



CRAIGIEBUCKLER & SEAFIELD Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Craigiebuckler & Seafield Community Council for December 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






Details of what can and cannot be done in the **Scottish Government** 5-level system to help tackle the spread of the virus can be found via the following link.

Aberdeen City along with the rest of mainland Scotland moved to **Level 4** as of 26/12/2020.

The below link is a Scottish Government infographic on the Level 4 measures

<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/strategy-plan/2020/10/covid-19-scotlands-strategic-framework/documents/level-4-measures/level-4-measures/govscot%3Adocument/level-4-measures.pdf>

Remember FACTS to help protect yourselves and others:

-  **Face coverings**
-  **Avoid crowded spaces**
-  **Clean your hands regularly**
-  **Two metre distance**
-  **Self-isolate and book a test if you have symptoms**

Officers continue to respond to reports of any breaches in the regulations using the 4E's principle, namely Engage, Explain Encourage and Enforce as a last resort. Locally there have been no calls reported to the Police this month in relation to any breaches of Coronavirus regulations.

Community Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

Officers continue to proactively patrol and respond to calls in relation to youth anti-social behaviour. Over the past month Police have responded to three calls of this nature, namely Hazeldene Road, Springfield Road and John Porter Wynd, however on each occasion no youths have been traced on Police attendance.

On the evening of Friday 11th December, Police along with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service were called to an ongoing fire at Hazelhead Restaurant, Hazelhead Park. It is being treated as a wilful fire-raising and enquiries are ongoing as to establish who is responsible. Anyone with information is asked to contact Police on 101 quoting incident number 3460 of the 11th December.

I continue to encourage all parents / guardians to know where and what their children are up to. Encouraging them to be responsible and respectful of others when out and about. I should state that the vast majority are, however a small few appear to let everyone else down.

Acquisitive Crime:

During the small hours of Sunday 27th December Police received reports of two males acting suspiciously on Woodburn Avenue and descriptions were passed. Officers attended and traced the two males, who were subsequently arrested and reported to Courts in relation to a breach of Bail and attempting to pervert the course of justice.

This is a great example of a member of the public reporting suspicious activity quickly, with good descriptions and directions. It also highlights the importance of remaining vigilant.

Road Safety & Road Crime:

There were no incidents of note over the period.

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.

With the drop in temperature this last month it is a timely reminder to ensure everyone is prepared.

Advice for cyclists

- Ensure that you and your bike are visible to other road users by using a good set of front and rear lights (white at the front, red at the back). Wear clothes that help you be seen on your bike, such as bright and light reflective items.

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- Obey road signs and markings, particularly red lights. Do not cycle on the pavements, which may be slippery and can also endanger pedestrians.
- Be mindful of the effects poor weather can have on other road users and be alert to possible dangers around about you. Cars can take twice as long to stop in wet weather and braking can be unpredictable in ice and snow.

Advice for drivers

- Ensure your car is winter ready - are your tyres, brakes, windscreens, wiper blades and windows free from defects and clean?
- Drive to the road conditions. Be aware road conditions can change without warning and remember stopping distances will be affected by the weather.
- Make sure your windows are clean, properly demisted and clear of snow and ice before you drive.
- When the roads are icy, drive at a slow speed in as high a gear as possible, and accelerate and brake very gently.

Driving can be challenging in winter conditions. Driving distracted (by using mobile phones or devices) can cause additional stress and endangers yourself, passengers and other road users, not to mention being an offence.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

Frauds

We continue to see an increase in Frauds year on year across the Country and our area is no different. These Frauds predominantly relate to both card fraud and internet (on-line) related Fraud and are becoming ever more sophisticated.

Police Scotland would like to remind members of the public that the **Police and banks will never ask you provide your bank details or hand over cash to attending Police Officers.**

If you, or a member of your family, receive a telephone call which you are not expecting, or one which involves the movement of your money, ensure that you know exactly who is making the call and contact the bank to confirm if the call is legitimate. **Calls to the bank, where possible, should be made from a different telephone line.**

Further information can be found at

Take Five to Stop Fraud



Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police. They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment. Stop and think. It could protect you and your money.

Stop

Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

Challenge

Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Protect

Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Police Scotland.

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To help everyone stay safe from fraud we have some helpful advice for both individuals and businesses:

- [Personal](#)
- [Business](#)

Coronavirus

Some criminals are using the pandemic as an opportunity to trick people into parting with their money or information.

In some cases people are urged to “take advantage of the financial downturn”, using emails and social media platforms to advertise fake investment opportunities in cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin. Others include criminals offering their assistance with Universal Credit applications, while taking some of the payment as a fee for their “services”.

It's important to remember that criminals are experts at impersonation, using official branding and language used by trusted organisations and government departments to convince you their emails are genuine. These may include offering you or your business a government grant or a reduction in your council tax with links contained leading to fake websites designed to obtain your personal and financial information.

Remember to Take Five to Stop Fraud.



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Also available are the three following contact email addresses for the Hazelehead Policing team:

HazeleheadAshleyQueensCrossCPT@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

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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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