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Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Kincardine and Mearns Community Council area for the period April 2025.

The report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and the residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

In this report I will focus on Police Station 'areas' as historically these stations would covers the following areas.

Portlethen and surrounding areas including Drumoak and Durriss. I will specify this as Portlethen.

Stonehaven Police Station – Stonehaven, Newtonhill, Drumlithie and surrounding areas. I will specify this as Stonehaven.

Laurencekirk Police Station – Laurencekirk and surrounding areas including Fettercairn, Edzell woods, Auchenblae and Garvock. I will specify this as Laurencekirk.

The A92 towns (Catterline – St Cyrus) along the coastal Road are covered between Stonehaven and Laurencekirk but I will specify them as Coastal Road.

Community Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

Area	Youth Disorder	Anti-Social
Portlethen	10	7
Stonehaven	9	10
Laurencekirk	1	12
Coastal Road	2	7

Acquisitive Crime: D – Detected UI-Under Investigation

Area	Thefts	Shoptliftings	Theft of motor vehicle	Housebreakings/Attempts
Portlethen	3UI	2UI	0	2UI
Stonehaven	3UI	2D	0	1UI
Laurencekirk	1UI	1UI	0	0
Coastal Road	0	0	0	1UI

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Road Safety & road crime:

Area	Careless Driving	Drink/Drug Driving	Dangerous
Portlethen	2D,2UI		2D
Stonehaven	4D,1UI	2D	1D
Laurencekirk	0	0	0
Coastal Road	1D	0	0

Community Engagement & Reassurance:

With this fantastic weather we are having I want to share from our website this advice for motorcyclist out enjoying themselves.

### **Motorcyclists**

Information for motorcyclists and staying safe on Scotland's roads.

On this page:

[Road safety advice](#)

[Is your motorcycle a target for thieves?](#)

Motorcycle crashes can be serious. Motorbike riders should realise what they can and can't do and be careful.

Most road crashes can be avoided. They often involve basic mistakes by the rider.

### **Road safety advice**

A lot of collisions and deaths in Scotland involve motorbikes.

Motorbike riders are more vulnerable on the roads than car drivers. Weather conditions changing, speeding and poor judgement in overtaking all add to that danger.

There are a number of things you can do to reduce the risk of crashing:

- Take time on bends on country roads
- Take extra care at junctions
- Take care when overtaking
- Only overtake when it is safe
- Know your motorcycle and what to do if you feel like you are losing control.

Clothing is important for you being seen and for your safety. During the day you should ensure you are wearing bright colours over your protective clothing. In the evening reflective clothing should be worn. A helmet is required by law.

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### **Is your motorcycle a target for thieves?**

Motorcycles and scooters are an easy target for thieves but theft does not have to be inevitable, a few simple steps could reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

Security tips when out and about

- Ensure your bike is fitted with a combined alarm and immobiliser
- Fit a tracker
- Attach a combination of chain, disc lock and U-lock. Do not rely on one device, the more security placed on your bike, the less attractive it is to a thief. The longer it takes to overcome the security, the more of a deterrent it is
- Try to park under street lights
- When applying your locks, ensure they are secured to a solid anchor point or a permanent piece of street furniture. Keep the lock off the ground where possible as this makes it difficult to cut off.
- Cover your motorcycle and ensure the cover is attached to the security device
- If possible use Thatcham , Sold Secure or Secured By Design approved devices. These have been industry tested and are generally agreed to be amongst the most robust security devices available.
- Ensure you always activate the steering lock
- Do not leave your helmet or other possessions on the motorcycle or in luggage space or panniers.
- Look out for car parks that are accredited to the Parkmark scheme, as they are safer places to park vehicles. Log onto [parkmark.co.uk](http://parkmark.co.uk) for a list of car parks on your area
- Be vigilant, ensure that you are not being followed home and check for suspicious items attached to your motorcycle or transporting vehicle/trailer that could be used to track your whereabouts

### **Social Media**

The increase in use of Social Media and GPS Tracker apps are making it easier for criminals to plan their thefts from the comfort of their home. Think about what you share on any app. and regularly review your security settings - make sure your posts do not identify your home.

### **Tracking Devices**

Tracking devices are an effective covert security measure. Although they may not prevent a theft, they assist Police in tracing and recovering vehicles quickly.

Marking and Identification Systems

Datatag ID - Datatag is a piece of technology which can be attached to various parts of your motorcycle. It comes in different forms, dependent on what is most appropriate and is unique to each individual.

Datatag assists Police identify the owner of the vehicle should it be stolen and later recovered even if the motorcycle has been taken apart.

For more information on this product, please visit [www.datatag.co.uk](http://www.datatag.co.uk)

Alternatively, you can mark your motorcycle by adding your own unique markings. For example, mark your postcode or registration number on various parts of the bike.

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### **Security Tips at Home**

If you have a garage, shed or storage area consider securing your motorcycle there.

- Fit a hasp and padlock with dome headed, non-return screws to prevent tampering. Consider Sold Secure [soldsecure.com](http://soldsecure.com) or Secured by Design [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com) products
- Secure windows and don't enable people to see inside with curtains or opaque film. Fit grills, heavy mesh or reinforced glass
- If you have a house alarm consider extending it to cover, garages and out buildings
- If your garage adjoins your home and there is a through door it should be external quality and kept lock
- Secure your bike within the storage area with a ground anchor and chain

If you have any information in relation to stolen motorcycles please contact Police Scotland via 101 or 999 in an emergency

Report anonymously via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

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⚠️ **\*\*Important Notice: New Speed Limit Implemented at A90 to A92 Junction\*\*** ⚠️

We would like to inform the public that the newly established speed limit along the A92 segment adjacent to Dunnottar Woods is now in effect and enforceable.

In the upcoming weeks, you will observe a significant police presence at this junction, as officers will be actively engaged in both education and enforcement efforts.

This measure has been introduced in response to the high incidence of road traffic collisions in the area, and it has been positively received by Police Scotland.

Constable Taylor, an officer from Kincardine and Mearns, stated, "We are pleased to announce this reduction in speed limit and encourage all motorists to adhere to the new regulations. Speed limits and traffic markings are implemented for a reason – primarily for the safety of all road users."

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our community.





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Kincardine and Mearns Community Liaison Officer, Constable Charnley, was with First Friends in Laurencekirk today visiting the little ones.

This is always fun and we are happy to visit if you reach out to your local stations which you can find emails for via this link

<https://orlo.uk/oxhGN>

Thanks for having us.



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Kincardine and Mearns Community Policing team have been conducting foot patrols within Stonehaven and this has been so well received that it will be run from now on and through summer.

Community Liaison Officer, PC Charnley, who has been out over the past two weeks said - "It is clear to see how happy people are to have their local "bobbie" out on foot and walking through the places cars can't go and being visible all over. It is great getting out and chatting to folk so please don't hesitate to stop me for a chat if you need anything."

Specific patrols are also planned in other towns and villages within Kincardine and Mearns for specific operations.





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Kincardine and Mearns Community Officer, Constable Charnley, had the pleasure of being invited to [Stonehaven Sea Cadets & Royal Marine Cadets](#) for their biannual inspection where they welcome a high-profile member of the Sea Cadets to inspect the unit and showcase what they do.

Constable Charnley had this to say - "This was brilliant to watch and also see what goes on in our community and the Sea Cadets and Royal Marine Cadets should be very proud of the display. It was great getting an invite and I enjoyed it all, will be back for the next one. Thanks again for the invite".

Gregg Taylor, Stonehaven Fire Station's Watch Commander ([Stonehaven Community Fire Station](#)) and Peter Esson from Stonehaven's RNLi ([RNLi Stonehaven](#)) were also invited and attended and can be seen in the photo with the Sea Cadets.

