

### Marr Local Policing Team

Our team covers all towns, villages and communities within the Marr area, including the main population centres of Banchory, Huntly, Aboyne, Alford and Ballater, where our Police Stations are located. We have a further station within the community of Braemar.

Each of your officers and police staff who work from these Police Stations is committed to providing the best possible service to the entire Marr area, directed by the principles of a community focused approach.



Inspector Inness Coull  
Local Policing Team  
Inspector

### Contact Details

Banchory Police Station  
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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.

If you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss please contact your local Police Station where your local staff will listen, discuss and take what action is necessary.

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**

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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Welcome to the latest update from the Marr Local Policing Team. Our policing priorities and activities continue to be informed by understanding community needs through consulting, listening, responding and providing feedback.

This process has allowed us to determine what is important to you and as such, our priorities continue to be:

### 1. Community Focus

In particular, ensuring that your Local Policing Team are known to you and are dealing with the matters that are important to our community.

### 2. Anti-Social Behaviour

You told us about anti-social behaviour in general but particularly around underage drinking and vandalism.

### 3. Safer Roads

You identified that reducing road casualties in your area was important and that speeding vehicles were a concern.

So, what's new, what have we done so far and what do we intend doing in the future?

### 1. Community Focus

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The last few months have seen supervisory changes to the Marr LPT, some temporary and others permanent. It is important that you know who your local officers are and I would like to update you as follows:

I have been covering as the Marr LPT Inspector whilst Andrew Todd has been providing cover as Chief Inspector for the Marr and Kincardine and Mearns areas. Still based at Banchory Police Office, I have been updating him with the work carried out by your officers in response to matters the communities raise.

In addition, I am pleased to announce the following changes to Sergeant cover within the area.

Sergeant Jon Millar joins Sergeant Chris Smith at Banchory Police Office.



Sergeant Steve Robertson has moved from Banchory to Ballater Police Office.



Sergeant Neil Robertson joins Sergeant Neil Binning at Huntly Police Office.



All come with valuable policing experience and I am sure over the forthcoming months, they will become well known faces in their areas of responsibility.

For ease of reference, I have included your Local Policing Team contacts below:

#### Banchory Area

Sergeants Chris Smith and Jon Millar.

#### Ballater Area

Sergeant Steve Robertson.

#### Braemar

Constable Jeff Hall.

#### Aboyne

Constables Gordon Brown, Jenny McHattie and Rob Farrands.

#### Huntly Area

Sergeants Neil Binning and Neil Robertson.

#### Alford Area

Constables Neil MacAdam and Neil Duncan.

Police Surgeries as previously reported will continue and during March were held in Tarland, Aboyne, Braemar and Ballater. Again attendance figures showed a mixed success but by making this method of access to your officers consistent in smaller communities, these important opportunities to engage with each other will develop.

Our commitment to attend Community Council meetings in the Marr area continues. Overall we have attended 30 out of the 35 meetings held during the first quarter of this year. This is an attendance rate of nearly 86% an increase of nearly 6% on previous figures.

### 2. Anti-Social Behaviour

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Underage drinking and related anti-social behaviour remains a concern for many. During March, Operation Ardbeg ran throughout Aberdeenshire. The operation, used local officers to carry out high visibility patrols in known areas, focusing on preventing anti-social behaviour and providing early intervention to persons under the age of 18 found under the influence or in possession of alcohol.

During the operation and in the Marr LPT area, twenty-three bottles of alcohol, which included spirits, were confiscated. All young people that came into contact with officers are being considered in relation to our Alcohol Briefing Intervention Project which is run in partnership with Barnardos. In addition to taking appropriate action at the time, the initiative offers young people an interview and discussion regarding their alcohol use.

As reported previously, work carried out on behalf of the Marr Community Planning Partners, resulted in the Marr Youth Action Plan. The plan highlighted concerns held by young people, one of which was their safety and the wish for increased Police presence. During Operation Ardbeg, positive feedback about the high visibility Policing activity was received from many of those spoken to.

Once the full results from the operation are received, these will be used to positively

influence our policing response in future. You will be kept updated in respect of this.

### 3. Safer Roads

In addition to points raised previously about speeding within villages, our communities have highlighted varying concerns surrounding general safety on our roads and the wish to reduce road casualties. These concerns have included:

- Children playing 'chicken' on roads.
- Dangerous parking around our schools.
- Drivers using mobile phones.

You were updated in the previous report regarding a proposed road safety initiative, to be run together with our partners in the South Marr Community Safety Group. I am pleased to update you that work has now started, with the overall objective being to improve general road safety.

To ensure the issues we are tackling are recent and relevant, the initiative has started with a consultation stage. During this period we are asking Community Councils, other identified groups and you, "what are the concerns felt locally in respect of safety on our roads?"

Each response will be used to formulate an overview of exactly what and where the issues are, which will be used to inform future education and enforcement work.

You will be kept updated as the initiative progresses and I ask that all concerns are highlighted to us either by contacting our Force Service Centre on 0845 600 5 700 or by email to:

<mailto:mylocalpolicingteam@grampian.pnn.police.uk>

Simply title your message "safer roads" and detail your concern(s).

I would appreciate it if you could also include relevant times, dates and locations as well as the area or community you represent.

Thank you  
Inness Coull  
Marr LPT Inspector