



## **Moray West Community Council Report**

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This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Lossiemouth & Fochabers, Forres and Speyside Community Policing Team areas during the period of November 2022.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

### **Local Policing Priorities**

#### **Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder:**

##### **Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area**

Following an incident at Lossiemouth High School a youth has been charged with assault and threatening and abusive behavior towards staff and other pupils. A report was submitted to the Youth Justice Management Unit.

There was also one report of a youth carrying a knife in a public place. Enquiries are ongoing.

Several reports were also received of youths in Lossiemouth stealing doorbells as a dare. There are named suspects and enquiries are ongoing.

A pupil at Milnes High School was charged with a racially motivated incident and was reported to the Youth Justice Management Unit.

Due to intelligence being received relating to the supply of controlled drugs a search warrant was executed at an address in Lossiemouth. A quantity of drugs were found and the occupants were charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Several reports have been received of youths kicking doors in Hopeman. A group were traced and given stern advice. Police patrols will be carried out in the area.

There was one report of youth disorder and vandalism in Lhanbryde however on Police arrival there had been no damage as reported and there were no youths present.

## **Forres Area**

There has been two incidents of a domestic nature during this time period, one has resulted in a person being charged and a report submitted. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to the other.

Enquiry is also ongoing into an allegation of threatening behaviour towards a retail worker.

There have been very few reports of youth disorder this month with two received after the fireworks display which were put down to 'mucking about' once Police had attended.

## **Speyside Area**

There has been no reports of Antisocial Behaviour or Violence and Disorder in the Speyside area.

## **Acquisitive Crime:**

### **Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area**

Apart from the theft of doorbells which I have covered as antisocial behaviour there were no acquisitive crimes in this area during this period.

## **Forres Area**

There have been three thefts within the reporting period, one theft by shoplifting, one petrol drive off and the theft of a charity collection bucket. The petrol drive off is suspected to an error and enquiries are ongoing for the other two incidents.

## **Speyside Area**

There has been a report of a gift card scam where the complainer has been asked to buy gift cards and send the details of these by email which the complainer did. When they were asked to buy further cards they realized it was a scam and contacted Police. The email requests appeared genuine and to have come from someone known to the complainer.

## **Road Safety & road crime:**

### **Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area**

Community Policing Teams have been proactive in their patrols which has resulted in a male being charged with driving whilst under the influence of alcohol after being seen to fail to stop at a red light.

Also a female was charged with driving with no insurance after having been seen driving by Police.

Following a road traffic collision a male has been charged with four offences including careless driving, failing to stop after an accident, attempting to pervert the course of justice and obstructing an officer in the execution of their duty.

Two youths have also been charged with various road traffic offences and theft of fuel after taking a vehicle without the owner's consent.

These will all be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

### **Forres Area**

Again due to Community Policing Teams being proactive a male was detected driving whilst under the influence of drugs with no MOT or insurance.

A further male was found to be driving under the influence of drugs.

Results of blood tests for both these cases are pending and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

### **Speyside Area**

A male has been charged with theft of property and several road traffic offences following the theft of a motor vehicle.

### **Community Engagement & Reassurance**

Following reports of youth disorder in Hopeman extra patrols have been put in place and a series of school inputs have been planned.

Further school inputs are planned at schools across the area covering topics such as online safety, hate crime, anti-social behaviour and the role of the Police.

Police Scotland have also launched their annual festive drink/drug drive campaign. This will commence on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December and conclude Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023. Police Scotland is committed to achieving the Scottish Government's casualty reduction targets. Increasing the awareness of the risks associated with Drink / drug driving will support efforts to reduce road casualties. This campaign will be conducted through a combination of intelligence-led high visibility patrols and road checks.

Please continue to contact myself or the Forres and Speyside Community Policing Team on the email addresses below if there are any issues you wish to raise or discuss.

Thank you

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