



**COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT  
1 DECEMBER 2017**

## **1. LOCAL POLICING PRIORITIES**

The local policing plan for Aberdeenshire can be accessed on-line via

[www.scotland.police.uk/what'shappening/news/2017](http://www.scotland.police.uk/what'shappening/news/2017)

It details the key policing priorities for the next three years, including tackling antisocial behaviour, violence and disorder, reducing road casualties and preventing acquisitive crime.

It also identifies the need to protect communities from serious and organised crime, and people from risk of harm and terrorism.

These are the issues that our local communities tell us matter to them and much of our success can be contributed to the support received from the community as well as the strong partnership links we have. Working closely with partners to provide a holistic response to issues ensures that Aberdeenshire continues to be one of the safest places in Scotland.

## **2. WHAT WE HAVE DONE**

21 August - 7 September 2017 - The start of the new school year saw K&M Officers target road safety around Primary Schools at the start of the new term as part of Operation Cedar (Challenge Educate Detect and Reduce), aiming to reduce casualties on roads across the North East and support the longer-term vision of the North East Scotland Road Casualty Reduction Strategy. This involved targeting those seen speeding or parking irresponsibly in the vicinity of a number of local schools, and carrying out additional high visibility patrols around school drop off and pick up times. This included the following Schools - Mill of Forest Primary, Arduthie Primary and Dunnottar Primary, Stonehaven, Portlethen Primary, Fishermoss Primary and Hillside Primary, Portlethen, Inverbervie Primary, Laurencekirk Primary, St Cyrus Primary and Newtonhill Primary.

13 September 2017 - a 16 year old youth was charged in relation to 22 reported vandalism incidents that occurred in Stonehaven and Inverbervie earlier this year.

Between 19 and 24 April 2017, 11 motor vehicles parked on Arduthie Road, Princess Road, Evan Street, George Terrace, Salmon Lane and Carronhall, Stonehaven, were vandalised. Between 30 April and 1 May 2017, a further 9 motor vehicles parked on King Street, Montrose Street, Trenchard Walk and Norfolk Terrace, Inverbervie, were also vandalised.

Constable Kevin Ritchie from the North East's Divisional Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit said: "Incidents of vandalism can cause a great deal of anxiety in local communities, especially for those directly involved who not only carry the additional burden of paying for repairs but also the associated inconvenience and annoyance. We are absolutely committed to identifying those responsible and will work with partner agencies to ensure culprits are held accountable for their actions. I would like to thank the general public for their assistance during this protracted investigation."

The youth was reported to the Youth Justice Management Unit.

5 September 2017 - One of the local Community Policing Team Sergeants, PS Ruth Simpson, and Education Liaison Officer PC Crawford delivered an input to parents of pupils at Mackie Academy, Stonehaven, giving crime prevention advice around key issues faced by young people, including Drug Use, Alcohol, Social Media and Healthy Choices.

18 - 28 September 2017 - assisted by the Drug and Alcohol Violence Reduction Unit, K&M Officers participated in a Division-wide two week Warrants initiative, in an attempt to reduce violent crime during October, tracing offenders wanted on Warrants and intelligence-gathering.

19 September 2017 - Crime Prevention Officer PC Marron delivered an input at Fetteresso Church, Stonehaven, to vulnerable and elderly members of the community via the monthly 'Focus Group' that meet there, offering crime prevention advice round about potential scammers, including telephone cold calling, scam letters, and on-line guidance.

October 2017 - Community Liaison Officer PC Camus delivered letters and crime prevention advice to local retailers in K&M Area in the lead up to Hallowe'en, seeking to minimise opportunities of youth disorder and antisocial behaviour, encouraging staff to be more vigilant and take proactive action to avoid products such as flour and eggs being purchased for antisocial purposes.

Since the last quarterly report, Officers from the Local Policing Teams have either policed, attended, or given passing attention to, a number of Community-based events, including, but not limited to:

- visits to local areas from First Minister Nicola Sturgeon
- JDRF One Walk
- Laurencekirk Beer Festival
- various Cycling Club events and time trials
- Army Careers recruitment events
- various bonfire and firework displays
- various Remembrance Parades

9 November 2017 - Crime Prevention Officer, PC Marron delivered an input re Crime Prevention to members of the Men's Shed at the Stonehaven Community Centre

### **3. NEW COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER**



In September 2017, PC Marc Camus took up the post as local Community Liaison Officer for the Kincardine and Mearns area. This is a new role created to carry out proactive work and support delivery on local policing priorities.

PC Camus will attend local Community Council meetings when his shifts and duties permit as a local point of contact. His role will include providing reassurance to the public, carrying out high visibility work in the local communities, and positively engaging with the public and partners in the local community.

He will also act as coach and mentor to new probationers joining the Community Policing Team.

#### 4. CRIME PREVENTION



Community Policing Teams are supported by dedicated Crime Reduction Officers who assist in the work to promote crime reduction and progress prevention opportunities, which we see as key to reducing crime and antisocial behaviour in your area.

Whilst crime reduction advice is regularly provided to individuals who raise a specific query, an exciting new innovation called **Neighbourhood Alert** now affords Police Scotland the opportunity to send e-mail messages relating to local crime trends and containing crime prevention advice quickly and effectively to a wide audience, which can be targeted to particular streets or communities if required.

Any individual can sign-up to receive these e-mail messages, either for themselves or their community group. The sign-up process allows the recipient to specify the type of information that they are interested in and from what source. Neighbourhood Watch Scotland, who coordinate this resource, work with a range of partners in the public sector

to provide information not only on crime but also on matters of community safety and resilience.

These messages are intended to inform the public and to keep them abreast of information which will assist them in keeping themselves, their families and their properties safe. For this reason, they will only send out messages if they feel it is important that the public receive the information and are then able to use it effectively in their daily lives.

Please take the opportunity to sign-up for **Neighbourhood Alert** e-mail messages and encourage family, friends and neighbours to do the same. Whilst the number of subscribers is constantly growing, the more people who sign-up to receive these alerts, which they always try to send timeously, the more effective these messages will become as they allow communities to become better informed and make better decisions.

There is no requirement to join or set up a Neighbourhood Watch. Simply follow the link below to the registration instructions. By signing up, you control your personal information, contact details, and decide what information providers you want to receive Alerts from.

<https://member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/91/Join>



### CRIMESTOPPERS - FEARLESS



Fearless is a site where you can access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality. What makes this site different is they also provide a safe place to give information about crime – 100 % anonymously. The site is the young people's version of Crimestoppers.

[www.fearless.org](http://www.fearless.org)

### GEAR UP FOR WINTER



Every year, there is a spate of collisions due to bad weather especially when it first arrives, as people are often unprepared and still look to get to work at the same time in poor conditions.

Safer Communities Inspector Colin Taylor says, "It is imperative that people pay attention to weather forecasts and if bad weather is expected, that they get up earlier and allow enough time to prepare their vehicle for the journey as well as allowing more time for the journey itself. Motorists must ensure that they clear all the snow and ice from the windscreen and other windows, remove snow deposits from body panels, and ensure that their vehicles are prepared for winter."

Police Scotland want to give people the '**P.O.W.E.R.**' to get through the colder months and have put together the following mnemonic as a reminder:

'**P**' is for petrol. Make sure you have sufficient fuel for your journey and the correct type of fuel.

'**O**' is for oil. Check oil level using the engine dipstick. Don't rely on the oil warning light - it may be too late by then.

'**W**' is for water. Check you have sufficient water and screen wash in the reservoir. Check that you have sufficient coolant (water and anti-freeze).

'**E**' is for electrics. Check all lights are clean and working. Carry a spare bulb kit.

'**R**' is for rubber. Check your tyres have adequate tread depth (1.6 mm is the legal tread depth, however, greater tread depth = greater grip).

Inspector Taylor added, "It is also important that drivers consider using winter tyres, carrying a shovel and torch in the boot, and that their clothes are suitable if things go wrong. We advise people to carry extra clothes, coats and footwear in their boot for use in an emergency. Depending on where they drive to and from, drivers may wish to consider taking a hot flask with them in the mornings, and placing emergency food and a sleeping bag in the boot. Finally, remember to have credit on your mobile telephone and that it is charged before journeys".

Information about preparing for severe weather is available at the Police Scotland website and on each of the public agencies websites. Further information is also available on the Scottish Government's Ready Winter website: [www.readyscotland.org](http://www.readyscotland.org)

## **ROAD SAFETY NORTH EAST SCOTLAND**

Road Safety North East Scotland consists of a number of organisations working together to reduce road casualty levels in Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen and Moray.

As from 1 November 2017, you can follow them on Twitter @RoadSafetyNES.

## **FESTIVE FUN**

Police Scotland want everyone to have an enjoyable and safe festive period and want everyone to 'Think Security! Think Safety!'

Constable Kevin Marron of the North East Division Crime Reduction Unit wants people to think about security and urges residents, "Make your home look occupied with realistic lighting especially if you are going out and close blinds so the lights can be seen from the outside but there is no direct line of sight into your home. Always lock your homes, garages, sheds, outbuildings and vehicles. Don't leave valuables in vehicles."

Safer Communities Inspector Taylor says, "We also want people to think safely. People out enjoying the festivities should plan their nights, stay together, look after their property, and if required, use public transport, a taxi, or have a designated driver. Revellers should not leave drinks unattended and should drink responsibly".

Police Scotland want everyone to have an enjoyable and safe time over Christmas and New Year. Hopefully, taking some basic precautions will contribute towards this. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our communities across Kincardine and Mearns a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it comes.

## **5. HOW YOU CAN HELP US**

Please report insecure properties, suspicious activities, or any concerns to Police Scotland on 101, at the time of occurrence, where possible.

Where vehicles are involved, vehicle registration marks and details of make, model and colour can help identify persons involved.

If you have information about persons in your area involved in crime, please contact Police Scotland on 101, or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

# YOURVIEWCOUNTS

[scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](https://scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)

Tell us what is important to you in your community. We need your opinion to inform our policing. In a process which takes just 5 minutes, local residents can have their say in the decision-making process of Police Scotland and help shape the way their public services operate.

We have listened to your feedback and used it to re-design and re-launch our consultation process for policing priorities, including the questions we ask. The process has evolved with support from key partners and stakeholders.

Using a digital platform enables us to reach a much wider audience than ever before, and ensures that everyone can have their say. The online consultation is open all year, allowing you to take part when it suits you but also giving the flexibility of being able to re-submit if your priorities change.

It's a simple process that will shape the way that policing is coordinated across Scotland and in your local community. It is a completely transparent process, all about your priorities.

Access the survey at

[www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](https://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)

## **6. HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICING TEAM**

To report an emergency, where persons or property are at risk of harm, please dial 999.

To report any other ongoing suspicious incident, crime or concern, please dial 101.

If you require advice and guidance on any matter, or wish to contact us, the Kincardine and Mearns Community Policing Team's dedicated email address:

[StonehavenLowerDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:StonehavenLowerDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)

Please note that although monitored regularly, it may take time to respond to your query, so this e-mail address should not be used for pressing matters. We will attend to emails as soon as possible.

## **7. YOUR NEXT POLICING REPORT**

The next quarterly police report for Kincardine and Mearns will be issued week commencing 5 March 2018.