



## **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 December 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**

Several reports have been received of youths throwing apples at cars in Lossiemouth along with throwing items at houses there. It has also been alleged that youths are smoking cannabis at Hythehill Primary School. Further patrols will be carried out in an effort to identify those responsible and highlight the consequences of such behaviour. Any criminal activity identified will also be dealt with.

There was also a report of a vulnerable person being taken advantage of by youths who will use them to buy alcohol then use their home as a meeting place. Intelligence entry submitted.

There was also a further report of an adult buying alcohol for youths, enquiries are ongoing in relation to this.

With the change in weather there were also calls to youths throwing snowballs at houses and property. Although this can be distressing for householders the advice remains to not approach the youths or acknowledge this behavior as they will then repeat in the hope of 'a chase'.

##### **Forres Area**

During a pro-active mobile patrol, Police had cause to stop and speak to a male. The male was searched and found to be in possession of Controlled drugs. He was issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

During a separate enquiry, another male was searched and found to be in possession of controlled drugs. The male was charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

There has been two reports of antisocial behavior involving youths, one whereby they were found to be shouting and causing a nuisance in the Forres area. Another of them having thrown items at a residential property, however no damage was caused at this time. Proactive patrols of both areas will continue to take place by Officers.

There has been one report of a Domestic Nature in Forres during this time period. A female has been charged and reported to the PF.

A female juvenile has been reported to Police for throwing a snowball at a teacher. Enquiries are continuing to establish the full circumstances and the female will thereafter be reported appropriately.

### **Speyside Area**

There has been reports of youths throwing Snowballs in the Aberlour area. Officers have been tasked with carrying out proactive patrols.

There has been one report of a Domestic Nature in Aberlour. A male has been charged and reported to the PF.

### **Acquisitive Crime:**

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

A fraud was reported in relation to a mobile phone being hacked where the account had been used to purchase online gaming enhancements. Enquiries are continuing in relation to this.

#### **Forres Area**

A residential home was broken into, and low value items taken. Positive lines of enquiry are being followed and the use of potential DNA being explored.

A theft from a residential property in the Kintessack area was reported to Police. A male has been charged and reported to the PF.

A Theft by Shoplifting was reported at a local supermarket in Forres and a bottle of alcohol was stolen. Enquiries are continuing to establish an identification of those responsible.

### **Speyside Area**

There has been a report of fraudulent activity to a female's bank account. Various amounts of money were taken from her accounts and placed into another account without her knowledge. There are positive lines of enquiry regarding identifying the person responsible. The female has been supported by her Bank regarding this and are cooperating with Polices enquiries.

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

### **Lossiemouth & Fochabers Area**

Police attended several reports of vehicles having come off the roads due to recent weather conditions. Assistance was provided to drivers and their passengers.

### **Forres Area**

Police attended an incident due to reports of a vehicle hitting and causing damage to stationary vehicles within a residential area. The male thereafter caused damage to the Police vehicle. He has been charged and reported to the PF.

A male has been reported to the PF for driving a motor vehicle in Forres without a valid insurance certificate.

A male has been reported to the PF for driving a motor vehicle in Forres whilst under the influence of alcohol.

### **Speyside Area**

Due to the recent cold weather, there has been an increase in cars off the road and associated issues. Road users are reminded to drive to the road conditions and take appropriate precautions.

A female has been reported to the PF for driving a motor vehicle whilst under the influence of alcohol.

A male driver has been reported to the PF for driving a motor vehicle whilst using a hand held mobile telephone in the Craigellachie area.

## **Community Engagement & Reassurance**

The festive period can be a difficult time for those with mental health problems and Police provided support and assistance to many who contacted us by ensuring they were signposted to partner agencies who could provide further support.

Police Scotland have also launched their annual festive drink/drug drive campaign targeting people driving under the influence.

Community Officers with assistance from local Road Policing units have been conducting speed checks throughout the areas. They have also conducted various speed checks after concerns were raised by local residents and council meetings as a result several motorists have been dealt with in relation to their speed.

Through local intelligence and proactive patrols officers from the local policing areas have stopped several vehicles that have resulted in controlled drugs being found as well as disrupting those that are believed to be supplying controlled drugs in the area as well as those driving testing positive for driving under the influence of drugs.

Local work continues to identify and disrupt those who use the road network to supply controlled drugs.

Community officers have been out on foot patrolling in the Forres area and engaging with Licensed Premises and their patrons over the festive period and will continue their good work into the New Year.

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.

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- Facebook – [www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision](https://www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision);
- Web – [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk);
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