

### Buchan Area Local Policing Team

Our team covers all towns in the Buchan area including the main population centres of Peterhead, and Mintlaw, as well as other communities such as Crimond, St Combs, Strichen, Hatton, Cruden Bay and New Pitsligo. My officers, who are supported by civilian Police staff, Community Wardens and Special Constables are committed to providing the best service possible through effective engagement and involvement within our communities.



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### We are here to help.

We will continue to keep in touch with you in relation to our ongoing work in your community as we continue to tackle issues which impact on your quality of life.

### KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE

If you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss please contact your local Police Station where your local staff will discuss these with you and take any appropriate action.

If there is an emergency situation which requires immediate police attention please dial 999.

For non-emergency contact please call our 24 hour non-emergency Service Centre on

**0845 600-5-700**

or by e-mail to

[mylocalpolicingteam@grampian.pnn.police.uk](mailto:mylocalpolicingteam@grampian.pnn.police.uk)

or you can send us a text on

**07739 93 4444**

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## BUCHAN AREA Local Policing Update

In the Buchan Area our Policing priorities are informed by understanding what communities need through consulting, listening, responding and providing feedback.

In this latest bulletin, I am pleased to provide an update in relation to our activities and action your Local Policing Team have been taking to address the local issues identified by you.

### Local Priorities

#### 1. Community Focus

You told us that antisocial behaviour in general, but particularly around alcohol related offences, youth annoyance and antisocial driving were of concern to you.

Vandalism, particularly in Peterhead town centre at weekends is an ongoing concern, however I can report that to date we have managed to maintain our reduction in recorded instances. We will continue to work hard in conjunction with our partners to further reduce this unacceptable behaviour. Those acts which continue to occur, in the main have involved damage to vehicles, usually after dispersal from licensed premises. Once again, assistance from the community continues to be vital in reporting those responsible and helping us in addressing this unacceptable anti social behaviour.

#### 2. Road Casualty Reduction

You told us that you were concerned regarding the number of vehicles being driven recklessly and at speed within your communities and in particular Mintlaw and the smaller villages in the Buchan area. Incidents of anti-social driving in the Focus car park, Peterhead in particular are of continued concern and annoyance to you. Recently parking issues in Cruden Bay, Hatton and Crimond have likewise been of concern to you.

#### 3. Controlled Drugs

Our intelligence continues to indicate that drugs are available in the Buchan area, particularly Peterhead. There is a clear desire by the residents of Buchan to tackle this issue. We thank you for your continued support in regularly reporting information, anonymously or otherwise, which in turn allows us to take action.

##### What we have done so far

- We have provided Officers to assist the Prince's Trust Team Programme in decorating the Community flat at Roanheads, Peterhead. The Princes Trust is a 12-week self development programme for 16 to 25-year-olds, which offers a two-week work experience placement, nationally recognised qualifications, a variety of community projects and a week long residential activity week. By participating in this Programme it allowed the Officers to interact and support those whom the Princes Trust support.
- You will have now seen signs placed around Peterhead making everyone aware of the Peterhead drinking in public byelaw. This came into place on 20 February 2012 and following a 28 day warning period, we are now in the position to carry out enforcement. It is anticipated there may be an increase in offences over the coming months as the warmer weather approaches. You will also see that the byelaw has been translated into other languages to cater for some of the prominent nationalities residing in Peterhead.



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- In my last update, I made you aware of formal warnings that had been issued for anti-social driving within Peterhead. It is disappointing to report that two of these drivers did not heed these official warnings and have since had their vehicles seized. This should serve as a warning to other drivers, that anti-social driving will not be tolerated by the community of the Buchan area and local Officers will take appropriate action.

- Carried out a joint operation with Licensing Standards Officers on Licensed premises in Peterhead to ensure these establishments were adhering to Licensing regulations and providing a safe environment for the public. This included a check on SIA registered staff to ensure that they were licensed and wearing their appropriate identification. Checks such as these are carried out without warning and we will continue to do so. It is pleasing to note that at the recent Best Bar None Awards, out of the thirteen establishments who won awards in Aberdeenshire, six of these were from the Buchan area.

- We remain committed to attending Community Council and Community Association meetings, unless pressing operational matters do not allow. However, when this occurs we will continue to make contact to ensure we are aware of any ongoing matters which cause you concern. I am pleased to report that we have managed to maintain an excellent attendance record and that our communication between local Officers and Community Councils/Community Associations has improved. I am still keen to promote the use of Police Surgeries in the smaller villages of the Buchan area and despite varied success with residents turning up, I am committed to this form of engagement. Over the last quarter we have had Police Surgeries in the villages of Hatton, New Pitligo and Crimond.

- As promised we have continued with Operation Hotspur, which is a combination of enforcement and rehabilitation referral involving several partners. During this last quarter we have recovered controlled drugs such as Heroin, Cocaine,

Amphetamine and Cannabis. In addition to the enforcement action, it is again pleasing to report that some have engaged positively by agreeing to be referred to substance support services. Every successful referral removes one customer from those intent on supplying drugs in our area.

##### What we will be doing

- As has been reported in previous updates, we will continue to focus on those committing vandalism, by deploying high visibility patrols, particularly in Peterhead town centre and at weekends. Despite a drop in recorded instances, this focused activity remains a priority for you and indeed us.
- Enforcement of the Peterhead drinking in public byelaw so we can address the intimidating and negative impression such conduct can bring to the area.
- High visibility and plain clothed patrols in areas of Peterhead where youth annoyance is regularly reported. In addition to engaging with young people, those identified as responsible for reported annoyance will be held accountable and their parents made aware of what they are doing whilst they are out of their immediate supervision.
- Patrols and static checks to deter and detect incidents of vehicles being driven recklessly and at speed in towns and villages in the Buchan area. We will also be carrying out leaflet drops in the villages with reported parking issues, highlighting the dangers to motorists of their actions.
- Continued work on Operation Hotspur with focus on addressing drugs supply/misuse and referral of offenders to appropriate partners.