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CRAIGIEBUCKLER & SEAFIELD Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Craigiebukler & Seafield Community Council area from 28th August to 30th September 2020.

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

COVID 19 – UPDATE

In relation to the COVID 19 restrictions Police Scotland follow an ENGAGE, EXPLAIN, ENCOURAGE and ENFORCE approach. What this means practically is that when breaches are reported to us we will follow each step in order to resolve the breach with any enforcement action being the last resort. We continue to receive calls in relation to this and adopt the above approach.

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Community Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

Over the past month three youths have been reported to our Youth Justice Management Unit in relation to fighting near Hazelhead Academy before the start of a school day. Parents and school are also aware of the incident and only a very minor injury to one child was reported that required no medical treatment.

On 27th September, two youths have been reported to our Early Interventions team for being within the grounds of the derelict Treetops hotel on Springfield Road, having been traced by officers.

Acquisitive Crime:

Police are making enquiries into the Theft of Saddles from the Hayfield Riding School, Hazelhead Park that has occurred between Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 10th September. It is suspected it may be local youths who are known to frequent the area on occasion late evening / early night.

On 12th September 2020, youths were reported to have smashed a window at Hazelhead Academy around 5pm and attempted to enter the premises, enquiries are ongoing in an attempt to identify those responsible.

I would continue to encourage us all to ensure we keep our properties / gardens / vehicles secure at all times. Consider simple effective crime reduction advice such as motion sensor lighting for poorly lit areas around our properties or CCTV. Please also report any persons seen acting suspiciously or appear out of place on 101.

Road Safety & Road Crime:

Over the past month officers have responded to two separate calls relating to Quad / trail motorbikes being ridden anti-socially in the park area surrounding the Crematorium. On Police attendance no persons were seen and no descriptions passed of the riders/bikes. I would encourage the public to phone in at the time of the incidents and pass as much detail/description of vehicle/riders as possible.

We continue to work with partners in response to specific complaints in terms of road traffic offences and to make use of antisocial behaviour legislation. Residents in the areas affected by antisocial driving are encouraged to contact Police on 101 at the time, to report incidents and provide as much description as possible of the vehicle(s)/person(s) in order for us to take positive action.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

The Banking Protocol

The Banking Protocol is an initiative between the police, banking institutions & Trading Standards.

Its aim is at the earliest opportunity to identify vulnerable victims who are in the process of being defrauded of funds from their bank accounts by unscrupulous criminals and to intervene to prevent these crimes.

Victims, particularly elderly and other vulnerable people are targeted by suspects for a range of fraud offences, including courier fraud and bogus worker offences. These crimes often involve the perpetrator encouraging the victim to attend their bank, post office or other financial services provider in person and withdraw or transfer cash.

On many occasions the perpetrator will accompany the victim in order to make the cash withdrawal or transfer.

If bank staff think the transaction is out of character you might be asked:

- What is the money going to be used for?
- Who are you giving the money to?
- Was this withdrawal or transaction planned or unexpected?
- Have you had a call or been approached, claiming you have been a victim of fraud or offered an investment?
- Have you been contacted by someone claiming they are Police, bank staff or a trader?

If staff suspect you are being coerced or the transaction is a as a result of fraud, the transaction is highlighted and the Police are contacted.

The Protocol is designed to provide a standardised method for how these concerns are dealt with and reported to police and to stop multiple victimisation.

For more information on financial fraud visit www.financialfraudaction.org.uk



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Also available are the three following contact email addresses for the Hazlehead

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Policing team:

HazeheadAshleyQueensCrossCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

LowerDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

KingswellSheddocksleyCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

The primary purpose of these e-mail addresses is for residents to report non-criminal queries, such as passing attentions, information, advice and non-criminal quality of life issues, such as youth annoyance. These e-mail addresses are **not** for reporting crimes or offences. The process for reporting any crimes or offences is to call 101, where our Service Centre will log the call on our Command and Control system and allocate the incident to our area. Using this process negates the possibility of the report being missed and also ensures that the caller's details, addresses and telephone numbers are noted for our awareness and response.

Should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to discuss these with the Officer attending your Community Council Meeting or by emailing the above e-mail addresses or our Service Centre. It is not necessary to wait until the meeting and your local CPT Inspector, PI Sim welcomes your contact.

Contact Us

Please also remember you can communicate with us using any of the following:

-  101 – Non emergency;
-  Twitter - @NorthEPolice;
-  Facebook – www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision;
-  Web – www.scotland.police.uk;
-  999 – Emergency;
-  0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers.

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