



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 May 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.

In this 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 Durriss. 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	Youth Disorder	Anti-Social
Portlethen	12	13
Stonehaven	7	22
Laurencekirk	6	5
Coastal Road	0	4

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Acquisitive Crime:

Area	Thefts	Shopliftings	Theft of motorvehicle
Portlethen	2	2	2
Stonehaven	3	2	1
Laurencekirk	1	0	0
Coastal Road	0	0	0

Road Safety & road crime:

Area	Drink/Drug Driving	Dangerous	Careless Driving
Portlethen	2	0	0
Stonehaven	0	0	2
Laurencekirk	0	0	1
Coastal Road	0	0	0

Community Engagement & Reassurance:

This month I wish to make focus on bike security especially with the weather we are getting we are making more use of our bikes. I hope this valuable information from our Crime reduction unit is of use and helps prevent any potential thefts.

Bicycle Security

The demand for bicycles has never been greater and as such bicycles are being targeted regularly by thieves. Whether you have just purchased your first bike or are a seasoned cyclist it is worth investing in a good quality cycle specific lock to secure your bike.

Thieves will routinely carry bolt croppers or even battery powered angle grinders and light weight, poor quality locks offer little resistance. As a rough guide consider spending around 10% of the value of your bike on a lock.

Always buy the best quality lock you can afford and look out for those that have been endorsed as 'Sold Secure' or 'Secured by Design.'

It's not enough to simply lock your bicycle whenever it is left unattended for a longer period. Modern bikes are light and can be carried away quickly. Whether a bicycle stand, lamp post or metal fence: a bike must be locked to something and whatever you choose, it must be at least as secure as the lock itself. Ideally, use two different types of lock - a thief will need more tools to steal it.

The best place for your bike at night is a locked room, e.g. a cellar or garage, and it should always be secured with a bicycle lock; ideally combined with a ground anchor. If bicycles cannot be locked to something, for example in the hall or garage, simply lock several bikes together.

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Photograph your bike and record all of your bike's details and distinguishing features and keep in a safe place. The serial number can be found on the bottom bracket. Consider using a bike registration scheme to mark your bicycle. Not only is this a deterrent to thieves but should you be unlucky enough to have your bicycle stolen it increases the chances of getting your bicycle back.

How To Keep Your Bike Safe | A Guide To Preventing Bicycle Theft

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ye4p6IGGQWw>

How to lock your bike in town/ gmbn tech's guide to urban bike security

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQfaFZ5OpOs>

How To Install A Ground Anchor | Ultimate Bike Security

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DiLSzzPVyE>

Tested - £11,000 of Bike Locks Destroyed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxIbAFnmsIQ>

Further guidance can be found at

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/keep-your-bicycle-secure>

Or by contacting Police Scotland Crime Reduction Officers on

NorthEastCrimeReduction@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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