



## CRAIGIEBUCKLER & SEAFIELD Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Craigiebuckler & Seafield Community Council for April 2021.

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

As of Monday 26 April 2021 Aberdeen City is in **level 3** of the 5 Covid-19 protection levels laid out by the Scottish Government. It is expected that from Monday 17 May 2021 we will move to **level 2**, followed by **level 1** in early June and **level 0** in late June, though this is subject to assessment of the data at the time of review and may change. The below link is what can & cannot be done in **Level 3**.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/pages/protection-level-3/>

Remember FACTS to help protect yourselves and others:



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 Police received a no calls in relation to any reported breaches in the regulations.

## **Community Policing Priorities**

### **Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:**

As the weather continues to improve and the lockdown restrictions ease we are seeing an increase in people of all ages out enjoying the local area. The vast majority of people continue to act responsibly and in compliance with all the restrictions in place on us all.

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April officers were called to Hazelhead Park in relation to abusive youths, two youths were traced and have been reported to our Youth Justice Management team in relation to this.

Patrols in the Hazelhead Park, Groats Road and Johnson Gardens at Viewfield Road area are ongoing in relation to youths congregating in these areas at weekends / evenings with complaints of general anti-social behaviour.

I continue to encourage all parents / guardians to engage with our young people and encourage them to be responsible members of their community so they and we can enjoy it.

### **Acquisitive Crime:**

Officers are making enquiries into the theft of a white KTM motorcycle that has occurred overnight from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> into Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April outside an address on Queens Crescent, Aberdeen.

In addition officers are carrying out enquiries in relation to items stolen from an insecure vehicle on Seafield Road overnight on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> into Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. This has been very opportunistic and is a reminder of the importance of securing our vehicles and properties at all times.

I continue to encourage members of the public to remain vigilant. Where you see something suspicious, that you are not happy with, please consider reporting this, passing as much detail / description as possible, of any persons / vehicles, particularly registration marks. Please be mindful of the advice on the Community Reassurance page around 'Shut out Scammers' campaign launched this month.

### **Road Safety & Road Crime:**

Officers received a few calls on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April in relation to dirt motorcycles being ridden in the Groats Road, Hazelhead Park area, officers from our Roads Policing team attended but the pedal cycles had left prior to their arrival, we will continue to patrol the area in an effort to identify those responsible and I appeal to members of the public to come forward with any information of those riding these motorcycles in an anti-social manner.

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 infographic features a purple header with the title 'Shut out Scammers' and logos for Trading Standards Scotland and Police Scotland. Below the title is a dark purple banner with the text 'Common Doorstep Scams:'. The main content is a grid of six scam examples, each with a door icon and a 'SCAM' label. The examples are: 1. 'We're offering a special deal on driveways - it's only available today' (purple background). 2. 'We've noticed that you need some urgent work carried out on your property.' (teal background). 3. 'I work for an energy company - we're offering grants for new boilers.' (maroon background). 4. 'We've just completed similar work at other houses in the local area' (purple background). 5. 'It looks like your solar panels need to be replaced - they're not safe.' (teal background). 6. 'We have some gardening materials left over from a job - we can offer them at a discount' (maroon background). At the bottom, there is a white box with contact information for reporting suspicious behavior and scams, and a link to sign up for Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Alerts.

**Trading Standards Scotland**

**Shut out Scammers**

**POLICE SCOTLAND**  
Keeping people safe  
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**Common Doorstep Scams:**

- SCAM** "We're offering a special deal on driveways - it's only available today"
- SCAM** "We've noticed that you need some urgent work carried out on your property."
- SCAM** "I work for an energy company - we're offering grants for new boilers."
- SCAM** "We've just completed similar work at other houses in the local area"
- SCAM** "It looks like your solar panels need to be replaced - they're not safe."
- SCAM** "We have some gardening materials left over from a job - we can offer them at a discount"

Report suspicious behaviour to Police Scotland on 101, or 999 in an emergency  
Report scams to Advice Direct Scotland on 0808 164 6000 or at [consumeradvice.scot](http://consumeradvice.scot)  
Sign up to receive Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Alerts at [neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)



The graphic features a purple arrow pointing right with the text 'Doorstep Scams' in white. To the left of the arrow is a vertical purple bar with a door handle and a 'Trading Standards Scotland' logo. Five purple arrows point right from the bar, each with a title and a corresponding tip.

Scam Share Signposts  
www.tsscot.co.uk

**Close the Door** on uninvited callers. Don't feel obliged to answer the door to a cold caller - it is your home and you should not let anyone in unless you feel comfortable.

**Take Time** to think before making a decision. Rogue traders may try to pressure you by saying that they have special deals which are only available today. Don't let an uninvited trader start work straight away.

**Research** Get at least 3 quotes from trusted companies before having any work done in or around your property. Rogue traders go to great lengths to appear legitimate - check at least 3 review sites to make sure you are getting genuine feedback. Find traders who have been vetted by Trading Standards through a local approved trader scheme.

**Verify** that the person is genuine and take a note of the company's details. ID cards can be faked - close the door and, rather than phoning the number on the trader's ID card, look up the company's number on their official website or in an official phone directory to check their identity. Legitimate traders will be happy to wait while you perform these checks.

**Report** any suspicious behaviour to Police Scotland on 101, or 999 in an emergency. Sign up to the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Alert system to receive timely alerts about local crime prevention and safety issues from partners such as Police Scotland.

Neighbourhood Alert is delivered in Scotland by Neighbourhood Watch Scotland. The Alert system allows you to stay up to date with the latest crime, safety and resilience news for your local area which has proved particularly useful to people and communities over the last few weeks. All information comes from trusted sources and removes any doubt to the accuracy and authenticity of the information you receive.

**Neighbourhood Alert is free to join just go to**

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

**Sign up to receive Alerts.**



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

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

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

[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**

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

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