

Useful Information.

Kincardine and Mearns Local Policing Team

This will be my last update as I will shortly be moving on to another post within the Force Control Room at Police Headquarters, Queen Street, Aberdeen. I would like to take this opportunity before I leave to say how much I have personally enjoyed my time in Kincardine and Mearns. I am proud to have been able to serve your communities in the two years I have worked here. My thanks to you all.



Kind regards.

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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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Local Policing Update



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KINCARDINE AND MEARNS Local Policing Update

Local policing in Kincardine and Mearns is informed by understanding what communities need through listening, responding and providing feedback. By engaging with you we have learned that the local priorities important to you are:

1. Anti Social Behaviour

particularly around alcohol, underage drinking, youth annoyance and vandalism across our towns and villages.

2. Road Casualty Reduction

and the concerns about levels of speeding and road traffic collisions are common themes emerging from our consultation with local elected members, community groups and community members in general.

3. Community Focus

by providing a visible police presence in communities to enhance community safety, well-being and reassurance.

What have we done so far?

Antisocial behaviour

- We continue to work hard on reducing levels of antisocial behaviour across the many communities in Kincardine and Mearns using a range of preventative and enforcement measures. Active partnership with Aberdeenshire Council Community Learning and Development units continues as diversionary measures such as street football and Blue Light Discos are planned and provided to our young people.
- Every weekend we ensure that active patrolling can be carried out in town centres to deal with any alcohol related antisocial behaviour. Officers regularly issue Antisocial Behaviour Fixed Penalties to those who would fall foul of the law during their night out. This is a particularly effective method of disposing of low level antisocial behaviour offences without the need to bring offenders to the notice of the Courts.

- Our officers have been actively targeting particular hotspots, often identified by community members, as those causing issues in relation to antisocial behaviour and in particular antisocial driving in the local hotspot locations in the area of the Beach Leisure Centre and Town Square in Stonehaven. I am pleased to be able to advise you that in this first part of the year levels of this type of crime have been relatively low, but please be reassured we remain vigilant and will actively take action where problems of this sort emerge.

- It has become apparent that there have been problems with some young persons congregating in the grounds of some of our primary schools, particularly Arduthie, Gourdon and Laurencekirk. We have increased our patrols in these areas and working with partners have been able to enhance security at Arduthie and Laurencekirk where CCTV cameras have been installed. Further work is ongoing to have the same done at Gourdon.

We are seeing the benefits of this action already which is positive as levels of incidents like this have reduced. In order to consolidate on this work funding has been secured for an operation to run throughout the Easter holidays which will enable us to actively engage with young persons and encourage positive behaviour, while taking appropriate enforcement activity where required.

- Street Football is back for the Easter Holidays and this always proves popular with our younger members of the community. Local officers will be participating in this valuable diversionary activity.

Road Casualty Reduction

- We continue to focus on Road Safety and working with our Road Policing colleagues we have been responding to concerns as they have been raised with us in relation to particular parts of the community where there is a perceived issue.

- Portlethen Community Council told us of the concern among many members of the community regarding the manner of driving seen in the town. In response to this we ran Operation Haynes in February which involved a number of local officers assisted by Road Policing colleagues.

During the period of the operation, which took place over a number of days, several drivers were dealt with by our officers in relation to various offences including speeding, driving while using mobile telephones and general inconsiderateness.

- In St Cyrus, the Community Council reminded us of their long standing concern regarding drivers travelling through the village along the A92 at excessive speed. In direct response to this, again with the assistance and support of Road Policing colleagues, local officers initiated a number of high visibility patrols which resulted in a number of motorists being warned and a number of offences being detected.

We were delighted to receive praise from the Community Council who, at their meeting in March, thanked us for our efforts in this regard. We intend to repeat this where we can to continue to provide the reassurance that we are listening and are keen to act on concerns such as this when brought to our attention.

Community Focus

The Local Community Planning Group which has responsibility for local partnership working and planning among multi-agency partners has been reviewing its priorities recently and I have been actively involved in this work. A lot of effort is being made to establish the next set of priorities for the forthcoming community plan and this is very much based on information we have sourced from communities themselves through direct engagement and consultation.

At the recent priority setting meeting in Stonehaven a number of issues were brought before a range of community representatives and activists. Using the knowledge and input of those taking part in the exercise some definition was given to those issues which have the greatest impact in Kincardine and Mearns. These will be published as part of the new Community Plan. The next step in the process is for the group to identify those actions relating to these priorities which can be addressed to provide real outcomes for people.

Details of the work of the Local Community Planning Group and the work partners and community members are doing together can be found on the Aberdeenshire Live website.

- We continue to attend as many Community Council / Resident Association meetings as we can and as can be seen where issues are raised with us, we will act quickly to address these and let you know what we have done.

While there haven't been too many issues raised with us recently you can see from some of the things we have been doing that we do respond and will always let you know how we've done.

- From April, in three of our officers will be given specific duties to raise the profile of the policing in your communities. Their duties have been amended to increase visibility of our officers and enhance reassurance and feelings of safety by improving our engagement with you. We will increase the number of foot patrols, engage better with community members, groups and partners and establish a closer connection with you.

The officers selected for these duties are some of the most experienced we have and they are all looking forward to the challenge. I will keep you updated with progress. I am confident this enhancement to current practice will achieve some great results and we will let you know how we get on.