



Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Kincardine and Mearns Community Council area during the period 1st to 30th June 2018.

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

Community Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

We are continuing to monitor Antisocial Behaviour calls across the area which we tend to find increase this time of year due to the fine weather. We have carried out joint patrols with the education authorities in Stonehaven on 29th June in direct response to specific issues of fire setting.

There have been 8 assaults this reporting period, which is 3 down on the previous period. Of those crimes reported 6 are detected and enquiries are ongoing into the others.

Acquisitive Crime:

There have been 15 recorded thefts in the Kincardine and Mearns area. This is an increase of 5 since the last report. Five are detected and the remaining have ongoing enquiries and include theft of a boat engine, a trailer and two sets of number plates from vehicles.

There have been no Housebreakings in the Kincardine and Mearns area this month. Communities are reminded with the great weather that we are experiencing this time of year to remember to secure properties if they are left unattended. Remembering to ensure all windows and doors are closed and locked to prevent opportunistic thieves gaining access to properties.

Road Safety & road crime:

One person in Stonehaven has been charged with drink driving. Two reports have also been sent to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) in relation to Careless and Dangerous Driving respectively.

Local officers have carried out speed detection checks in Inverbervie, Marykirk, Laurencekirk, Portlethen and Stonehaven. A total of 34 people have been spoken to and warned regarding their manner of driving within build up areas.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

Two separate drugs search warrants have been executed in the Laurencekirk area resulting in quantities of Herbal Cannabis and Cannabis resin being recovered. A 29 year old man was charged with possession of cannabis and 32 year old male has been charged with production of Cannabis and both reported to COPFS. As a result of separate stop / searches, eleven people were found in possession of personal quantities of Cannabis in the area and are also to be reported.

Community based officers have conducted visits to primary schools to provide inputs on road safety and stranger danger. These visits were at Auchenblae, Fettercairn, Fourdon, Arduthie, Mill O Forrest, Portlethen Primary and Fishermoss. Spot checks were also carried out regarding parking issues at some of these schools in response to complaints from head teachers. As a result 4 parking offences were detected and drivers issued with fixed penalties for parking within the marked area of a crossing

OPERATION MONARDA

Anyone can be a victim of a bogus caller or rogue trader – so don't let your doorstep be their marketplace.

That's the message to every single homeowner and tenant in Scotland as Police Scotland raise awareness under Operation Monarda.

Between April and September 2017, 336 victims of doorstep crime were defrauded out of around £420,000 across Scotland. While most victims were considered vulnerable in some way (54%), or were of pensionable age (79%), a significant proportion were out with these groups which are traditionally targeted by such offenders.

Bogus callers will visit a property claiming to be from perhaps a utility company or a charity in order to gain access and steal from within.

Rogue traders offer services typically carried out to a poor standard at over inflated prices, and may use violence or threats to get payment or consent to carry out work – sometimes they will just take the money and do no work whatsoever.

During the campaign Police Officers in the North-east and across Scotland will be running events and stalls to speak to the public at key locations such as banks, garden centres and supermarkets, as well as events giving advice to partner organisations and their clients such as care providers, groups that support those with dementia, and Citizens Advice Scotland.

Community Councils can also help by taking the opportunity to speak with those residents within communities, particularly the elderly and those who may be vulnerable to this type of crime and highlight the dangers associated with bogus callers or rogue traders. If in any doubt, just say no thanks and hang up or close the door. Never give out personal details or banking information or agree to purchase items, irrespective how convincing the scam may be.

For more information, please follow the link to: <http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/doorstep-crime-and-bogus-callers>

Rural Watch Scotland

'Rural Watch Scotland' is an extension of the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland movement and endorsed by the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) and is aimed specifically at the rural communities of Scotland and aims to bring all the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch to all rural communities irrespective of location, size or demographics.

Rural watch is an online community for any member of the public where appeals, crime prevention tips and safety alerts can be posted by those who subscribe which can be viewed by all members. Subscription is free and the sharing of information on the forum is a great example of real time crime prevention in action.

The objectives of Rural Watch Scotland are to:

- Reduce crime and the fear of crime by providing the right information, to the right people, at the right time.
- Encourage people to think about safety and security for themselves, their neighbours and their community.
- Improve community cohesion and well-being by supporting communities to develop 'their watch, their way'.
- Work in partnership with national and local service providers to develop more resilient communities that are better prepared against threats, intentional or unintentional, such as crime or extreme weather.








The experience of Neighbourhood Watch throughout Scotland and elsewhere across the world is that members of Rural Watch Scotland will be less likely than non-members in the rural community to be a victim of crime.

By joining the Rural Watch Scotland scheme members can receive alerts and advice by phone, text or email. By keeping members informed about crime and other threats in specific areas, Rural Watch Scotland can help prevent crime, keep communities and residents safe, and members responses to these alerts can help catch criminals or be better prepared to deal with other threats to communities. To join Rural Watch Scotland simply:

Log onto www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk
Click the green JOIN button at the top of the page.
Follow the on screen instructions.

Contact Us

Please also remember you can communicate with us using any of the following:

-  101 – Non emergency;
-  E-mail - StonehavenLowerDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk
-  Twitter - @NorthEPolice
-  Facebook – www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision
-  Web – www.scotland.police.uk
-  999 – Emergency;
-  0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers;

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