

Useful Information

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 Cuminestown. My team are all driven to work 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, some examples of the above being reported in Turriff in recent months.

2. Speeding and Parking

You told us that you were concerned about speeding within your communities. This was reflected across a great many of the communities but specifically in Pitmedden, Ellon and Turriff. In addition speeding was reported to me by local Community Councils in Rothienorman, Fisherford and the Tarves to Cairnbrogie Road. You also told us that you were concerned over parking issues outside Primary Schools throughout the Formartine Area with vehicles stopping on double yellow lines and other restricted areas causing a potential danger to children.

3. Community Focus

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

What we have done so far

- Reduced vandalism across Formartine by over 30% on this time last year.
- Operation Majestic has been held in Turriff to specifically deal with anti social driving. Officers have been deployed both in plain clothes and in uniform to deter and detect incidents of anti social

driving with a significant number of drivers spoken to during the initiative. If a driver has been previously dealt with under antisocial behaviour legislation, and repeats the same standard of unacceptable driving then their car can be seized. But it is not just about enforcement as all drivers stopped have been given information about the 'Pass Plus' driving initiative designed to enhance driver safety.

- Speed enforcement and education has taken place in Castle Road and Riverside Road, Ellon, Methlick, Rothienorman, Turriff, Balmedie and Belhelvie.
- Speed surveys will be taking place in Fisherford and on the Tarves to Cairnbrogie Road in an effort to establish if there is indeed a speeding problem there. The results of the surveys will be fed back to the relevant Community Council and action taken if appropriate. We previously ran a campaign entitled 'Kill Your Speed' in the Formartine area, which was funded through the Community Planning Partnership. This campaign has been nominated for a 'Community Safety' award.
- The Community Planning process has been running for many years now in Formartine. Part of the public consultation process is to hold an annual forum in order to gauge public opinion on what matters most to local communities. The partnership benefited from this but felt that a change was needed to engage a wider selection of the public and split the forum into a ward basis, holding one in each of the three Formartine Wards. The first ward forum was held in November in Turriff to cover the Turriff and District Ward and the second and third ward forums were held in March to cover the Mid Formartine and Ellon and District Wards.
- As referred to in the October 2010 and the January 2011 updates 'Police

Surgeries' have been held in several of the smaller communities across Formartine, including Rothienorman, Fyvie, Cuminestown Foveran, Newburgh and Udny Station to raise the profile of local policing. Very few issues were raised with officers who used the Mobile Police Office, however the reassurance and preventative measure of the officers presence cannot be underestimated. An example of continued partnership working is the fact that several of the Councillors have also visited the Mobile Police Office in support of the police. The majority of the feedback from the public has been positive with local issues being raised however one negative side of using the Mobile Police Office has been that members of the public have asked 'what has happened' with the assumption being that the police presence was due to a serious incident of some kind which shows that we still have some work to do in order that police visibility in the smaller communities becomes the 'norm' and not the exception.

- As I mentioned in the January 2011 update Sergeants from my Local Policing Team were appointed as additional points of contact with named Community Councils in Formartine and so far in 2011 we have achieved a very high attendance rate at the meetings. I will continue to attend as many of the Community Council meetings as possible in support of my Sergeants. There will, however, be occasions when we are not available and in those circumstances every effort will be made for an 'on duty' Constable to attend.
- Ellon Police Office has a meeting room that is available, free of charge, for members of the community to use. Numerous groups have made regular use of the room since the new office opened in 2004 such as a local Civic Pride group, Community Council, Education groups, Book Club, Blood Donors, Social Work etc. The room can be booked by contacting us on 0845 600 5 700 or by the e-mail address on the first page.

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

- A continued focus on speed enforcement. Two of the Formartine Local Policing Team Constables have been taken off general duties and tasked with providing high visibility patrols and speed enforcement in identified areas
- Education and enforcement in terms of parking issues outside Primary Schools
- Attendance at community council meetings
- Continued Police surgeries in smaller communities
- Crime Reduction activity is not just about policing, it is also about you the public taking responsibility for your own property and possessions. It frustrates me greatly when I read crime reports that state 'property stolen from unlocked car' or 'items left in open view and stolen' or 'enter insecure shed and steal goods'. Formartine is a safe place to live in and theft is not as frequent as other areas but you need to take care of your own property and not allow thieves the opportunity to profit from their dishonesty.
- With summer just a few months away I know that some of you will be planning village gala's such as the ones held in Balmedie and Rothienorman and in previous years the police have provided a presence at some of them. Now is the time to let us know the date of your gala so that we can plan ahead. We already have a busy schedule of events in the summer months therefore knowing what else is going on will help us greatly.
- Locally elected members play a crucial role in Formartine and over the years I have built up a strong working relationship with the Councillors. We meet every six month, with the next meeting being due in April. These meetings afford the councillors an opportunity to raise with me things that constituents have brought to their attention.