



Garthdee Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Garthdee Community Council area for the period during April 2024.

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:

Officers continue to carry out patrols across the Community Council area relying on members of the public contacting us to report any anti-social or disorderly behaviour. The slightly lighter nights and good weather brings an increase of users to our open spaces, including retail carparks. We continue to work with local businesses to address anti-social driving and have a number of initiatives ongoing over the coming months.

Acquisitive Crime:

There have been no reports of acquisitive crime outside the retail arena, however nearby areas have been subject to thefts of items from doorsteps having been left on open display by delivery companies.

Please be quite clear unless you told the delivery company to do that, they have failed to deliver your item, it is the company sending you your items who have had something stolen not you, it is they who need to get a crime reference number not you, it is they who have yet to fulfil your order.

The delivery company taking a picture of it on your doorstep doesn't make it delivered!

Please make sure your valuables are securely locked.

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Road Safety & Road Crime:

There have been 4 RTCs reported to the police over this period, the overwhelming majority relate to drivers failing to anticipate the speed of other vehicles when entering roundabouts and approaching junctions.

Community Engagement & Reassurance

This month as we approach the summer, we traditionally see a rise in bogus workmen / doorstep trader type calls.

Bonafide charities do not drop off people to sell tea towels to assist offenders, when someone makes you a fantastic offer for doing some work you didn't know you needed to do, ask yourself WHY ME?, are you usually so lucky?

The overwhelming majority of legitimate companies do not advertise from a board in someone's garden whilst they are working there.

We work closely with partners in ACC Trading standards to combat these individuals who inevitably look to prey on the most vulnerable in our society.

Please have a look at the information in the attached links

[Doorstep selling | Aberdeen City Council](#)

[Doorstep crime and bogus callers - Police Scotland](#)

In the vein of keeping you in contact with your hard earned money a number of residents have asked both at the office and through local representatives the following questions.

Are electric scooters legal?

- In short No, you can only use them on **private land**, using one in a **public place** can lead to its seizure and if you are an adult fines totalling hundreds of pounds and points on your driver's licence.
- The majority are bought online and as recently happened on Sinclair road can be a significant fire hazard. [Lithium-ion batteries | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service \(firescotland.gov.uk\)](#)

Can I use the 80cc engine kits from Amazon on my mountain bike as they are cheaper than an electric bike?

- Again it's a No, I appreciate the value in a £120 upgrade to your bike which will make it work very much like an electric bike, and however you are actually making your Mountain bike an 80cc moped with all the registration, safety and driving licence requirements for any other motorbike.

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It's a sad fact of life that if something seems too good to be true it usually is, never take advice from the person trying to sell you something alone, ask about, check with trusted sources.

You can help us in being able to take **local action** on behalf of **local people**. Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

Follow us on X @NorthEPolice

You can always contact us at the email address for the Nigg Community Policing Team,

AberdeenSouthCPT@scotland.police.uk

The primary purpose of this e-mail address 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. This e-mail address is not for reporting crimes or offences.

Should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to discuss these with the Officer attending your Community Council Meeting, it is not necessary to wait as you can always the Nigg CPT Supervisors by emailing the above e-mail address or our Service Centre.

Contact Us

- 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](#)

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➤ 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers.

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