

Community Report



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ASB Community Safety Report

Area	Abandoned Vehicles	Neighbours	Dog Fouling	Noise	Fly Tipping / Litter	Rowdy Behaviour	Other	Total Calls received
Elgin	13	7	6	1	1	0	0	28
	46.4%	25.0%	21.4%	3.6%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Buckie to Cullen, Portgordon	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	8
	25.0%	37.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Keith, Dufftown, Lower Speyside	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	8
	25.0%	25.0%	12.5%	25.0%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	100.0%
Lossiemouth to Burghead, Lhanbryde	1	5	4	1	0	0	1	12
	8.3%	41.7%	33.3%	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	100.0%
Forres, Alves, Upper Speyside	1	3	4	4	1	0	0	13
	7.7%	23.1%	30.8%	30.8%	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Moray	19	20	16	9	3	1	1	69
	27.5%	29.0%	23.2%	13.0%	4.3%	1.4%	1.4%	100.0%

Dog Fouling Locations

Caroline Street, Forres
 Covesea Links, Lossiemouth
 Covesea Rise, Elgin
 Craigellachie Primary School
 Fraser Avenue, Elgin
 Garmouth
 Hopeman Streets
 Hopeman to Burghead Walk
 Hossack Drive, Elgin
 Lhanbryde Cemetery
 Macrae Court, Forres
 Main Street, Tomintoul
 Murdoch Avenue, Buckie
 Murdochs Wynd, Elgin
 South Park Court, Elgin

Antisocial Behaviour

December is traditionally party season and neighbour issues are always anticipated, however on an area by area basis numbers remained low. After liaison with the Police, 1 resident received an official warning for their conduct which was deemed to be excessive. This may impact upon their tenancy. Where appropriate others have received advice.

After investigation by Council staff, 1 fixed penalty is being issued for a fly tipping offence in Elgin.

Reports of dog fouling continue to be received and the locations are listed in the accompanying table. This will continue to inform our patrol areas for Op Typhoon into 2017.

The CSP Safer Streets campaign has just concluded after New Year and early indications show another successful operation with town centre disorder at low levels which is encouraging to see that people have heeded messages to drink responsibly and look after themselves and their friends.

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Forres, Finhorn & Kinloss, Finnerne, Dyke Landward Community Council Area Report

Over the Festive period Forres was particularly busy with patrons enjoying the local bars and restaurants. The vast majority of revellers were in good spirits and with the cooperation of the various local licenced premises and a festive Policing plan, all were able to enjoy themselves in a safe environment.

As always there was a focus on drink driving over the Festive period and during December a male in Forres was reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Also on the driving theme two males aged 25 and 26 years old have been reported for dangerous driving, excessive speed and apparently racing each other. This was on the A96 near to Forres.

There have been two persons reported for offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act and anyone with information regarding the supply or possession of illegal substances is encouraged to pass this information to the Police. The individual responsible for a series of vandalisms in the Fluers Drive area has been charged with the offences and will be reported.

On 29 December, a number of glass panels protecting Sueno's Stone in Forres were destroyed. The cost to Historic Scotland is estimated to be up to £10,000 and the incident was also reported in the national media. The inquiry into who is responsible for this act is on-going and local officers are keen to receive any information that will lead to identification of the culprits.

During the early part of December, in the Conicavel area, a horse was attacked. As a result, the animal sustained injuries that were not treatable and it had to be destroyed. The subsequent Police investigation has led to two local youths being charged with an animal cruelty offence. The same two youths have also been charged with having committed a theft by housebreaking in the same area.

In the Findhorn and Kinloss area officers, with the assistance military EOD teams, have dealt with 2 reports of unexploded ordnance having been found on areas of beach. Officers have also attended one call relating to shooting in the Findhorn Bay area.

Thefts of unattended bicycles have also been reported which highlights the need to secure, where possible, a bicycle to something fixed such as railings. No matter how short the time the bicycle is to be left.

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Elgin, Heldon, Burghead & Cummington, Lossiemouth, Community Council Area Report

We commonly receive reports of anti-social driving in and around the Elgin area which can be a danger to other road users and a nuisance to people who reside in the area. On 17 December 2016 a police patrol stopped a male driver in Edgar Road, Elgin after he was seen to drive aggressively, cause excessive noise and cause the wheels of his vehicle to spin on the road. He was charged with careless driving and given a warning regarding his anti-social driving. This warning will stay on record for 1 year and if he commits a similar offence his vehicle will be taken possession of. If you are affected by anti-social driving please let us know by phoning 101 and we will take steps to resolve the matter. Sticking with the driving theme, throughout the month drivers were charged with a variety of offences including no excise, no MOT or insurance, vehicle defects and most notably, a 27 year old man was found to be driving at 105 miles per hour on the Elgin to Lossiemouth Road on 13 December 2016. It is disappointing to see people still willing to drive at such reckless speeds. Stay safe on the roads at this time of year by taking extra care and prepare properly for any longer journeys, particularly when the weather is bad.

The Festive period, particularly in Elgin was extremely busy with patrons enjoying the restaurants and bars within the town. This year, we would like to report that on the whole and from a Policing perspective, the Festive period was a great success and safe for the vast majority of participants. This success is down to a combined approach, which this year saw many of our partner agencies come under the 'Safer Streets' banner in conjunction with our own Weekend Policing Plan. As such I would like to thank the participation of Elgin Street Pastors, Taxi Marshalls and Banffshire Partnership, who were located on the Plain stones and provided a First Aid response along with our own DAVRU (divisional alcohol and violence reduction unit) and divisional colleagues who were all on duty over the festive period contributing to everyone's safety.

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Lennox, Buckie, Portnockie, Findochty, Cullen & Deskford Community Council Area Report

With this time of year some motorists may be tempted to drink and drive despite years of police education and enforcement around the Festive period. Figures show that only one single driver has been reported for drink driving in the Buckie area during this period. Although one driver too many, the message is getting through that drink driving is seen as dangerous and socially unacceptable.

Licensed premises in the Buckie area proved busy over the festive period but in the main the majority of revellers were good humoured and well behaved. This is testament to robust policing plans that were in place and the cooperation of the many well run licensed premises in the area. Ensuring everyone enjoyed themselves in a safe environment.

Overnight on 17-18 December, a car was damaged whilst parked on Raffan Road, Buckie. The rear windscreen of which was smashed. Also overnight on 15-16 December, a door to a house was damaged on Station Road, Findochty. Both of these offences remain undetected and local officers are appealing for any information surrounding these incidents in order to identify the persons responsible.

As an update to last month's circular, a number of motorists have been charged regarding road traffic matters in the Buckie area. These include offences such as careless driving and driving without the correct documentation.

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Keith, Strathisla, Dufftown & District and Speyside Community Council Area Report

With this time of year some motorists may be tempted to drink and drive despite years of police education and enforcement around the Festive period. Figures show that two drivers have been reported for drink driving in the Keith area during this period. Although still too many, the message is getting through that drink driving is seen as dangerous and socially unacceptable. Both drivers have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Licensed premises in the Keith were busy over the festive period with a majority of people being good humoured and well behaved. This is testament to robust policing plans that were in place and the cooperation of the well run licensed premises in the area. Ensuring everyone enjoyed themselves in a safe environment.

Overnight on 8-9 December, a building site on Edindiach Road, Keith was broken into and some low value items stolen. On 11 December, youths were seen trying to enter a building under construction on Sellar Crescent. With the assistance of members of the public, both of these crimes have since been detected with the culprits to be reported.

About 9pm on 23 December 2016, a small fire was discovered within the public toilets on Institute Lane, Keith. Luckily there was no significant damage but this crime remains undetected and any information from local residents is sought in this regard.

During daytime hours on 15 December, a house in Carron, Aberlour was broken into and a quantity of jewellery was taken. This crime remains under investigation and various lines of enquiry are being followed up. However, it does appear to be a one off incident but local residents are asked to remain vigilant both during daylight hours and at night.

As ever all suspicious activity should be reported to the police at the time

Advice from Crime Prevention Officer PC George Ogg

Happy New Year!

Here in the North East we continue to enjoy an excellent quality of life that extends from having a low level of crime.

To facilitate this we always ask the residents in our communities to help Police Scotland by taking basic precautions such as making their home look occupied by using lights and timer switches as well as locking their homes, garages, sheds, outbuildings, vehicles and keeping the keys for their buildings and vehicles secure.

It may seem I am stating the obvious but it never ceases to amaze me how many people still do not take basic precautions.

As I said, we in the North East do live and work in a low crime area but thieves are often on the lookout for a level of complacency that can mean residents are somewhat lapse about security and can be targeted by opportunist criminals.

Police Scotland are committed to keeping those who live and work in our communities safe and would encourage them to take basic precautions so we can all continue to enjoy the low crime levels and high quality of life that prevails in the North East.

There is a type of crime that does not respect the boundaries of the low crime North East. E-crime, electronic crime, cybercrime, internet crime, phone crime, phishing/vishing, hoaxes - call it what you want - can originate anywhere and affect anyone. In general these crimes are all types of fraud and are committed by telephone, mail or email.

Like more traditional crime, by taking basic common sense precautions it is relatively easy to protect yourself against fraud. Pause. Think. Ask/Research.

Modern fraudsters often rely on a level of panic by telephoning after normal banking hours have closed or setting specific time scales. They can do the latter by a number of methods. For example telling you that money is being taken out of your account and they will move it quickly to a "safe account" or telling you that there may be repercussions if you do not act in a specific time scale.

Remember. Pause. Think. Ask/Research.

Financial institutions, government agencies and other respectable companies do not ask for your personal or financial details over the telephone. Do not give out *any* of your personal or financial details over the telephone. Is it suspicious or unusual? The more the sender or caller wants you to act quickly the more chance that it is a fraud.

If in doubt - ask. Telephone Police Scotland on 101 and ask to speak to your local Crime Reduction Officer.

Police Scotland wants everyone who works and lives in our communities to have a safe and secure 2017.

A new approach to Community Justice

New arrangements for Community Justice will come into effect across Scotland in April 2017. 'Community' lies at the heart of this new approach – local planning and service delivery will be overseen by Community Planning Partnerships whose membership includes a wide range of partners - local authorities, Health & Social Care Joint Boards, Police Scotland, Scottish Prison Service, third sector organisations and others.

In preparing a plan for Moray, we will consult organisations involved in delivering services and our Citizens' Panel. A survey seeking the views of the wider public will appear on the Moray Council and Moray Community Planning Partnership websites in the New Year.

The Scottish Government has identified the following targets and the Moray plan will describe how we propose to address these issues.

For the community:

- communities will have a better understanding of and participation in community justice
- partners will plan and deliver services in a more joined-up way
- effective interventions that reduce the risk of further offending will be delivered
- people will have better access to the services they need, including welfare, health and wellbeing, housing and employability.

For the individual:

- life chances will be improved through needs, including health, financial inclusion, housing and safety being addressed
- people will develop positive relationships and have more opportunities to participate and contribute through education, employment and leisure activities
- individual's resilience and capacity for change and self-management will be improved.

For more information on changes to Community Justice, please contact Mike Whelan, Project Manager for Community Justice Redesign.

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