



## CRAIGIEBUCKLER & SEAFIELD Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Craigiebuckler & Seafield Community Council for November 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 will remain in **Level 2** as of 25/11/2020.

<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/strategy-plan/2020/10/covid-19-scotlands-strategic-framework/documents/annex-1-protection-levels-framework/annex-1-protection-levels-framework/govscot%3Adocument/annex-1-protection-levels-framework.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**

## **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 attended several calls to the demolition site of the former Tree Tops Hotel, Springfield Road, a number of youths have been spoken to in relation to entering the site and the dangers associated with this.

On weekend of Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October / Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November Police responded to two reports of youths throwing eggs in the Craigiebuckler Drive area, however the youths were not traced and no further calls were received.

Between Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> November police received a few calls relating to youths on bicycles ringing doorbells on Hazeldene Manor and surrounding area then running off. It would appear the youths are trying to get a reaction from locals and I would advise them to ignore this if possible. Officers have attended and youths made off, however a bicycle was recovered and lodged as found property.

### **Acquisitive Crime:**

Over the past month there have been a couple of instances of secured bicycles having been stolen. One from Hazelhead Academy on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November where the lock was cut and bicycle stolen during the school day. A second had the front wheel and bike saddle stolen overnight on 6<sup>th</sup> November from a bike rack on Queens Road, Aberdeen. Enquiries are ongoing into both crimes.

We would recommend buying the best lock you can afford. It's tempting to spend more money on the bike, but this is pointless if it gets stolen. As a guide, spend about 10% of the cost of your bike on a lock. More information on bicycle security can be found via the link below.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-bicycle/>

Overnight on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November a secure lock-up on Hazeldene Road was broken into (window smashed), nothing is believed to have been stolen however the vehicle within has been vandalised. Enquiries are ongoing.

### **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.

## Community Engagement & Reassurance



As the nights get darker earlier Police Scotland is reminding you to review your home security.

### Some advice on keeping your home secure.

- Use timer switches on lights and radios to make it look as if your home is occupied
- Ensure all doors and windows are secure when you leave and when you go to bed
- If possible use security lighting at the front and back of your property
- Make sure all garden tools and ladders are locked away when not being used
- Use a good quality lock on any garden sheds and outhouses
- Make a note of all makes, models and serial numbers of your property
- Create a FREE private and secure inventory of all your personal property at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

If you notice anything suspicious in your neighbourhood report it to Police Scotland on 101.



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**Darker Nights mean it is easier for thieves to target your property so follow our advice to keep your home safe after dark.**

### **Your Home**

Most housebreakings are carried out by opportunist thieves – so take away the opportunity and keep your home and possessions safe.

### **Lock the Door**

Obvious isn't it? But some people don't do it. Lock the door even if you're only out for a short time. If you have window locks, lock those too. Get into the habit of locking the door when you are at home. This stops people coming in if you are in another part of the house or garden.

### **Keep Your Keys out of Sight**

Don't leave your keys on the inside of locks or just inside the door. If you have a spare key, don't leave it under a mat, plant-pot or other easy to spot place at home. Never keep house keys and car keys on the same ring. Make it as hard as possible to break into your home or to steal your car.

### **Make Your House Look Occupied**

Away from home? Use timers on lights and radios so that it seems like there's someone at home. If you are going away on holiday, avoid announcing this publicly on social media.

### **Show People That Your Property Is Secure**

Thieves are put off by visible security alarms and carefully directed security lighting. Just make sure they don't disturb your neighbours by going off unnecessarily.

### **Valuables and Cash**

Avoid keeping large amounts of cash in the house.

### **Keys**

Cars fitted with immobilisers can't be hotwired. This means that keys are needed to drive your car. Keep your keys safe. Don't leave them in the lock of your front door, or on the kitchen counter. When you are out, keep them with you at all times.

**A key is used in 70% of car thefts. By keeping your keys safe, you're reducing the risk of your car being stolen by more than two thirds.**

### **Possessions**

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If possible, don't leave belongings in your car. Take them with you if you can. If not, lock them in the boot out of sight.

### Further Information

Neighbourhood Watch: [www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

Police Scotland: [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)



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

[HazeheadAshleyQueensCrossCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:HazeheadAshleyQueensCrossCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)

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[KingswellSheddocksleyCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision);
- 📧 Web – [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk);

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- 📞 999 – Emergency;
- 📞 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers.