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BRAESIDE & MANNOFIELD Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Braeside & Mannofield Community Council area during 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:

On Friday 11th September officers carried out a Drugs Search Warrant at an address in the Craigielea Avenue area after receiving various reports of alleged drug dealing, as a result a person has been warned in regards possession of controlled drugs.

In the early evening of Saturday 19th September Police received reports of a large group of youths being loud and abusive around Airyhall Primary School and the Craigton Road area. No descriptions were passed or complaints made by callers. Police attended the area but no youths were traced.

Your local officers continue to patrol area's known to have issues with anti-social behaviour, where duties permit and will deal with any offences detected robustly.

On Monday 21st September Police responded to reports of youths on the roof at Braeside Primary School, youths were traced, parents advised and details passed to our Early Interventions team.

Acquisitive Crime:

No incidents of acquisitive crime have been recorded over the reporting period.

I would encourage all members of the public to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to Police on 101 or 999 if an emergency, remembering to provide as much detail/descriptions of persons as possible.

Road Safety & Road Crime:

There were no incidents of note during the period in relation to road safety and road crime.

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 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 West End:

AiryhallBroomhillGarthdeeCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk HazleheadAshleyQueensCrossCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk TorryFerryhillCPT@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
- > @ Email *****CPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk
- Facebook www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision
- Web www.scotland.police.uk
- > 2999 Emergency
- 28 0800 555 111 Crimestoppers