

Formartine Local Policing Team

Our team covers all towns in the Formartine area including the main population centres of Ellon, Oldmeldrum and Turriff, where there are Police Stations, as well as other communities such as Pitmedden, Balmedie, Tarves, Fyvie and Cuminstown. My team are all committed to working with the people of Formartine and Grampian to improve well being and keep all our communities safe.



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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 as we work together to

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

or you can send us a text on

07739 93 4444

If you have information about crime in your area and wish to provide it anonymously, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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FORMARTINE Local Policing Update

Formartine local policing is informed by understanding what communities need through consulting, listening, responding and providing feedback. We asked you what our local priorities should be and in general terms, you told us the following were important to you.

1. Anti Social Behaviour;

You told us that antisocial behaviour in general but particularly around vandalism and antisocial driving, were of concern.

2. Speeding;

You told us that you were concerned about speeding within your areas. This continues to be reflected across a great many of the communities throughout Formartine and is raised with me by Community Councils, Elected Members and other partners. It is also raised at public consultation events held by the Formartine Community Planning Group.

3. Community Focus;

You told us that a visible police presence was important within communities to enhance community safety, well being, provide reassurance and to seek increased visibility in some of the smaller communities of Formartine.

What we have done so far

- In the last quarterly update I mentioned that 'Midnight Football' was returning to Ellon on Friday nights between January and March. Police Officers have been present at each of the sessions along with partners from Community Learning and Development and I am pleased to report that on average, 30 young people have attended every night. The event is due to run until 30 March after which a full evaluation will take place.
- I also mentioned in the last update that 'Operation Majestic' would take place in the Turriff area to tackle the perceived issue of anti social driving in the 'town centre circuit' and that it would coincide with the launch of the 'Young Drivers

Information Leaflet'. My thanks go to the Aberdeenshire Community Safety Partnership for providing funding to run the operation and to the Formartine Community Safety Group for paying for the leaflets. The operation ran for a period of time during January and February in two distinct phases;

The first phase saw Officers deployed to engage with young drivers to gauge their view on anti-social driving and complete a survey. All participants were also issued with the Young Driver Information Leaflet, which contains a plain speak and easily understood 'do's and don'ts' for driving. The survey revealed that 93% of the drivers were male and all were in the 17 to 25 age bracket. Most of them considered that there was a problem with anti social driving in Turriff, but on a positive note, the majority intimated that they had previously attended a 'Road Safety' event which had a positive impact on their driving.

The second phase involved enforcement using both marked and unmarked vehicles and any offenders traced were issued with the aforementioned Leaflet and information on the 'Pass Plus' scheme. In addition the registered keepers of all the vehicles identified as participating in 'the circuit', a total of 69 cars, were sent a letter highlighting the issue of anti-social driving along with a copy of the Leaflet.

I am very pleased to report that only 7 offences were dealt with by the police during the operation. The main purpose of it was to raise awareness of the potential annoyance that can be caused through anti social driving and to explain in plain language what standard of driving is acceptable both legally and socially.

- The information that I am about to provide might actually appear contradictory to the purpose of this document in that at no time over the course of previous updates has drugs been mentioned as a community

concern in Formartine. However, local intelligence was mounting surrounding the misuse of controlled drugs in and around Ellon and as a result of that over the course of a six week period in January and February local officers executed 10 drugs search warrants in the area and recovered quantities of Cannabis, Cannabis Resin, Cocaine, Diazepam Mcat and Heroin along with over £7000 in cash. A total of five individuals were arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal in connection with 'being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs' and several others were reported for possession of controlled drugs. It is very important to bring this into perspective and state that Ellon is not awash with drugs but like every other Community there is a minority out there who do abuse them and as I said to the local media at the time the enforcement took place, "those who do abuse controlled substances have to be lucky every time that they engage in such activity, the police only have to be lucky once to catch them."

- The Formartine Community Planning Group annual Ward Forums were held as follows;

Mid Formartine Ward - 1 March
Ellon and District Ward - 5 March
Turriff and District Ward -14 March

These public consultation events were well attended by the partners involved in the Community Planning process and the public alike and once the information gathered has been assessed it will help to inform the basis of the next Community Plan and local priorities.

In addition to this, expect to see a number of other things happening in the next few weeks and months:

- The Police are keen to get involved in looking for ways of providing alternative activities for young people and one such scheme got under way in Oldmeldrum on 9 March with a 'Youth Cafe' opening in the Town Hall. The cafe will operate from 7pm to 9pm every

second Friday and local partners from Community Learning and Development and a local church have been instrumental in the scheme. The first night attracted 21 young people.

- On 8 April the Mobile Office will deploy at the 'Oldmeldrum Rotary Club Easter Sunday Haddo Egg Hunt' at Haddo House, which will be the fourth year in a row that we have been present to provide members of the public with crime prevention and other advice and information.
- On 25 April there is a Drug and Alcohol awareness night at Meldrum Academy for parents at which the Police will be represented to provide an overview of local issues.
- On 26 May Ellon Fire Station will be holding their annual open day and I have decided this year that due to the very close proximity of the Fire Station with Ellon Police Office that we will also open our doors to the public and offer visitors the chance to see our facilities. Plans are still very much in the initial stages but will be publicised locally in due course.
- Speed enforcement in our communities.
- As we continue our 'drive' towards increased Road Safety and build on the priorities that public consultation has provided, there are two 'Road Safety Grampian Young Driver Roadshows' in Formartine at which various members of the Emergency Services will be in attendance. The aim is to provide advice, information and guidance to drivers aged 17 to 25 and to talk through any road safety issues that relate to them. The events will take place as follows;

Ellon 'Park and Ride' Car park on Thursday 31 May, and

Tesco Car Park, Turriff on Thursday 31 July. Both events run from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.