

### 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 Andrew Todd  
Local Policing Team  
Inspector

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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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Over the last 3 months your officers have continued to focus their efforts on matters of concern to communities. A principle way in which we try and understand what is of importance is through engagement. Over the last three months we have attended 23 of the 29 Community Council meetings held in Marr. This is nearly an 80% attendance rate at all meetings and, I believe, demonstrates our commitment to Community Councils as a key partner of the Police when trying to identify issues. We remain committed to mobile Police Surgeries, where local officers attend in a village specifically to meet with local people and discuss concerns. Over the last three months we have undertaken 6 such surgeries. I have also committed the Local Policing Team to a third formal method of engagement, focussed on the youth community within Marr, but more of that later.

Our engagement continues to inform us that the main issues of concern are

1. Community Focus. In particular ensuring that your Local Policing Team are known and dealing with the matters that are important to communities.
2. Anti-social behaviour particularly underage drinking and vandalism.
3. Road collisions and general road safety, particularly speeding.

So, over the last three months what have we done about that and what do we intend to do going into the future?

### Community Focus

Our commitment to attending at Community Councils remains

unwavering. It is not always the case that we can attend, particularly if an urgent matter comes to Police attention that we need to respond to. However, when that happens we make contact to ensure that we are aware of any matters for our attention. Between meetings the communication between local officers and Community Councils is very good, and ensures that matters don't need to wait to be raised.

Our success at Police Surgeries is varied throughout the Marr area. Some are a resounding success with good numbers attending, others have nobody turning up. It remains the case that I am committed to this form of engagement, but as I look forward we need to ensure that they are more consistent. Your local Sergeants and I will discuss various methods over the winter months, but please be assured you will continue to see Police surgeries.

Over the next reporting period we will be focussing on youth engagement. The Marr Community Planning Group recognise the need for the views and aspirations of our young people to be understood and valued by all the



Community Planning Partners, which includes the Police. This has resulted in Aberdeenshire Council Community Learning and Development engaging with nearly 500 young people in the Marr area, between the age of 12 and 17 years. This engagement has resulted in a Marr Youth Action Plan being drafted by the Marr Area Partnership in collaboration with Community Learning and Development. This report highlights a number of matters raised by the youth community in Marr, many of

which do not directly relate to Police. I am chairing a working group, on behalf of Marr Community Planning Group, and early in the New Year we will meet to agree what the issues are and then bring these to the attention of the Community Planning Partners, some of which undoubtedly will involve the Police. I trust this not only demonstrates our commitment to ensuring we gather the views of all within our community to assist us in identifying what is important, but it also demonstrates how the service providers within Marr work in a very joined up and efficient way.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

This remains a key concern to many. We recognise that vandalism is a particularly upsetting form of anti-social behaviour. Whilst it remains the case that any vandalism is one to many, we have continued to drive down the number in our area. This year, to 20 December, we have experienced 170 vandalisms, down 8% or 14 instances on the same period last year.

We have worked with others, including Aberdeenshire Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team, to address other forms of anti-social behaviour. Working with that team we continuously review individuals within Marr who cause anti-social behaviour. This ensures that we work together and have a joint strategy to address and deal with that behaviour. In addition we are currently working with the Environmental Health regarding ongoing complaints of noise from an address in Marr.

Officers in Aboyne have been working with the school to address concerns of littering by pupils. Police patrols have been dedicated to the area at lunchtime and letters are now being

sent home to persistent offenders.

Youth alcohol consumption is an issue raised, particularly in Banchory. We continue to dedicate patrols towards impacting upon this problem, seizing alcohol and taking drunk children home. Over the next reporting period, we will shortly be embarking upon a new process throughout our Division where we will have a new referral system for all those under 18 who we come into contact with that are under the influence of alcohol or in possession of it. This will be rolled out early in the New Year and I anticipate that we may find that more often children involved in alcohol will have their actions brought to the attention of their parents or guardians, as well as partners such as Social Work and Barnardos.

### Road Collisions and Road Safety

This can be one of the most distressing aspects of our duty. Road safety is something that, as a Force, we remain completed committed to.

In early November Huntly officers ran an initiative targeting young drivers in that community. Over the two nights 18 separate offences were identified including 9 formal warnings for anti-social driving and one vehicle seized from its driver under anti-social behaviour legislation. This is an activity we will repeat.

Many communities continue to raise speeding within their villages as a key concern. Speed patrols by local staff are now part of their daily routine. Over the next reporting period we will be working with colleagues and the South Marr Community Safety Group, to review our approach to this key issue. The intention being to identify a more innovate, and sustainable, solution to the problem. I will report more of that in the next quarterly update.