime Prevention

Members of the Public are urged to report insecure properties, suspicious activities or any concerns to Police Scotland on 101.

The Kincardine and Mearns Community Policing team, also have a dedicated email address, which you can forward your concerns onto for an officer's attention. Please get in touch by emailing us at StonehavenLowerDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk