



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 May 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 17 May 2021 Aberdeen City moved to **Level 2** of the 5 Covid-19 protection levels laid out by the Scottish Government. The Scottish Governments intention is for most of Scotland (not already at Level 1) to move to Level 1 on 7 June and Level 0 on 28 June, but only if the data remains supportive and the restrictions in the levels remain necessary and proportionate.

The below link is what can & cannot be done in **Level 2**.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/pages/protection-level-2/>

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 couple of call where no offences were discovered on investigation.

Community Policing Priorities

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder:

On Friday the 7th May we received reports of a group of male's door step selling across the area. Officers traced those responsible and provided suitable advice before asking them to return to their own area, which they did. This is a timely reminder to be vigilant of those trying to sell items on your doorstep, please report anything suspicious to Police on 101.

Officers continue to proactively patrol area's known for anti-social behaviour across the area and will deal proportionately with any offences detected or where evidence is sufficient.

Acquisitive Crime:

Between Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th May items including a power washer were stolen from a driveway on Craighton Road, Aberdeen.

Overnight from Monday 18th into Tuesday 19th May, an insecure vehicle was entered and rummaged through on Hammerfield Avenue.

Enquiries are ongoing into both which appear opportunistic and are a timely reminder to ensure you keep your vehicle and belongings secure at all times.

Road Safety & Road Crime:

There have been no incidents of note over the reporting period.

We continue to work with partners in response to specific complaints in terms of road traffic offences. 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

Acquisitive Crime how to help protect your property.

What can I do to stop thieves entering and stealing from my garden?

If you have a garden, it's the first thing an intruder will have to deal with if they want to break into your house. There are also items in your garden which a thief may wish to steal.

Take some simple steps to secure your garden, shed and garage.

Keep hedges, walls and fences low at the front of your house. Keep this to a maximum of 1.2 metres high. This will make it harder for thieves to go unseen by neighbours or people passing by.

Install locked gates so it's hard to get into the back or sides. Rear fences and walls should be a minimum 1.8 to 2 metres in height. Trellis topping or an intruder deterrent strip can make climbing difficult.

Grow aggressive shrubbery to make it hard for intruders to climb through. Ideal plants include berberis, blue spruce, common holly, giant rhubarb, golden bamboo, firethorn, shrub rose, pencil Christmas tree, juniper and rubus (bramble).

Security lighting around your property can act as a deterrent. Ask whether neighbours would see someone with the light. Careful use of lighting will inform you or neighbours if someone is there.

Avoid floodlighting that can cause problems to neighbouring properties.

Make sure waste / recycling bins aren't in a place which will make them easy to use to step or climb over fences/walls or access windows.

Lock away any garden implements, furniture or tools in a shed, garage or outside store. Items such as ladders can be useful for breaking into your home.

What can I do to protect property in my shed and garage?

- Photograph valuable items of garden furniture or tools and keep a record of the make, model, colour and serial numbers.
- Use a UV pen or DNA Marking Kit to security mark your tools or furniture with your house number and postcode.
- Use a chain to lock garden tools and furniture together, ensure the anchor point is securely fixed to the ground or solid structure.
- Fit a good quality hasp and padlock to the door, make sure it is fitted with dome headed or non-returnable screws to prevent tampering.
- Sold Secure or [Secured By Design](#) products should be considered.

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- Secure windows and don't let intruders see inside.
- Depending on the type of window, you could consider fitting internal window grills, heavy wire mesh or reinforced glass.
- If a window opens, a window lock should be fitted.
- If you have an intruder alarm, consider extending it to cover sheds, garages and outbuildings. Ensure that there is a visible external sounder box.
- If you do not have a secure shed, don't leave items lying out bring items inside.
- If your garage joins with your home and there is a through door, it should be to the same security standard as your front or back door, and when not being used you should keep it locked.

Neighbourhood Alert is free to join just go to

www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

Sign up to receive Alerts.



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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.

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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.