

Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Kincardine and Mearns Community Council area for the period January 2023.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and the residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

This will be a **new** format and happy for feedback.

In this new report I will focus on Policing Station 'areas' as historically these stations would covers the following areas.

Portlethen Police Station – Portlethen and surrounding areas including Drumoak and Durris. I will specify this as Portlethen.

Stonehaven Police Station – Stonehaven, Newtonhill and surrounding areas. I will specify this as Stonehaven.

Laurencekirk Police Station – Laurencekirk and surrounding areas including Fettercairn, Edzell woods, Auchenblae and Garvock. I will specify this as Laurencekirk.

The A92 towns (Catterline – St Cyrus) along the coastal Road are covered between Stonehaven and Laurencekirk but I will specify them as Coastal Road.

Community Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

Area	Anti-Social	Youth Disorder	
Portlethen	3	3	
Stonehaven	9	1	
Laurencekirk	4	0	
Coastal Road	2	0	

Acquisitive Crime:

Area	Thefts	Shopliftings	
Portlethen	0	2	
Stonehaven	2	0	
Laurencekirk	4	1	
Coastal Road	0	0	

Road Safety & road crime:

Area	Drink/Drug Driving	Dangerous	Careless Driving
Portlethen	1	0	0
Stonehaven	1	0	0
Laurencekirk	0	0	0
Coastal Road	0	0	0

Community Engagement & Reassurance:

Police Scotland has continued to meet the needs of communities during a demanding and difficult period for the people of Scotland. Understanding the views and priorities of Scotland's diverse communities is fundamental to how Police Scotland responds to the needs of the public. Public engagement activities help the service improve how it delivers policing services in local communities, ensuring they are accessible and inclusive for everyone.

The Your Police 2022-23 survey has been designed to listen and to better understand the views and priorities of communities through giving them the opportunity to express their opinions on policing in their local area.

We are asking if you can help ensure as many people as possible have the opportunity to take part and have their say.

The survey covers various themes, such as:

- Feeling of safety in local area
- Confidence in policing
- Respect for police
- Police performance and attitudes
- Concern about crime
- Feedback on contacting the police
- Suggestions for improvement of the police service

The survey can be accessed at the following link:

https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2022-2023/.

Accessible formats of the survey are available: an easy-read and British Sign Language of the survey are available via the above link.

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What does the survey involve?

- Participants can choose which questions to fill out or leave blank.
- It should only take around 10 minutes to complete.
- All individual responses to the survey are anonymous.
- Findings will be utilised in reports and publications and be held securely, in line with the Data Protection Act 2018.
- At the end of the survey, we ask for personal details to ensure we receive a comprehensive range of responses. Please note that people do not have to answer these questions.

What will happen next?

Outcome 3 of our <u>Joint Strategy for Policing (2020)</u> creates the space within policing to inform our services using this rich insight. The feedback from Your Police survey helps in shaping our Annual Police Plan, which sets out what we will do to keep our communities safe. <u>Annual Police Plan 2022/23</u> has been developed using your responses to last year's survey, along with focus groups, workshops and other ways we listen to communities.

We report the feedback from this survey in ways which are practical for policing and inform service delivery. A report is prepared each quarter for the Scottish Police Authority's 'Policing Performance Committee'.

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