



## 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 April 2024.

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 cover 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	10	6
Stonehaven	6	23
Laurencekirk	0	5
Coastal Road	0	4

### Acquisitive Crime: D – Detected UI-Under Investigation

Area	Thefts	Shoptiftings	Theft of motor vehicle	Housebreakings/Attempts
Portlethen	1D	0	0	0
Stonehaven	1UI	2UI, 1D	0	0
Laurencekirk	1UI	1UI, 1D	0	1UI
Coastal Road	0	0	0	0

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### Road Safety & road crime:

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

### Community Engagement & Reassurance:

With winter behind us this month I wish to focus on Bike Safety. This useful article comes from our website.

#### Protecting your bike

Information about keeping your bike safe when out and about, and at home.

More than 500,000 bikes are stolen in the UK each year.

This is because they are poorly secured or not secured at all. More than half of all stolen bikes are taken from the owner's property.

Help protect your bike by following these guidelines:

#### What can I do before I set off?

- Photograph your bike and record all of your bike's details (serial number can be found on the bottom bracket)
- Keep the bike in a safe place.
- Register your bike on the [National Cycle Database](#) to help recover your bike if it goes missing
- Mark your bike's frame with your home postcode and house number using an UV pen or something else.
- Insure your bike

#### How can I secure my bike if it is kept in common close or stairwell?

- Always keep your bike out of sight.
- Lock your bike with two locks to a secure banister or ground anchor.

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### **What if I store my bicycle in a garage or a shed?**

- Lock your bike with two locks to a ground anchor.

### **How should I secure my bike and its accessories when out and about?**

Some advice to securing your bike.

- Lock your bike up every time you leave it using secure locks (such as D-locks or thick cable locks)
- Ideally, use two different types of lock then a thief will need more tools to steal it.
- Locks are more vulnerable when close to the ground, keep them off the floor.
- Fasten your bike through the frame and wheel to a fixed object.
- Lock your bike in a busy, well-lit place, keep it in view of people or CCTV cameras.
- Lock the wheels, remove things on the bike which can't be secured, such as lights, pumps, water bottles, saddles etc.
- Change your routine, lock up your bike in different ways and place.

### **What type of cycle lock is best?**

Buy the best lock you can afford. You can spend a lot of money on a bike, but this is pointless if it gets stolen. As a guide, spend about 10% of the cost of your bike on a lock.

Choose a 'Sold Secure' badged bicycle lock with a gold, silver or bronze rating.

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