

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 October 2019 to 31 October 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:

You may have seen the coverage in the Press and Journal regarding the graffiti vandalism at the Macduff Sports Centre. Enquiries were carried out and two boys, aged 10 and 11, were found to be responsible. A report will be submitted to the Youth Justice Management Team.

Acquisitive Crime:

Work is ongoing in relation to liaison with local retailers and the targeting of known shoplifters in the area. This work will intensify in the lead up to the festive period where there is the potential for an increase in this type of crime. We will work alongside shopkeepers to ensure Crime Prevention measures are taken and where offences are committed, those responsible will be brought before the Court as quickly as possible.

Road Safety & road crime:

On 21 October 2019, mobile and foot patrols were carried out in the areas around Macduff Primary School and Banff. This was in response to reports of illegal or inconsiderate parking in the area, and other Road Traffic Offences.

Over the last two weeks, Community Officer, PC Graeme Smith, has been carrying out foot patrols in the vicinity of Chalmers Hospital in Banff following reports of parking issues there. He will continue to do this and hope to alleviate the problems.

We are aware of road safety issues around Aberchirder School and this will be tackled by our Community Beat Officers in the forthcoming weeks.

Feedback regarding any 'hotspot' areas which you feel would benefit from additional patrols is welcomed.

A number of people have been charged in the Banff and Buchan West area with Road Traffic offences including driving whilst using a mobile 'phone; no insurance

and speeding offences.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

PC Graeme Smith carried out a visit to Banff Primary 1 pupils this month and part of their 'Real Life Hero' project. Around 50 children were in attendance and all thoroughly enjoyed the input.

We have been working in partnership with Aberdeenshire Council and our colleagues within the Safer Communities department regarding unauthorised traveller encampments in Banff.

Local officers have been engaging with Turning Point staff in Banff. Turning Point offers a wide range of support to those people with substance misuse issues. We are working together to streamline the referral process to ensure that those who need help can access it at the earliest opportunity.

Halloween and Bonfire Night

A number of Halloween and Bonfire Night events will be held across our communities over the next week. We hope these events are once again delivered safely and successfully as they are a great opportunity for people to socialise in a family friendly environment.

Police Scotland do encounter isolated incidents of disorder and firework related criminality but please be reassured that these will not be tolerated. Police Scotland have been working in partnership with our other emergency services and local authorities to engage with young people throughout the North East with the aim of educating them and their guardians on the dangers and risks associated with such offences.

Police Scotland are encouraging members of the public to attend organised fireworks displays as planning allows for everyone to travel to and from these events and provides a safe place for people to enjoy the festivities.

Contact Us

Please also remember you can communicate with us using any of the following:

- 📞 101 – Non emergency;
- 📧 Email - BanffDistrictCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk
- 🐦 Twitter - @NorthEPolice
- 📘 Facebook – www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision
- 🌐 Web – www.scotland.police.uk
- 📞 999 – Emergency;
- 📞 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers;

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