



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 June 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 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	Youth Disorder	Anti-Social
Portlethen	6	10
Stonehaven	9	20
Laurencekirk	0	4
Coastal Road	2	6

Acquisitive Crime:

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

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Road Safety & road crime:

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

Community Engagement & Reassurance:

This month I wish to make focus on Motorvehicle safety to prevent loss of items within or the entirety of the vehicle itself and what you can do to prevent this

What should I think about before setting off?

There are many things you can do to prevent your car from being stolen or broken into:

- Mark any valuables in your car, such as your Sat Nav, with your postcode and house number/name
- Register valuables on [Immobilise website](#)
- Fit a car alarm
- Use locking wheel nuts to stop the theft of your wheels
- Never leave your car open and unattended
- Never defrost windows with the keys in the ignition. Car thieves look for this especially early in the morning. If you make an insurance claim you may not get far if it's seen as driver negligence. It's an offence to leave a car unattended on a road with the engine running.

What should I do when re-fuelling at a petrol station?

Always remove keys from the ignition. Lock your car if you need to walk to the petrol station shop to pay.

Car thieves are on the lookout for insecure cars that can easily be taken. Your insurance claim could be affected.

Where should I park?

Some advice to think about if you are parking your car:

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- Keep your car off the street if possible
- If you're at home and you have a garage then use it
- Make sure you lock both the car and the garage
- Make use of the driveway if you have one
- Don't park in isolated or remote areas
- Park in a busy, well-lit and CCTV covered area
- Try and park close to the exit as more cars which will pass your car which makes it harder for thieves to operate
- If parking in public or using airport parking, look for a car park with the Park Mark sign. These car parks deter crime and anti-social behaviour. Find a location on the [Park Mark](#) website.

What should I do after I park?

Some advice for what you should do after you've parked your car.

- Lock all items out of sight
- Don't leave anything on display
- Take valuables with you
- If you have a Sat Nav, hide the holder and take the system with you (wipe the suction marks off the window)
- Take any personal letters with you so others don't see important personal information or your home address
- Use a steering lock
- If you have an alarm then make sure it's set
- MLA approved [Locksmiths](#) can help with vehicle keys and locks if required.

Related links

www.immobilise.com to register your valuables.

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