

Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Banff, Macduff and surrounding areas during the period 1 December 2019 to 31 December 2019.

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.

Community Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

Enquiries are ongoing into 4 unrelated incidents of vandalism, whereby motor vehicles have been damaged. A male has been charged in connection with a minor assault. In an unrelated incident another person will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for a serious assault. Two individuals have been charged for being found in possession of a bladed article and offensive weapon respectively. A young male will be appearing at court in the New Year after ending up in custody following an incident resulting in him being charged with a number of offences including, carrying a knife, threatening and abusive behaviour, resisting arrest and assaulting a Police Officer. A further 3 persons have been cautioned and charged with behaving in a threatening and abusive manner.

Officers in Banff issued a number of ASB fixed penalty notices where applicable, to those who allowed their behaviour to fall below what would normally be acceptable.

Six persons are to be reported for possession of controlled drugs.

Acquisitive Crime:

Festive Crime patrols were carried out throughout the report period by myself and my colleagues based at Banff. These high visibility patrols included increased visits to our retail premises which limited the recorded theft by shoplifting incidents to three. 2 of which were dealt with quickly, one before the premises realised a theft had taken place resulting in a full recovery of the items stolen.

Enquiries continue into a number of thefts throughout the Banff beat area.

Road Safety & road crime:

The festive crime patrols also incorporated the illegal and inconsiderate parking that continues to affect our town centres. 14 tickets were issued with a further 34 persons given suitable advice and/or warnings.

As part of Operation Cedar mobile patrols were carried out in the Banff area. A number of warnings and tickets were handed out, for overloading, speeding, registration and document offences. Divisional Officers in Banff recently trained in our new LASER speed detection device, warned 4 motorists on the first day of use.

December saw our annual drink drive campaign and despite huge amounts of publicity some people still ignore our message. 2 persons have been cautioned and charged with reports being sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

The festive patrols also targeted licensed premises and crimes related to alcohol and/or violence. We carried out more than 90 premises 'inspections' and engaged with the licensee's, staff and patrons to promote a positive message over the festive period.

We worked with our partners at Aberdeenshire Council Licensing Department and Turning Point during some of these inspections to offer guidance and advice to those seeking to address their lifestyles.

A number of positive stop searches in relation to drugs and stolen property were also carried out. Recordable Police Warnings were issued where appropriate with reports being compiled in relation to the others.



Police Scotland is launching a campaign to deter the public from buying potentially stolen goods, which fund serious and organised crime.

With the festive period now under way, people across the country have done their Christmas shopping, with many on the hunt for a bargain.

However, officers are warning shoppers not to spend their money on any items that

have been stolen from a home or business.



A North-East Special Constable who is Scotland's longest-serving Special Constable has been recognised for more than five decades of service. After 52 years in the role, Hugh Duncan has been presented with a long service certificate and award by Assistant Chief Constable John Hawkins.

Having joined the police as a Special Constable in 1967, Mr Duncan from Aberchirder is one of the most stalwart members of the UK's 12,000 strong Special Constabulary. Hugh, who continues to regularly turn out at Banff Police Station was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in the 2012 New Year's Honours list.

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- 🐦 Twitter - @NorthEPolice
- 📘 Facebook – www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision
- 🌐 Web – www.scotland.police.uk
- ☎ 999 – Emergency;

-  0800 555 111 - CrimeStoppers;

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