



## **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 June 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 lighter nights and good weather bring an increase of users to our open spaces, we would ask that you let us know of any large groups of young people on the dee banks later in the evenings.

They are as entitled as anyone to take full advantage of our open spaces in a responsible way but on occasion exuberance has unintended consequences.

#### **Acquisitive Crime:**

There have been two reports of acquisitive crime outside the retail arena, both relate to the theft items from unlocked vehicles, it's a pity but it's true there are people who wander the streets looking for unlooked vehicles to see if there is anything of value within.

Please make sure you lock your vehicles.

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

There have been 3 RTCs reported to the police over this period, the overwhelming majority relate low speed incidents in which drivers have failed to anticipate the actions of other drivers in carparks.

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Last weekend saw the “Not so Mini Meet” car enthusiast group spill over to the Garthdee retail park and the subsequent increase in annoyance to local residents, we are working with partners to see how we can manage this should it reoccur.

### Community Engagement & Reassurance

School will be out shortly, the lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us, and all over Scotland, people are unwinding in the sunshine (between intermittent periods of breaking out the anoraks and wellies). Lawnmowers and BBQs are being fired up, youths are enjoying the weeks of freedom between terms, and parents are trying to keep the wee ones entertained.

We want you to have a great, and most importantly safe summer, so here are a few tips to help you make the most of it.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/summer-safety>

Children and playparks, playgrounds come to the fore as there are more kids looking for more things to do. Whilst vandalism and will always be a crime, kids in a playpark shouting and making a noise at 7pm isn't it's what they were designed for, the same thing at 11pm is totally different and definitely falls into Antisocial behaviour.

I often hear the refrain that nothing can be done with kids who have done something wrong and that times have changed!

This would be a good moment to remind us all that indeed they have changed. The Age of Criminal Responsibility in Scotland, the age below which you cannot be charged or arrested has changed from 8 to 12 it is better explained here [Age of Criminal Responsibility - Police Scotland](#)

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.

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

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

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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](#)
- 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers.

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