

# Community Councils Local Policing Report.



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## **Speyside Area Forum Meeting on 22 May 2012**

### **1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION**

On 19 March 2012 as part of a combined Roads Policing / VOSA initiative safety checks were carried out in the Speyside area concentrating on both commercial and private vehicles. As a result of the operation several road traffic offences were detected in the Rothes and Aberlour area. These included tachograph offences and detections for brake and tyre defects.

On 28 March 2012, two persons were cautioned and charged for Theft by Shoplifting in Aberlour.

On 8 April 2012, 1 person was cautioned and charged and issued with a fixed penalty for Breach Of the Peace in Dufftown.

On 12 April 2012, one person was cautioned and charged with Dangerous Driving on A941 Coleburn to Craigellachie Road.

On 13 April 2012, 1 person was cautioned and charged with drunk driving and careless driving in Dufftown.

On 14 April 2012, 1 person was cautioned and charged with threatening and abusive behaviour and assault in Dufftown.

On 29 April 2012, a motorcyclist was cautioned and charged for speeding on A95 at Ballindalloch.

There have been various crimes of dishonesty committed at private and commercial residences and in the Speyside area over the past couple of months. It is important that we remain vigilant and any suspicious activity or information relating to these crimes is reported to Grampian Police.

### **COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND**

Grampian Police would like to make local groups and organisations aware of its Community Initiative Fund. The fund is designed to support and assist local projects with small grants which contribute towards either a reduction in crime, support for the victims of crime, community empowerment and/or public reassurance.

The fund which is managed by Grampian Police and the Grampian Joint Police Board is provide for by the sale of lost and found property received by the Police were an owner could not be found.

Local groups and organisations who believe they could benefit from a small grant of between £50 and £500 (with an upper limit of £2,000 for any exceptional applications) should contact their Local Area Inspector requesting further information and an application form.

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

No matters raised from previous meeting.

(DISCUSS OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY FOR 11 JUNE 2012)

## **3. DETAILS OF ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL PRIORITIES**

The latest quarterly report has been produced and is available on the Grampian Police website.

<http://www.grampian.police.uk>

follow the links for Moray, Local Policing Area and Forres / Speyside.

## **4. ONGOING LOCAL/ FORCEWIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

### **OPERATION VISION**

Operation Vision, our enforcement initiative to tackle domestic abuse will continue throughout the next quarterly period. The Local Policing Team supported by the Domestic Abuse Liaison Officer, will ensure that as well as carrying out enforcement, we will work with partners in health, education, criminal justice, social work, education and the voluntary sector to ensure offenders are caught, victims needs are met and most importantly, the violence stops.

### **VANDALISM**

Damage to property can be annoying and costly in monetary terms to victims. We recognised the impact this can have and so tackling vandalism is one of our local priorities. In response to this we have increased our patrols in areas where vandals have struck with a view to deterring their activities. Analysis shows that where property is damaged and not repaired that it is more likely to suffer a repeat attack so we have worked with victims and the Local Authority to ensure that where property is damaged, it is repaired quickly. Our efforts in this regard have reflected positively in terms of a decrease in the number of offences of vandalism reported year on year from 169 to 135 and an increase in the detection rate for reported vandalisms from 27% to 45%.

### **HOUSE/PROPERTY SECURITY**

The crime of housebreaking can be particularly upsetting and we recognise the effect it can have on victims. There is always someone who is on the look out for a bargain and who is willing to trade in the misery of others by buying stolen property. These are the people who make the thief's job of converting property into cash, easy. We are

determined to locate the market for stolen property and when we do, those responsible will be the subject of criminal proceedings.

Moray 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 Grampian Police website.