

### 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 committed to working 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](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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## 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. In addition to this in recent weeks there has been some evidence of 'underage drinking' becoming more of an issue in Turriff as well.

### 2. Speeding and Parking;

You told us that you were concerned about speeding within your areas. This was reflected across a great many of the communities throughout Formartine and continues to be raised with me, Community Councils, Elected Members and other partners. Parking and other traffic issues have also been raised in Oldmeldrum Town Centre.

### 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 by 30% and increased the detection rate to 34% across Formartine in the year 2010/11 compared to the previous year.
- Operation Majestic was referred to in the last update in relation to our response to anti social driving in Turriff . In the last 12 months 20 drivers have been dealt with in Formartine and given a warning under section 126 of the Anti Social Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004. Which means that any repeated anti

social driving offence in the following 12 months can lead to the seizure of the vehicle being driven. Fifteen of the drivers were dealt with in Turriff. Each one of them were young men aged between 16 and 24. Of course enforcement only deals with the issue 'there and then'. In recognition that a longer term solution was required Grampian Police and other partners took part in the recent 'Motor Fest' that was held in Turriff which had the following aims *"to raise the profile of Turriff and the surrounding area in terms of domestic tourism, providing economic benefits to local business and the community and large"* and *"to encourage responsible road use to people of all ages, but particularly young people throughout the area, with the aim of reducing road accidents and fatalities"*

- Over the last three months speed enforcement has taken place in Castle Road, Riverside Road, and Knockothie Crescent in Ellon, and in Methlick, Rothienorman, Turriff, Balmedie, Newburgh, Woodhead, Belhelvie, Fyvie, Udney Station, Foveran, Oldmeldrum, Tarves and Pitmedden with 50 traffic offences being detected.
- The speed surveys referred to in the last update that were to take place were carried out. The results were fed back to the relevant Community Council and as a result of the surveys some enforcement was required in Fisherford but not at the other location. Numerous surveys have been carried out over the years that I have been in post at Ellon and where one of them reveals that there is not an issue then we will not carry out enforcement, preferring instead to concentrate resources at locations where there is a measurable problem.
- In terms of the parking issues highlighted at many of our primary schools, I had several thousand letters printed and delivered to each Primary School Head Teacher in Formartine to distribute to parents highlighting the

dangers of inappropriate parking in the vicinity of the school and drawing to their attention that parking restrictions were there for the safety of the children attending the school. I have had feedback from Head Teachers and parents supporting the action taken and my thanks go to the Formartine Community Planning Group who sponsored the letters. There was also positive publicity and support in the local press.

- The six monthly meeting between the Formartine Councillors and I took place on 26 May at Ellon Police Office, during which a variety of topics were discussed. This meeting is a key Action in the Formartine Community Plan 2010-2014.
- Articles for two local publications have been provided by me recently and if there are any other local newsletters that want a similar service then do not hesitate to get in touch.
- In terms of Community Focus we ran a ten week block of Friday night football for youngsters in Ellon from February to April. This was in partnership with Community Learning and Development and Ellon Academy. On average between 20 and 30 youngsters attended each night. This is the second year the event has taken place.

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

- In respect of the issues raised in Oldmeldrum Town Centre I have already had a meeting with a representative from Aberdeenshire Council and a Council sponsored survey is to take place later in the summer covering all aspects of traffic management including analysis of any reported collisions.
- An operation in the Turriff area to focus on Underage Drinking.
- Attendance at several high profile events including Oldmeldrum Sports

and Turriff Show.

- Continued attendance at community council meetings. In the last three months our attendance rate in Formartine has been approaching 100% which is where I want to be in this respect. There will however be occasions when attendance is influenced by other factors for example the May meeting of Tarves Community Council was not attended as the officers allocated to it were diverted to a road traffic collision. In this scenario I always ensure that the chair of the community council is made aware of the reason for non attendance and provided with any key information for their area.
- Continued Police surgeries in smaller communities. By way of true empowerment Belhelvie Community Council were very much involved in the setting of dates and locations for the forthcoming surgeries in their area and have undertaken to have a Community Councillor present at each one in support of the Police. I hope that these surgeries will build on the recent 'Aberdeenshire Citizens' Panel survey which revealed respondents felt crime in their local area had reduced.
- Continued use of the Community Initiative Fund to assist, where the criteria is met, local groups. Ellon Junior Section Rugby Club recently received a sum of money to assist with the purchase of a new set of strips for the new season. Photograph courtesy of Ted Bartlett.

