

Garioch Local Policing Team

Our team covers all towns in the Garioch area including the main population centres of Inverurie, Westhill, Kemnay and Insch, where there are Police Stations, as well as other communities such as Kintore, Blackburn and Newmachar. My team are enthusiastic and are all keen to work with the people of Garioch and Grampian to improve wellbeing and keep all our communities safe.



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We are here to help.

We will continue to keep in touch with you to keep you updated on the ongoing work being done to tackle issues that are affecting life for you and your community and

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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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In Garioch our Policing priorities are informed by understanding what communities want and need by consulting, listening, responding and providing feedback.

1. Anti Social Behaviour

I continue to be able to give the good news that levels of anti-social behaviour have, for the most part, again continued the trend of remarkably low levels.

Unfortunately we have seen a resurgence of some of the youth problems in the village of Kintore.

I accept that there is definitely a lack in provision for young people in the village, but this does not in any way excuse anti social behaviour, by what is in all reality still a small proportion of the young people. Unfortunately, the actions of these few tends to tar all of our young people with the same brush. The reality is that there are far more young people actively involved in making a positive contribution to their communities, but they don't get the same press or public recognition.

PC Brian Pirie is currently gathering information about those responsible. So far we can see that part of the problem is that youths are congregating in Kintore from a number of other settlements including Inverurie, Kemnay, Blackburn and as far away as Alford. The fact that they are away from their home towns tends to dis-inhibit them from behavioural boundaries. They don't think that anyone knows them so they won't be caught and dealt with.

They are wrong on both counts, which they will come to realise in the not too distant future.

On the other hand, the organised youth group in the village have received money from the Police Community Initiative Fund to provide coaching and training as DJ's.

In Blackburn, the same funds have been used to provided rental costs for a youth group to meet at the Community Centre, while they themselves try to develop longer term solutions to their own needs.

Again the same funding has been used to help a youth sports team in Westhill meet the cost of team strips so they can continue in their activities.

These examples demonstrate our local Officer's commitment to support the young people who want to be positive about what they do and how they do it, and to tackle those who don't.

2. Safer Roads.

As promised in my last edition, I can now give you an update on the results of Operation Sawfish, which was aimed at taking on those people who choose to be anti-social, or simply dangerous, in the way they drive in Inverurie.

I had hoped that the time and effort invested by ourselves and others, in education and encouragement, would mean that our enforcement efforts would yield little in the way of results.

Unfortunately this wasn't the case. As a result of the Operation, twelve people have been charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Nine of these have been reported for the serious offence of Dangerous Driving, which carries the likelihood of disqualification. Others have been charged with a variety of offences including Careless Driving. All the drivers were in the age range of 17 to 26, which are the most vulnerable group who are at heightened risk of being involved in fatal collisions. The standard of driving displayed clearly shows why this is the case. Alarmingly, one had only passed their driving test a matter of days before.

Interestingly, the same issue also applied to those involved in this particular form of anti social behaviour as I have spoken about in relation to Kintore. Of the twelve offenders only two were actually from Inverurie, the others came from all across the area, including Ellon and Aberdeen.

Clearly we still have some work to do on this issue. We are committed to do so for the benefit of the individuals themselves and to protect the rest of the community from their dangerous and irresponsible actions. Operation Sawfish, part 2, will be coming to Inverurie in the near future.

Our attention to speeding and other road safety matters, raised through community engagement, will continue in any location brought to our attention. Our activities are supported by our colleagues from Roads Policing.

3. Community Focus & Police Visibility

Your Local Policing Team contacts are listed below for your reference.

Kemnay:- PC Sandra Duncan
Kintore:- PC Brian Pirie
Insch:- PC John Fairclough
Blackburn, Fintray & Newmachar:- PC Dave Calvert
Inverurie centre:- PC Doug McMann
Inverurie (other) :- Sergeant Craig Grant.
Westhill :- Sergeant Inness Coull

The post for the Insch Officer was advertised and created a lot of interest. As a result a selection process needed to be held, which has delayed the arrival of a replacement for Mike Poddubecki.

I am pleased to announce that Constable John Fairclough, pictured below, was successful and should start in April. John comes to us with a lot of experience, including time spent in a Pro-Active unit and the CID. I have no doubt he will take to his new role and become a familiar figure in, and as part of, the community.



Garioch Community Planning Partnership, PUBLIC MEETINGS.

The first meeting which was open to the public was held in Insch in October 2011. A subsequent meeting was held at Westhill in November and the most recent one was in Newmachar in January this year. These continue to be a great success, offering local community groups and individuals the opportunity to give presentations on their work and seek support from the Partnership. The next meeting will be closed to allow us to try and catch up on some of the business that has been put to one side to facilitate the public inclusion. For future meeting dates please see the Community Planning website.

<http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk>

As ever, I am keen to continue getting feedback on this bulletin or any of our Policing activities, which are driven by community needs and your feedback. These genuinely inform our local priorities. Likewise, that you continue to submit requests for the attention of your local officers. Comments/requests to:-

mylocalpolicingteam@grampian.pnn.police.uk

Titled either " **POLICE PRESENCE** " or " **COMMENT** "

Containing the following information

1. Contact details:- your name, e-mail address, etc.
2. Who you represent
3. Location, Times, Days:- When and where you would like to see the Officers deployed.
4. Why:- E.G. youth drinking / annoyance in a particular street.
5. Or:- Your comments

You should however continue to report all crimes, or ongoing incidents, to our Force Service Centre on 0845 600 5 700.

Thanks.

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