



## 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 September 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 Police Station 'areas' as historically these stations would cover the following areas.

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	13	5
Stonehaven	4	15
Laurencekirk	1	2
Coastal Road	2	6

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

Area	Thefts	Shopliftings	Theft of motor vehicle	Housebreakings/Attempts
Portlethen	1UI	4UI	0	0
Stonehaven	1UI	7UI	0	2UI
Laurencekirk	0	0	1UI	5UI
Coastal Road	0	0	0	0

**Road Safety & road crime:**

Area	Careless Driving	Drink/Drug Driving	Dangerous
Portlethen	2D,1UI	0	1D
Stonehaven	4D	5D	1D
Laurencekirk	1D	1D	0
Coastal Road	0	1UI	0

**Community Engagement & Reassurance:**

See this extract from the October edition of Crime Alert. Should you want to read entire copy then find attached to email a PDF.



Welcome to the October 2024 edition of North East Crime Alert.

Produced by the Police Scotland North East Division Crime Reduction Team it's aim is to provide advice on how to spot the latest frauds and scams as well as how to keep your home and business safe.

In this edition of North East Crime Alert:

**We explain how to secure your campervan and avoid purchasing a stolen caravan.**

Relay theft is on the increase across the UK. How do you secure your vehicle and avoid becoming a victim of this keyless crime?

**An Aberdeen resident shares her harrowing experience of how she became a victim of investment fraud.**

Scottish Land and Estates and Aberdeenshire Council, both members of the North East Partnership Against Rural Crime, explain some of their functions.

**As well as a regular round-up of crime in the North East.**



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*Criminals are using ever more sophisticated methods. By staying better informed and working in partnership we can ensure our communities continue to be a safe place to live and work.*

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Following reports from local Schools, parents and members of the public of underage vaping, Police Scotland worked alongside Aberdeenshire Council's Trading Standards department who together carried out test purchasing within Kincardine and Mearns.

Test purchasing is allowing a volunteer young adult (with authority) to attempt purchasing a nicotine product from a shop.

The Kincardine and Mearns Community Liaison Officer, Constable Charnley, had this to say "It is sad to see how easily our young people get hold of these products and how much the industry target the attention of said young people. The flavours are predominantly similar to sweets and contain a harmful amount of chemicals that young people take unknowingly and find themselves quickly addicted.

The biggest concern we have is adults buying and then selling these items to young people usually at inflated prices. It is a criminal offence to sell these products to persons under 18 years of age. We are always keen to receive information and intelligence to help us discover any persons selling to juveniles. We are looking to deal with this robustly and any help from our communities is welcome and appreciated. Please make use of calling 101, crime stoppers or your using your local Police Station email addresses via this link

<https://orlo.uk/wsl16> "





Lastly see attached to email our poster for joint breakfast club alongside SFRS at their Fire Station Stonehaven see time and dates on poster.

Many thanks,

Inspector Rhona Di Meola  
Kincardine and Mearns Community Policing Team  
08/10/2024