

NORTH ABERDEENSHIRE



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NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS - gordon.farman@grampian.pnn.police.uk

I have now obtained a new e-mail address which I can access from my own desktop. This means that if you contact me by e-mail, I am able to return your message more speedily.

Last month I enclosed a form which should have been completed and returned to me at Peterhead Police office. I have so far received only twenty replies. For those I do not receive within the next month I will delete from our files. I hope that this will allow me to update and revamp the system and therefore provide a better service.

LOCAL CRIMES

The total number of reported crimes in our area to date (27/08/02) are:

Domestic break-ins	80
Commercial break-ins	95
Thefts of vehicles	80
Break-ins to vehicles	45
Serious Assaults	14
Assault & Robberies	14
Vandalism	454

Remember these figures are since 01 April, 2002.

Overview

I am concerned that the number of domestic break ins are on the increase. There is a trend at the moment for isolated / rural properties to be broken into during working hours while those in the towns appear to be overnight.

Cars are being stolen from towns, particularly Peterhead and almost all of them are over 10 years old.

Fraserburgh Section – including Rosehearty and Strichen areas

Break-ins took place in the Affric Place, Queen Mary Street and Robertson Road areas. We have been quieter this past month with no major issues. The summer months always have their problems with vandalisms and this year was no different with the schools being particularly badly hit.

Banff Section – including Fyvie, Rothienorman, Macduff, Sandend, Boyndlie and Turriff areas

As I mentioned above some rural properties have been broken into with houses in the Fyvie and Cuminestown areas being targeted. A licensed premises in Castle Street Banff was broken into and money stolen from gaming machines. Otherwise there has been no major problems reported to us.

Peterhead Section – including Cruden Bay, Mintlaw, New Deer and Boddam areas.

The Peterhead area has really been hit with a number of cars stolen a couple of which were abandoned and set on fire. Several houses have been broken into and bowling clubs in Longside and Peterhead were also the subject of break ins.

Successes (since last Newsletter)

A total of 5 break ins in Peterhead were detected with persons being reported for various offences. In Fraserburgh a male has been reported for two separate break ins to major town centre store. While in Banff a male was charged following a break in to a garage in Thomson Road.

CO-ORDINATORS MEETINGS

Provisional dates for the next meetings are given below. All meetings are at 7pm and within the relevant police offices.

Banff section - Wednesday 04 December 2002

Fraserburgh section - Wednesday 18 December 2002

Peterhead section - Wednesday 11 December 2002

It is extremely important that at least one member of your scheme attends these meetings. They are organised with the idea of providing constructive dialogue.

Gordon Farman
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