



## **BRAESIDE & MANNOFIELD Community Council Report**

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Braeside & Mannofield Community Council since the last community council meeting.

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.

### **Community Policing Priorities**

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

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, Police received a report of 2 suspicious males in Seafield Crescent, officers attended and traced the 2 males a short distance away, it transpired that there was no criminality, and they were there for a legitimate purpose, however better to get them checked out at the time, rather than not reporting it and thereafter having to deal with any crime that may have been committed.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November Police received reports of a male being attacked within an address on Thorngrove Court, several Police Units immediately attended and identified the address the disturbance was coming from. On gaining entry the sole resident was spoken to and circumstances established, Police established that no crime had occurred and were able to provide the male with appropriate support until the relevant agencies were contacted

#### **Acquisitive Crime:**

Boots on Great Western Road reported a theft on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. The male described as 6 feet in height and wearing striped black hat and black jacket, entered the store and placed a number of cosmetics within his jacket. He was challenged by the security who remotely monitor the CCTV system and announced the theft over the built in speaker system. This caused the male to leave.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Nov, a resident from Morningside Grove, reported that during the past 24 hours she had received several text messages claiming to be from her son, that he had lost his mobile, so was using a different number and that he needed some money. The caller thought this unusual and didn't transfer any money. This is a common scam with the sort code provided relating to a foreign bank.

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Also on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Airyhall Primary School reported the theft of the Defib unit from outside the school. The device was donated to the school by a local family and is now the responsibility of the council. They have no record of the case being opened, and Scottish Ambulance Service have not issued the code to anyone. There is no damage to the case and the time that the device has gone missing is also unknown as it has to be physically opened to check the device. Enquiries are ongoing as whilst the devices are expensive, they have very limited resale value and without the charging point in the case will be flat within a short period of time.

The resident of Craigton Avenue reported that she had found damage to her garage roof on 5 November. The resident advised that around 2am the previous night she heard a large bang, but didn't investigate it, the following days she had a look and found marks which would appear to have been someone climbing onto the garage roof in an attempt to access the rear garden area, however appear to have put their foot through the roof as they were doing this.

On the morning of the 12 November a resident from Morningside Avenue advised that her garage had been searched through and 2 bottles of champagne had been stolen from the fridge. The resident advised that the garage door had been insecure and they did not have any CCTV or security system. Officers attended, as did the forensic team for an examination. The same night there were 2 further cars opened and searched but nothing removed, these happened in Duthie Terrace and Morningside Avenue.

**I would however like to highlight that the CID Proactive unit have charged and reported 2 males for 19 offences of theft, theft by Housebreaking or theft from motor vehicles, from across the Westend and Hazlehead earlier this week. I would urge the residents to take the extra minute to make sure they secure the door to their cars and houses.**

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

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, Anderson Drive close to the junction with Great Western Road, was partially blocked by a 2 vehicle collision. Given the heavy flow of traffic, Road Policing Units attended, thankfully none of the occupants of the vehicles were injured, however the road remained partially closed until the vehicles were uplifted.

### **Community Engagement & Reassurance**

As you may see above there have been a rise in sneak in thefts from properties. These are predominantly where residents have left house doors or car door insecure. These types of crimes rise in the darker months, and are opportunistic in nature, I would urge residents to take the extra minute to check their cars and door are locked and secured during the hours of darkness and not give thief the opportunity.

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### Contact Us

I'm sure you are all aware that at present the Westend and Hazlehead Policing Team have a number of different email addresses that the community can contact us on directly dependant on the electoral ward area, and this is replicated across the whole South Aberdeen which has resulted in 14 separate emails to the various area Policing Teams. To simplify the contact these have all been merged into

[AberdeenSouthCPT@scotland.police.uk](mailto:AberdeenSouthCPT@scotland.police.uk)

Emails to this address will still be dealt with by the Officers of the local policing teams, however it will hopefully make it easier for residents to get to the right area in the first instance.

- Always dial **999** in an emergency
- By phone – 101 for non-emergencies (+44 (0) 141 308 1070 if calling from out with the UK. Network charges may apply).
- Our service advisors spend a lot of time each day answering calls on matters that are not actually the responsibility of the police. Please read the [Read this before you call 101](#) page first to ensure Police Scotland can assist with your non-emergency issue.
- Online – for issues of a non-serious nature using our [Contact Us form](#)
- In person – Find your local [Police Stations](#) and check the [Public Counter opening hours](#)
- Text Relay - 18001101 for deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or speech-impaired callers
- [Support for British Sign Language users/speakers](#)
- 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers.

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