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K&M Community Policing Team CC Report March-May 2026 - Catterline, Kinneff and Dunnottar

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Kincardine and Mearns Community Policing Team (CPT) News

As this is the first quarterly report I will start fresh.

Your Police Inspector is James Nicholson who took on the role of Inspector for the Kincardine & Mearns Community Policing Team in February 2025.

K&M has two Public Offices operating in Stonehaven and Laurencekirk

Stonehaven is open everyday of the week with hours being 0700-1600 and 1600-0000 which occasional overlap for a full day of 0700-0000 the updated hours is provided weekly on the front door. For those wishing to report non-emergency matters via other means, they are encouraged to do so via:

- Calling 101
- Reporting online via the [Police Scotland website](#)
- Email to your local CPT inbox

- Stonehaven and surrounding areas including Newtonhill, Kinneff and Inverbervie – StonehavenLowerDeesideCPT@Scotland.police.uk
- Portlethen and surrounding areas including Drumoak, Durris and Blairs – NorthKincardineCPT@Scotland.police.uk
- Laurencekirk and Surrounding areas including Edzell woods, Johnshaven and St Cyrus - MearnsCPT@Scotland.police.uk

PC David Charnley continues in post as the Kincardine & Mearns Community Beat Officer.

Community Based Officer Update from PC David Charnley

Hello, I'm your local community beat Police Officer, David Charnley.

I have been in this role for almost four years now and have enjoyed building relationships within the community. Those that know me know that I am always a phonecall or email away and just to get in touch for advice or assistance if needed.

Alongside Watch Commander Crabb we have been at the Stonehaven Living room for a bite to eat and chat with the locals and also attended the Inverbervie community café and hope to return in June.

Drumoak saw a new pilot scheme of the first No Cold Calling Zone in A division which was a successful event making use of local community groups to help deliver each household a no cold caller sticker and give guidance to each resident in the area.

Significant incidents with public interest

A vehicle that was left in a layby had it's wheels stolen and damage occurred to windscreen. Due to remote area it was left it was clearly an opportunistic theft and Police aren't concerned for a repeat of this type of theft. However should anyone in the community have knowledge then please contact Police Scotland and quote ref **CR/0241027/26**.

Proactive Work

This is aimed at drug offences or serious crime and no need for your area. Should there be any suspicious activity in your community then please contact us or report anonymously via crimestoppers.

Road Safety

I am pleased to report there have been no deaths or serious injuries on your roads this quarter.

The Kincardine & Mearns CPT undertake speed checks throughout the area and if any hot spots for us to attend then let us know.

One driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol in your area but traced, arrested and charged for this offence.

Recent Operations

Not applicable.

Seasonal Advice

Summer Safety

Here are a few tips to help you have a safe and enjoyable summer, whether you are at home, at the beach or in the pub.

Anti-social behaviour

We want you to have a great summer and enjoy sunbathing in the park or having a drink in your garden, but please remember to be considerate of others and respectful of your surroundings.

Be responsible and have a safe summer by:

- Always being considerate of your actions and the actions of your family and friends on others who may live nearby or who are enjoying time in the same area.
- Being mindful of your surroundings. Shouting, swearing, rowdy behaviour and loud music may be fun for you however may cause fear, alarm and distress to others.
- Binning your litter when you leave, be kind to our environment and keep Scotland beautiful.
- Keeping your dog on the lead and under control.
- Never carrying a weapon. If caught, you will be arrested and prosecuted. Criminal records for violence make it harder to get into college or university as well as going on holiday.
- Remembering that violent crime can affect anyone and innocent bystanders can get caught in the middle of other people's disputes and suffer trauma, serious injuries or worse.

Alcohol

Many of us are looking forward to a night out with friends. However, it is important to drink responsibly and put your safety and the safety of others first.

Overindulgence in alcohol can impact on your behaviour, your mind and your self-control. Drinking too much can make you vulnerable to becoming a victim of crime as well as getting involved in altercations which can ruin two lives.

Be responsible and have a safe summer by:

- Knowing your alcohol limits.
- Drinking plenty water, eating food and staying with friends. Never leave a drink unattended.
- Making sure you and your friends have return journeys planned.

- Not accepting a lift from anyone purporting to be a taxi driver if they do not have the correct license in place. Consider pre-booking your journey in advance.
- Keeping your personal belongings safe at all times.
- Being aware of local drinking laws in your council which can make it an offence to drink alcohol or have an open container of alcohol in a public area.

Secure your home

With holiday accommodation now open in Scotland and many of us booking local getaways, it is even more important to secure your home.

Although we are spending more time at home, it is still important to remember to secure your home when you are outside enjoying the sunshine.

Many thieves are actually opportunists who do not have to break in at all because a door or window has been left open or unlocked.

For more information visit the [Home and Personal Property](#) section of Police Scotland website.

Be responsible and have a safe summer by:

- Locking the front door and windows when sunbathing in the back garden.
- Locking all doors and windows when going out.
- Remember to lock all sheds and outbuildings after gardening.
- Never leaving keys on the inside of door locks, under mats or anywhere else an intruder may easily find them. Don't keep house keys and car keys on the same key ring.
- Not leaving valuables in sight of windows.

- Avoiding keeping large amounts of cash in the house. If you must then disperse it in various locations.
- Security marking your property with a UV marker pen, which you can use to place an invisible imprint of your postcode and house number on your possessions.
- If you have a wall calendar, avoid mounting it near a window from where appointments can potentially be seen. This may give an indication of when a property will be empty.

Staying safe outdoors

Spending time outdoors has become more important than ever before. Everyone wants to see our countryside and enjoy our waterways and coastline.

Remember, any area of water, including reservoirs and canals, can hold hidden dangers. Scotland has more than 37,000 separate stretches of inland water and over 11,500 miles of coastline when including both mainland and island coast.

With many stretches located in remote areas, help will often be some considerable time away, so take responsibility for your own actions and make sensible decisions to stay safe around waterways.

Be responsible and enjoy a safe summer by:

- Being aware of the dangers when out hillwalking, cycling or near areas of water. Think about the risks and plan to minimise them.
- Never underestimating the current, temperature or depth when in water.
- Never get into the water alone and don't go swimming after drinking alcohol.
- If you get in trouble in water, float to live.

You can find out more about inland water safety from our partners [Scottish Water](#).

To get more information about how to enjoy sea sports and Scotland's coastline safely, get advice from the [Royal National Lifeboat Institution \(RNLI\)](#) and [HM Coastguard](#), and general advice about water safety is also available from the [Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents \(RoSPA\)](#).

If you see someone in difficulty or at risk at sea or along the coast always dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Planned Activity for next Quarter

Ongoing attendance to community run Coffee mornings and events. Please contact us with any ongoing coffee mornings you wish Police to attend and if possible, we will cater to this and make an appearance.

Rural crime patrols when staffing and calls allow.