



Speyside Area Forum

Tuesday 4 June, 2013

7.30 pm at Mortlach Memorial Hall, Dufftown

1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

Between 24 April 2013 and 29 May 2013 there has been a relatively low level of crime in the Speyside area and some reported incidents have, after enquiry, proven to be non-criminal matters.

Detections for the 26 crimes reported have been positive, seeing 9 cases being reported to the Procurator Fiscal and one incident being classed as 'no crime'. The detections made, were recorded against domestic assaults, vandalism and several road traffic offences and an assault.

The road traffic offences were recorded for driving in a dangerous manner, driving with no MOT certificate and no vehicle excise licence, speeding and driving on a provisional licence with no "L" plates being displayed.

Continuing enquiries are focused on a number of thefts, including diesel thefts, some being from rural premises, which again ties in with the below information regards security.

There have been several successful "Operation Avons" held in the area in 2012 aimed at tackling underage drinking and antisocial behaviour. Funding has been secured to enable this to continue in 2013 where similar patrols will be planned for the Speyside area, hopefully to coincide with any juvenile or youth

events.

There continues to be a number of incidents across the Moray area with regard to thefts of trailers / plant equipment, some of particularly high value. Members of the public are requested to pay attention to the security around trailers or small plant equipment, which without proper deterrent, can be easily removed by thieves. Heating oil and commercial diesel can also be a target at this time of year.

Scrap metal theft is also still attractive to the opportunist thief and due to the price that can be obtained from metal dealers, can also be lucrative. Unfortunately it is not always items that could be considered as scrap that are stolen, with new equipment or metal being equally attractive. Farms and rural premises are usually the target of such criminals and again members of the public are requested to pay attention to their security regards these matters.

There have been incidents of bogus workmen again carrying out dubious repairs/work to private dwellings. A recent incident in Nairn saw the elderly occupant pay out a substantial amount of money for minor works to the exterior of the property. The 'workmen' on that occasion pertaining to be from a recognised window company.

2. FEEDBACK ON POLICE ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None raised.

3. DETAILS OF ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None raised

4. ONGOING LOCAL / FORCE-WIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

HOUSE/PROPERTY SECURITY

Owners and occupiers of rural property should remain on their guard for any suspicious vehicles or persons in or around their premises. Be alert to the chance of thefts and given the time of year, the potential for fuel oil and diesel thefts.

Local Policing Officers are keen to see householders and businesses following some simple advice to reduce the opportunity for criminals and also increase the opportunities for Police Officers to apprehend those responsible. Simple steps that can be taken are available on the Police Scotland website.

POLICE REFORM

As of 1st April 2013, Grampian Police ceased to exist and has now been replaced by Police Scotland, incorporating all of the previous 8 Scottish Forces.

Effectively, this means very little change at a local level for members of the public and you will continue to receive a local service from the same officers that previously policed your area. These officers will continue to provide a service engineered towards 'keeping people safe' and incorporating fairness, respect and integrity into their everyday tasks.

For further information on Police Scotland and services and

assistance that can be expected, please click on the below link which will lead you to the new Police Scotland website.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/forces-welcome>

CONTACT POLICE SCOTLAND

101 Non-Emergency Number

For all non-emergencies and general enquiries, 101 is the number you call if you need to contact your local police. You can call 101 to report a crime that has already happened, seek crime prevention advice or make us aware of any policing issues in your local area.

Using 101 for situations that do not require an immediate police response helps keep 999 available for when there is an emergency.

Deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or speech-impaired callers can contact us via TextRelay on 1 800 1 101.

Calls to 101 from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long your call lasts.

International callers and those in the UK residing outside of Scotland should call either +44 1786 289 070 (International callers) or 01786 289 070 to contact Police Scotland.

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