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**Committee:** Inverness Area Committee

**Date:** 14 September 2022

**Report Title:** **Police – Area Performance Report**

**Report By:** **Chief Inspector Judy Hill - Area Commander (Inverness Area Command)**

### 1. **Purpose/Executive Summary**

1.1 To provide an update to Committee Board on the progress with reference to the objectives outlined in the Highland Policing Plan 2020-2023.

### 2. **Recommendations**

2.1 Members are invited to note:

- i. Progress made against the objectives set within the Highland Local Policing Plan 2020-2023 Year 2, attached as Annex A to this report, for the period covering 01 April 2021 - 31 March 2022.

### 3. **Report Format – Police Area Performance Summary Report**

3.1 This document will now cover all priorities featured in the local Policing Plan and evidence Prevention and Intervention work corresponding to each of the policing priorities, provide local narrative in relation to Serious and Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism.

### 4. **Implications**

4.1 Resource – There are no immediate resource applications arising from this noting report.

4.2 Legal – There are no immediate legal implications arising from this noting report.

Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – There are no immediate community implications arising from this noting report.

Climate Change/Carbon Clever – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.

Risk – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.

Gaelic – There are no immediate implications arising from this noting report.

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# Introduction by the Area Commander

## Chief Inspector Judy Hill

I am pleased to present you the Inverness Scrutiny Report, covering the reporting period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

This reporting period has undoubtedly been a challenging one as the impact of COVID-19 has placed extraordinary pressures on all public services, not least our colleagues in the NHS.

The demands placed on policing continue to evolve and whilst we maintain delivery of traditional policing services, increasingly more wicked issues around vulnerability and distress place significant demand on our services.

The interpretation of statistics from the reporting period and comparisons to the previous year can be difficult and I would urge that these are viewed with some caution. There is a feeling that policing demands overall have increased since coming out of COVID regulations and I would anticipate that this may be reflected in coming year statistics.

That said, we have been active across all priority areas of our Policing Plan. We have maintained a proactive presence on our roads network, enforcing road traffic legislation, working with partners to improve road safety and investigating road traffic collisions.

We have seen a decrease in numbers of Anti-Social Behaviour, disorder and violence along with many areas of acquisitive crime against the 5 year average, however Fraud, particularly online Fraud, has significantly increased.

There have been decreases in Domestic Related violence, Sexual Crime and Hate Crime. Whilst I cautiously welcome these figures, I am not complacent and recognise that we must continue to maintain and develop our strong partnership relationships, structures and working arrangements for the protection of vulnerable people.

Our work tackling serious organised criminals, especially those involved in County Lines has continued to be disruptive and also identifies vulnerable people caught up in this awful practice.

Our Officers and staff are key to the success of policing now, and in the future. I am incredibly proud of my team and grateful to them for their continued commitment in what is a demanding but rewarding vocation.

Sadly, assaults against officers continue to be at an unacceptable level. Abuse, assault, violence and injury are not “part of the job” and should not be tolerated.

I am pleased to include our Community Beats Newsletter in this report. It is our intention to send this out monthly to all our Community Councils and Elected Members. Please feel free to contact the team and offer feedback. A copy of the letter is attached at Appendix B.

Finally, we want to hear from you! We want to hear from the communities of Inverness to help inform our priorities. In 2023, we will be launching a new Policing Plan for the area, so understanding the views and priorities of our diverse communities is more important than ever. The survey can be found at the below link and takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy->

# Local Policing Priorities

The Local Policing Priorities for the N Division area are decided by data from our Strategic Assessment which details Threats and Risks, and also feedback from Local Authorities, Partners and residents in the Your Police survey.



**ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME**

Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads



**ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE AND DISORDER**

Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime



**ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending



**PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners



**SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME**

Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime including cyber related crime



**TERRORISM AND PUBLIC ORDER**

Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness

# Inverness: At a glance

## **Road Safety and Road Crime**

Overall, Road Crime offences have reduced by 30.1% (808.6 fewer offences) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 16.5% (373 fewer offences) against the Last Year To Date (LYTD).

Mobile Telephone offences have reduced by 44.9% (35 fewer offences) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 10.4% (5 fewer offences) against the LYTD.

Failure to Insure Against Third Party Risk offences have reduced by 27.6% (67 fewer offences) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 39.3% (114 fewer offences) against the LYTD.

## **Anti-Social Behaviour, Disorder and Violence (including Alcohol and Drugs Misuse)**

Overall, Anti-Social Behaviour has reduced by 27.1% (191.4 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 15.0% (91 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Common Assault have reduced by 1.7% (15.6 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 4.6% (39 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Serious Assault have reduced by 8.1% (4.4 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 16.3% (7 more crimes) against the LYTD.

## **Acquisitive Crime**

Overall, Acquisitive Crime has reduced by 11.3% (170.4 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 13.7% (160 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Housebreaking (Dwelling House) have reduced by 4.3% (2.4 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and increased by 1.9% (1 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Fraud offences have increased by 47.9% (77.4 more crimes) against the 5 Year Average and have increased by 33.5% (60 more crimes) against the LYTD.

## **Protecting Vulnerable People**

Overall, Sexual Crime has reduced by 17.0% (37.8 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 2.1% (4 more crimes) against the LYTD.

Domestic related offences have reduced by 8.0% (41 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and reduced by 24.1% (150 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

Offences in relation to Hate Crime have reduced by 58.1% (23.6 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and have reduced by 26.1% (6 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

## **Serious and Organised Crime**

Over the last reporting year in the Inverness area, offences in relation to Supply of Drugs have reduced by 31.2% (32.6 fewer crimes) against the 5 Year Average and have reduced by 25.8% (25 fewer crimes) against the LYTD.

### **Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism**

Police Constable Lisa Campbell, N Division's Local Counter Terrorism Officer stated:

***"As the Counter Terrorism Liaison Officer (CTLO) for N Division, I ensure areas have a Local Contest Liaison Officer (LCLO) who is kept up to date on latest developments in Contest.***

***I liaise with CT Intelligence, CT Security Advisors, the Prevent Delivery Unit as well as local Area Commanders to address any CT related matters in the area and provide support to the Area Command if required.***

***Newly elected members within Highland were invited to participate in a safety briefing on 24 and 29 August 2022.***

***I can also provide presentations on Act now, Radicalisation awareness, threat overview and current trends. LCLO's can also assist with this within schools etc.***

***I am currently working with Border Policing Command to look at further training to assist in the rural areas with any Operation Kraken (maritime) enquiries for LCLO's".***



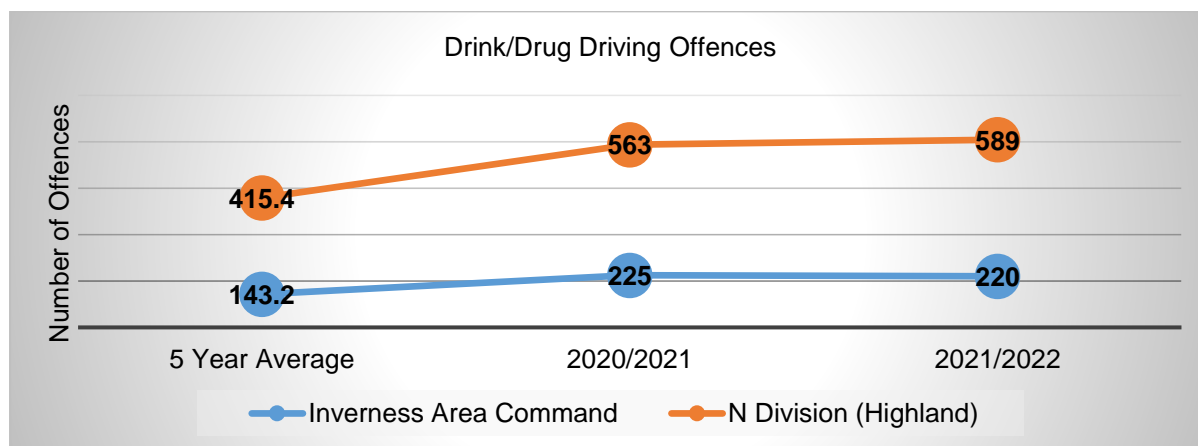
# Road Safety and Road Crime

**Intention - With Partners, enhance Road Safety across the Highland Area.**

**Objective – With Partners, deliver a Road Safety Strategy focusing on: Challenging driver behaviour; Education at the road side and elsewhere; Detection of offences linked to contributing factors of Fatal and Serious Road Traffic Collisions and collectively reducing potential harm.**

	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	YTD 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation	Detected Rate
Number of Fatalities - Road Traffic Collisions	1.3	1.4	1	2	1	N/A
Drink/Drug Driving Offences	143.2	160.0	225	220	-5	103.6%
Speeding Offences	881.6	871.7	554	491	-63	102.9%

## 2021/2022 Drink/Drug Driving Offences -



**Operation CEDAR** - (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) builds on established practices and will continue to focus on various agencies working in partnership to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured in the Highland area.

Operation CEDAR involves proactive multi-agency enforcement operations on the roads, which sits alongside education activity aimed at improving driver behaviour of all ages. Partner agencies continue to work together to improve understanding of the factors which could contribute to improving road safety for everyone on the roads and together respond to these issues.

**Driver Engagement North** - A multi-agency initiative makes use of an interactive driving simulator designed to assess and highlight a participant's reactions, hazard awareness and any potential vulnerabilities on the roads. The project, launched in Inverness during October 2019 received funding from Transport Scotland and is led by Police Scotland with support from a number of partners

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including NHS Highland, Local Authority Community Safety Groups, IAM Roadsmart, Age Concern and RoSPA. The simulator has been specially designed to assess and demonstrate a driver's reactions and abilities in a safe environment under the supervision of specialists who will be able to offer advice and support.

While this initiative is aimed at older drivers, advice will be offered to family members and/or friends who are concerned regarding an individual's fitness to drive.

This initiative recommenced within the Inverness Area Command in February 2022 following a suspension due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Any interested parties looking for more information can contact: [highlandandislandsdriverengagement@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:highlandandislandsdriverengagement@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

**Operation Close Pass** – Close Pass is cycle safety initiative which aims to highlight how much room motorists should allow when passing cyclists who are considered to be vulnerable road users. This educational initiative is aimed at changing driver behaviour through engagement and interaction.

**School Street Zones** – Inverness Area Command are pleased to support the Highland Council with the School Street Zones Trial which has been approved for 3 school sites in Inverness and surrounding area; Duncan Forbes Primary School, Bishop Eden Primary School and Kirkhill Primary School. These zones have great potential to enhance safety around schools whilst also improving health and the environment for our young people. Our Community Beats Teams will be supporting the launch of the zones later this year.

**Road Safety - Members Briefing/Q & A** - Over the coming months, Inverness Area Command will be hosting a number of Members Information Sessions around key topics. There will be an opportunity to hear about the work ongoing in the Inverness area as well as the opportunity to raise any questions with relevant experts. The first meeting is scheduled for September 2022 (date to be confirmed).

## Anti-Social Behaviour, Disorder and Violence (including Alcohol and Drug misuse)

**Intention – With Partners, better understand the causes to prevent and reduce instances of Anti-Social Behaviour, Disorder and Violence to enhance community safety across the Highland Area.**

**Objective – Work with Partners to share information, support Education, Prevention, Diversionary and Enforcement Measures linked to harmful alcohol consumption; maintain robust procedures around licensed premises; support victims of violent crime by working with partners to improve service provision and prevent repeat victimisation.**

	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	YTD 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Murder	1.6	2.0	3	0	-3	N/A
Assault	901.6	875.3	847	886	39	77.9%
Serious Assault	54.4	45.0	43	50	7	88.0%
Drug (Possession) Offences	667.2	664.0	677	619	-58	84.5%

**Drug Deaths** - Drug Related Deaths within Inverness Area Command are of significant concern. We are continuing to work with partner agencies in order to support individuals who find themselves involved with alcohol and controlled substance misuse. Every Drug Related Death within the Highland area is reviewed by the Harm Prevention Officer.

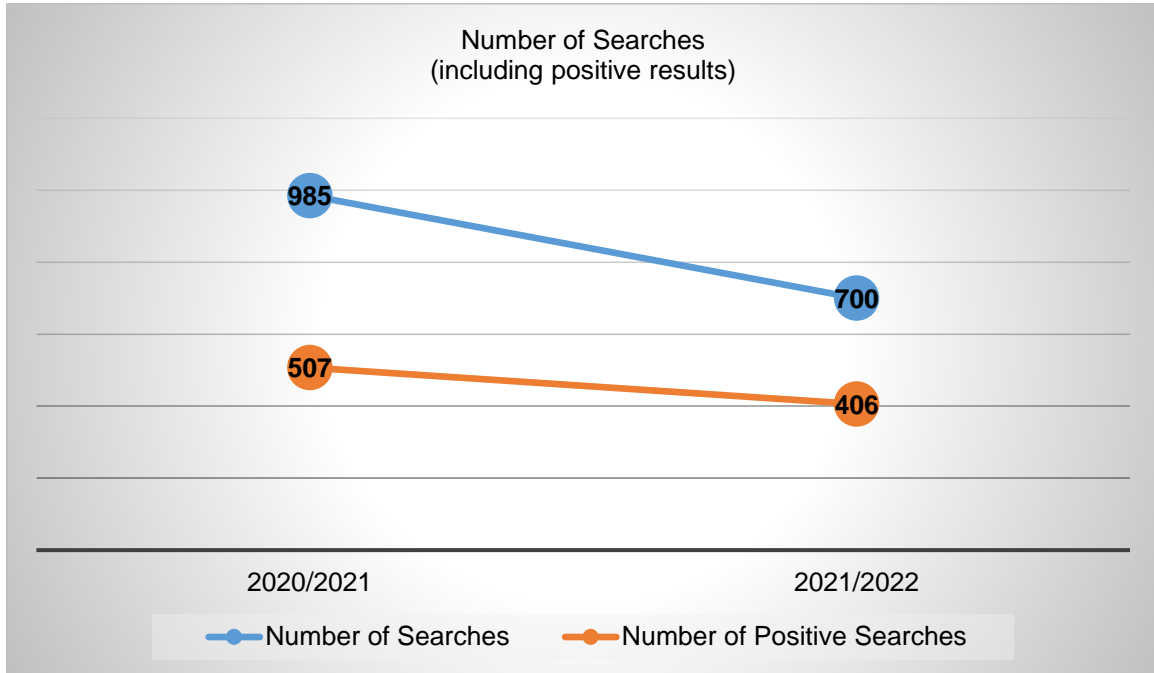
**Harm Prevention Officer** – A pilot Harm Prevention Officer (HPO) role was introduced within the N Division area in November 2020. This role is filled by a Police Constable who undertakes daily liaison between internal/external stakeholders with a view to reducing the risk posed to certain members of the public through alcohol and controlled substance misuse.

The HPO works with other partners to target Cuckooing which is a crime whereby crime groups take over the home of a vulnerable person in order to use it as a base for County Lines offences. The HPO works within the nationally recognised Serious and Organised Crime Strategy (Divert, Deter, Disrupt, Detect) targeting the Divert and Deter strands.

The HPO is fully funded by NHS Highland via the Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership (HADP).

**Drugs/County Lines - Members Briefing/Q & A** - Over the coming months, Inverness Area Command will be hosting a number of Member's Information Sessions around key topics. There will be an opportunity to hear about the work ongoing in the Inverness area as well as the opportunity to raise any questions with relevant experts. The second meet is scheduled for October 2022 (date to be confirmed). At this meeting, there will be an opportunity to hear more about some of the partnership projects currently running in Inverness to support people affected by Drug Misuse.

**Stop and Search -**



Positive Stop Search - A positive stop and search is when an item is recovered where possession of same implies criminality on the part of the individual being searched or any other; or potentially compromises the safety of that individual or another.

**No Knives, Better Lives** - No Knives, Better Lives (NKBL) is a national capacity-building programme that supports primary prevention work related to knife carrying in Scotland. In 2009, the NKBL National Delivery Team at YouthLink Scotland and the Scottish Government began supporting partners in 11 selected Local Authority areas to implement NKBL. The approach to prevention is informed by the principles and values of youth work and a public health approach to violence prevention. The focus is not just on what it is we do not want young people to do and how to stop them doing it, but also what we want young people to be able to do, how we support them to understand and navigate risk and to make positive life choices.

Police Scotland's Prevention and Intervention officers supported this initiative in the Highland area. This is further complemented by the Joint Education and Police Knives in School Protocol which has been progressed.

**Fearless Campaign** - Over the coming months, Inverness Area Command will be actively promoting the Fearless campaign in local schools and youth settings. Fearless is part of the independent charity, Crimestoppers. It is a youth programme empowering young people to speak out about crime and where parents and young people can access information and advice about crimes and criminality. It can be used to report crimes or provide information if you are worried about someone, think something bad might happen or if you have seen or heard something bad. Fearless will only pass on the information, without any personal details. Fearless is 100% anonymous and operates 24hrs a day, 7 days a week, all year round. Information on Fearless can be found at the following link:- [www.fearless.org](http://www.fearless.org)

## Acquisitive Crime

**Intention – With Partners and Communities, prevent instances of acquisitive crime across the Highland area.**

**Objective – With Partners, share information, support education, prevention, diversionary and enforcement activity linked to acquisitive crime; develop work with targets – recidivist offenders to reduce reoffending linked to acquisitive crime e.g. Persistent Offenders programme; enhance the use of all media platforms to raise awareness of local and national preventative initiatives.**

	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	YTD 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Housebreaking (Dwelling House)	55.4	58.0	52	53	1	22.6%
Fraud	161.6	158.7	179	239	60	68.3%
Theft by Shoplifting	559.0	595.0	441	480	39	67.9%
Motor Vehicle Crime	123.2	92.0	55	62	7	35.5%

### **Fraud** –

The increase in Fraud related crimes last year and continuing to this year has not only been experienced by members of the public residing within the Inverness area, but across the wider N Division area, Scotland and the United Kingdom.

#### **Banking Protocol**

The Banking Protocol is a multi-agency initiative between Police Scotland, Banking Institutions and Trading Standards. It aims to identify vulnerable victims who are in the process of being defrauded of funds from their bank accounts and to intervene to prevent these crimes occurring.

Victims, particularly elderly and other vulnerable people are targeted by suspects for a range of fraud offences, some of which involve the victim attending their bank in person to withdraw or transfer cash.

On occasion, the perpetrator will accompany the victim in order to make the cash withdrawal or transfer.

Failure to intervene in a timely manner can expose vulnerable victims to further fraud. The banking protocol is designed to prevent this happening.

Work has been ongoing across the N Division area (Highland and Islands) by the Prevention and Interventions team to deliver learning sessions with bank staff around the protocol. Their role in this process is crucial and there have been some real success stories of this working very effectively.

#### **A GUIDE TO KEEPING SAFE TOGETHER IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

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A guide containing safety advice covering; Fraud, Home Security/Pedal Cycle Security, Hate Crime and Cuckooing and County Lines was compiled and distributed across the N Division area via local newspapers in 2021. A total of 42,000 households across the N Division area received the guide with additional copies distributed to Garden Centres and other similar locations in order to reach households who may not necessarily have access to Social Media.

A further 10,000 copies have been distributed to Post Office branches across Highland.

A copy of the leaflet is attached at Appendix A.

**Rural Watch** - The Highland area is renowned for great natural beauty and the rural communities are safe places in which to live, work and visit. However, the nature of the environment and way of life means there are some crime prevention tips particularly relevant to rural life. Watch Schemes work well as a crime prevention and detection tool but are also extremely valuable in terms of enabling Highland communities to share information, allowing agencies to send out relevant crime alerts, and empower local communities to be more resilient.

To receive local ALERTS about crime and other threats in your area, simply click the green JOIN button on the Rural Watch Website:- [\*\*www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk\*\*](http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk)

# Protecting Vulnerable People

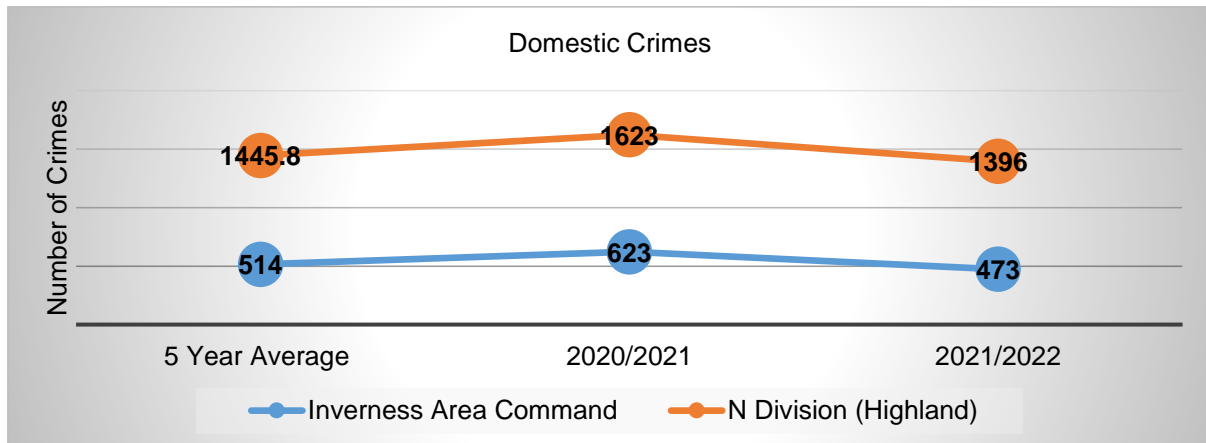
**Intention – Protect people at risk of harm.**

**Objective – With Partners and as corporate parents we will deliver the Highland CHAMPS (Highland Champion Board) strategy; with Partners we will focus on safeguarding communities; with Partners we will address emerging issues through Prevention and Intervention.**

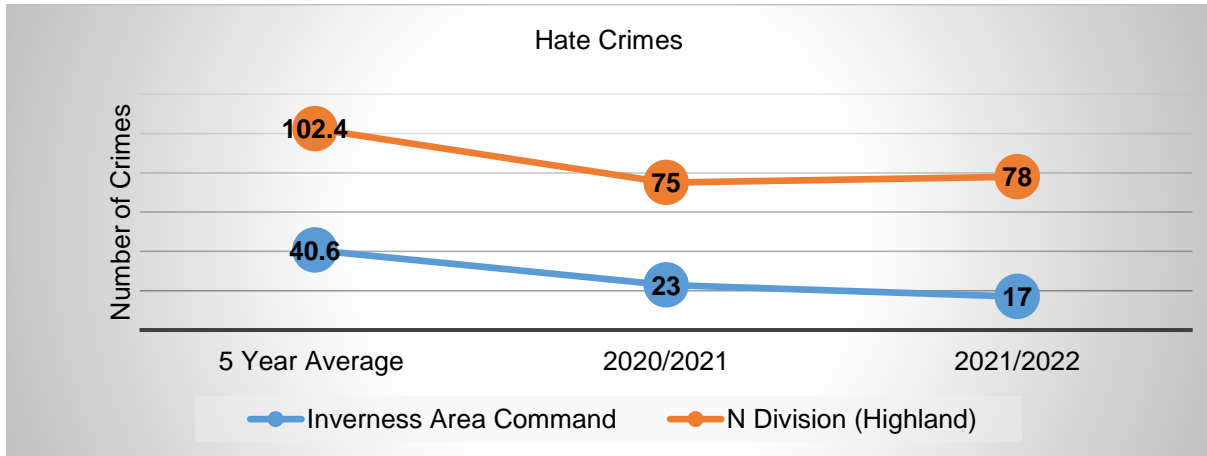
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	YTD 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation	Detection Rate
Sexual Crime	221.8	216.7	188	184	-4	68.5%
Domestic Crime	514.0	533.3	623	473	-150	65.3%
Hate Crime	40.6	36.3	23	17	-6	70.6%
Missing Persons		348.7	256	331	75	N/A

Domestic Crime – The decrease in Domestic related crimes within the Inverness area is noted. N Division continues to work closely with Partner Agencies in order to support victims of such crimes.

**Domestic Crime within Inverness Area Command –**



**Hate Crime within Inverness Area Command -**



**Hate Crime –**

Police Scotland’s Prevention and Interventions officers have delivered a number of Hate Crime inputs to High Schools across Highland, including some within Inverness Area Command.

A number of N Division officers, including some based within Inverness Area Command have been scheduled to complete training in relation to Hate Crime, which will allow those officers to become Hate Crime Champions and being able to offer tailored advice, guidance and support to members of the public, partners and colleagues.

**Missing Persons –**

Police Scotland takes every report of a missing person seriously and investigates appropriately with access to local, regional and national specialist resources. Missing persons investigations are a core part of local Policing and it is local officers who undertake all investigations, supported by specialist colleagues where necessary. Further, each Division including, N Division has a dedicated Missing Person Co-ordinator who advises on operational and preventative approaches.

Missing Person Category	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation
Adult	89	105	16
Cared for Adult	46	32	-14
Looked After Child	72	116	44
Child	45	73	28
Absconder/Wanted	4	5	1
Total	256	331	75

Over the last reporting year, each Area Command has appointed a local Police liaison officer who maintains contact and liaison with the residential units in their respective area. This role has developed and regular contact has built a good relationship with residential unit(s). Where required, this officer also works in conjunction with the Missing Person Co-ordinator who similarly enjoys a good working relationship with residential units.

**Highland CHAMPS** - The Highland CHAMPS (Children have Amazing Minds, Potential and Stories) are a group based in Clachnaharry, Inverness. Highland CHAMPS welcome any young person from the Highland area who identifies as care-experienced whether they are a care-leaver, looked after at home, fostered, adopted, in residential care or other. Highland CHAMPS provide a safe space for



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activities, opportunities, socialising and fun. Further information regarding Highland CHAMPS can be found at:- <https://www.highland.gov.uk/highlandchamps>

## Serious and Organised Crime

**Intention – With Partners, reduce the threat, risk and harm caused by Serious Organised Crime.**

**Objective – With Partners work to safeguard the Highland area by taking all opportunities to prevent crime and make the Highland area a hostile environment for Serious & Organised Crime Groups; to improve outcomes for individuals and communities and reduce offending through prevention, early intervention and diversion; in support of our Partners in the Local Authority and NHS via the Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy we will direct those who are substance dependant towards recovery through prevention, treatment and support services; with Partners work to reduce the instances of substance misuse in our communities.**

	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	YTD 2020/2021	YTD 2021/2022	YTD Variation	Detection
Drug (Supply) Offences	104.6	96.7	97	72	-25	148.6%

Detective Chief Inspector Mark Czerniakiewicz stated:

***“The County Lines method of drug dealing continues to be the main form of Serious Organised Crime affecting the Highland area of N Division.***

***As a result of additional resources provided to the Serious and Organised Crime Team, we have focused our efforts on gathering intelligence that identifies those dealing harmful drugs in our area and taking enforcement action to disrupt and detect those responsible.***

***Throughout the reporting period a number of protracted drug supply investigations have taken place with significant quantities of drugs, cash and weapons recovered. We continue to locate vulnerable youths and young adults from English counties in our area and return them to their home territory where they can be suitably supported in order to reduce their exposure to potentially harmful behaviour.***

***The main drugs imported into this area for supply by County Lines gangs continue to be the Class A drugs, namely, Heroin and Crack Cocaine.***

***We have also sought to remove Benzodiazepines from our communities following analytical work that identified the consumption of these drugs as being a contributory factor in a large number of drug related deaths. A number of search warrants have been executed with large quantities of tablets recovered.***

***Violence related to Serious Organised Crime has been recorded within the Division including attempted murder, abduction, robbery and serious assault. A number of notable detections have been made and reports submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.***

***Joint working with the Merseyside, South Yorkshire and Metropolitan Police forces has taken place throughout the year with information shared effectively to the benefit of all areas. These***

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***are the originating regions for the majority of the County Lines gangs that try and establish themselves in the Highland area”.***

**County Lines** – The term is used to describe when Drug Gangs (Organised Crime Groups) from major cities such as Birmingham, Derby, Liverpool and London expand their drug networks to other areas, bringing with it serious criminal behaviour such as violence, exploitation and abuse. The term County Lines refers to the use of a single telephone number to order drugs, operated from outside the local area. They often set up a base in a rural town for a short time, taking over the home of a vulnerable person by ‘cuckooing’ and use adults and children to act as drug runners.

N Division has recently expanded its team of dedicated officers with the sole purpose of targeting County Line offenders, working in partnership with partner agencies and protecting vulnerable persons.

Police Scotland has relaunched an awareness-raising initiative aimed at preventing young people from falling into a life of crime. Working in partnership with the Scottish Government, N Division have devised an educational pack (‘The Slide’) for young people that shows the devastating effects of Serious Organised Crime.

Further inputs of ‘The Slide’ are being organised to be delivered to all Secondary One pupils across the N Division area by Prevention and Interventions officers.

‘The Slide’ presentation has been delivered to a number of nominals on a one to one basis as well as larger groups within a number of High Schools across the N Division area. Delivery of ‘The Slide’ takes approximately one hour.

‘The Slide’ input is a preventative interactive input which was implemented within N Division following a national rollout as part of the Serious and Organised Crime Strategy.

Brief summary of content:-

‘The Slide’ is a short film primarily based on the involvement young people have with controlled substances and highlights the ease of their recruitment into Serious and Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs). The content is split into five scenes allowing the opportunity to show each scene separately and facilitating group discussion. The content focusses of a young person, namely a male called David from the age of 13 to 20 years old.

The aim is to deter young people from becoming involved in SOCGs, discouraging young people purchasing counterfeit goods, smuggled cigarettes and controlled substances that fund SOCGs and to dispel the myth that SOCGs is a glamorous business.

# Counter Terrorism

**Intention – Support the delivery of the CONTEST strategy to reduce the threat posed by terrorism and domestic extremism.**

**Objective – Strengthen PREVENT work with Partners and institutions; with Partners, support individuals who are vulnerable to terrorism and violent extremism; strengthen PREVENT work in relation to the internet and Social Media; Effective Multi-agency planning in respect of Counter Terrorism is taking place; Develop our ability to respond effectively to any terrorist attack (with a specific focus on emerging high-risk threats, and specialist capabilities).**

WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) - The workshop covers issues such as crime, normal social processes that are used to influence and manipulate, case studies that cut across the spectrum of extremism, terrorist ideologies and factors which may contribute to an individual's susceptibility to a terrorist ideology.

In particular, it seeks to support participants to recognise that using their existing expertise and professional judgement, they may be able to recognise potentially vulnerable individuals who may be susceptible to being persuaded by an extremist or terrorist ideology. Workshops delivered to partners across the Highland area.

ACT Early is a program delivered to schools across the Highland area. The ACT Early session is a vehicle for debate around the sensitive issue of violent extremism within communities. As such it is an enabler for community participants to air grievances, debate matters of interest to them and work through a group problem solving experience. The following links can provide more information regarding the program:

<https://act.campaign.gov.uk/>  
<https://actearly.uk/>

# Crime Statistics

Group 1 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation	Detection Rate
Murder	1.6	2.0	3	0	-3	N/A
Culpable Homicide	0.4	0.3	1	0	-1	N/A
Attempted Murder	5.2	6.7	8	6	-2	83.3%
Serious Assault	54.4	45.0	43	50	7	88.0%
Robbery	18.8	20.0	21	28	7	64.3%
Cruel & Unnatural Treatment of Children	3.6	3.7	3	1	-2	100.0%
Threats & Extortion	11.0	8.7	16	15	-1	0.0%

Group 2 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation	Detection Rate
Rape	49.0	47.0	57	50	-7	50.0%
Sexual Assault (Sexual Offences Scotland Act 2009)	59.6	57.7	37	46	9	56.5%
Lewd & Libidinous Practices	7.8	5.7	6	7	1	85.7%
Public Indecency	3.0	2.7	1	1	-	100.0%
Threatening/ Disclosure of Intimate Image(s)	4.6	7.3	9	10	1	30.0%

Group 3 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2020	Variation	Detection Rate
Housebreaking (Dwelling House)	55.4	58.0	52	53	1	22.6%
Housebreaking (Non-Dwelling House)	18.6	17.0	19	13	-6	69.2%
Housebreaking (Other)	34.2	33.7	37	25	-12	76.0%

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Housebreaking (Total)	108.2	108.7	108	91	-17	44.0%
Theft of a Motor Vehicle	39.6	34.7	26	32	6	53.1%
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	54.0	35.3	19	17	-2	11.8%
Opening a Lockfast Place	18.8	17.7	9	9	-	22.2%
Theft	379.0	327.0	262	334	72	83.5%
Theft by Shoplifting	559.0	595.0	441	480	39	67.9%
Fraud	161.6	158.7	179	239	60	17.2%

Group 4 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation	Detection Rate
Fireraising	16.2	14.3	11	19	8	26.3%
Vandalism	583.6	501.7	493	570	77	27.7%
Culpable & Reckless Conduct	13.8	12.3	19	28	9	67.9%

Group 5 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation	Detection Rate
Offensive Weapon & Bladed/Pointed Instrument	82.8	95.7	104	91	-13	90.0%
Drugs (Supply)	99.0	91.7	90	64	-26	167.2%
Drugs (Possession)	667.2	664.0	677	619	-58	84.5%
Bail Offence(s)	162.6	179.0	240	219	-21	98.2%

Group 6 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation	Detection Rate
Assault	786.6	753.0	714	753	39	74.1%
Assault (Emergency Workers)	115.0	122.3	133	133	-	99.2%
Breach of the Peace/Threatening & Abusive Behaviour	692.2	643.7	594	512	-82	89.5%
Stalking	14.2	13.7	12	3	-9	166.7%

Group 7 Crimes (Recorded)						
	5 Year Average	3 Year Average	2020/2021	2021/2022	Variation	Detection Rate
Dangerous Driving	35.6	28.7	30	31	1	93.5%

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Drink/Drug Driving	143.2	160.0	225	220	-5	103.6%
Speeding Offence(s)	881.6	871.7	554	491	-63	103.9%
Disqualified Driving	10.2	8.0	6	13	7	92.3%
Drive without Licence	95.4	88.0	88	83	-5	102.4%
Fail to Insure Against Third Party Risks	243.0	259.0	290	176	-114	108.5%
Seat Belt Offence(s)	84.8	68.3	55	42	-13	111.9%
Mobile Telephone Offence(s)	78.0	69.0	48	43	-5	130.2
Careless Driving	145.8	155.0	142	173	31	97.1%

**Appendix A**



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# A GUIDE TO KEEPING SAFE TOGETHER IN YOUR COMMUNITY



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## Together let's stop fraud.

Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police. They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment.

Stop and think. It could protect you and your money.

**STOP**

Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

**CHALLENGE**

Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

**PROTECT**

Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Police Scotland by calling 101.



## Together let's stop cold callers.

A cold-caller may contact you about your bank account. They may claim to have noticed some unusual transactions on your account and ask you to transfer money to another account to "keep it safe", to send your bank details, or ask to access your computer remotely. A genuine bank will NEVER ask you to do these things.



### Always remember

- Never disclose your PIN or let anyone persuade you to hand over your bank card, financial information or withdraw cash.
- Check their credentials – a genuine person won't mind. You can phone the company they represent or check online, but never use contact details they give you.
- Take the time to think about what they are asking you to do, even if it's genuine.
- Don't be embarrassed to say 'No'.
- Don't feel pressured. Don't agree to transfer over money. Take time to think about it and talk to someone you trust.

**STOP CHALLENGE PROTECT**

[scotland.police.uk/takefive](https://scotland.police.uk/takefive)

## Together let's protect your home and belongings.

Crime can make its way to any neighbourhood, however there are some simple steps you can take to secure your home from intruders.



### How can I protect my home?

- Ensure your door is always locked.
- Make sure your keys are well out of sight and reach of letterboxes and windows.
- Don't keep house and car keys together.
- Don't put your name or address on your key ring.
- Lock your doors and windows, even when you are in the house.
- Security mark your property with a UV pen.
- Avoid keeping large amounts of cash in the house.
- Don't leave valuables in view of windows.

If you see signs of a break-in at your home, call Police Scotland on 101 or, if you believe the intruder is still there, dial 999.

## Together let's protect your bike.

More than 500,000 bikes are stolen in the UK each year because they're poorly secured or not secured at all.



### How can I help protect my bike?

Make sure you take a note of all your bike details, including the frame and serial number. This is usually found underneath the bottom bracket.

If your bike is stolen or stripped, you can pass details to Police Scotland to help them find your bike or parts, and help catch those responsible.

You can register your bikes details free online at [bikeregister.com](http://bikeregister.com) and also on [immobilise.com](http://immobilise.com) along with any other property that bears a serial number.

## Together let's tackle Hate Crime

### What is Hate Crime?

Hate crime happens in many different ways, and can be someone shouting and swearing at you, threatening or verbally abusing you, being physically attacked or receiving online abuse.

It can happen anywhere, for example, at home, on public transport, in the street, in school, college or at work.

There is no place for hate crime in our communities.

### How can I report Hate Crime?

Police Scotland works with a wide variety of partners where staff are trained to assist a victim or witness in submitting a report to the police.

You can find your nearest reporting centre at [scotland.police.uk/contact-us/report-hate-crimeand-third-party-reporting](https://scotland.police.uk/contact-us/report-hate-crimeand-third-party-reporting)

If you or someone you know is the victim of hate crime, you can call us on 101, visit your nearest police office or use our online form.



## Together let's fight County Lines

### What is County Lines?

County Lines is the police term used for the criminal exploitation of children and young people. Drugs dealers from large cities including London, Manchester and Liverpool expand their operations into smaller towns. They target children and young people to move drugs and money across the country using dedicated mobile phone 'deal lines'.

Gangs will often set up a base in a rural area for a short time, taking over a local vulnerable person's house by force or coercion. This is known as 'cuckooing'.

### Why does it matter?

This is having a significant impact on Scotland's towns. Gangs target local vulnerable people and once they are involved, it is difficult to escape. It can lead to sexual exploitation, violence and human trafficking.

### How can I report County Lines?

Your information can help get them removed and keep your communities safe. If you have concerns, you can report them to Police Scotland by calling 101 or anonymously to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or online at [crimestoppers-uk.org](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

## Useful Contacts

There are a range of organisations in your local community who can provide advice, support and information on the topics covered in this guide.

### Fraud

Police Scotland Fraud Advice

Visit - [scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/advice-for-victims-of-crime/fraud](https://scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/advice-for-victims-of-crime/fraud)

TakeFive Visit

Visit [takefive-stopfraud.org.uk](https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk)

Trading Standards

Call **0808 164 6000** or visit [tsscot.co.uk](https://tsscot.co.uk)

### Home Protection

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland

Call **01786 463732** or visit [neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](https://neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

### Hate Crime

Hate Crime Advice & Third Party Reporting Centres

Visit [scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/hate-crime/](https://scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/hate-crime/)

### County Lines

ChildLine

Call **0800 1111** or text **SHOUT** for support on **85258** or visit [childline.org.uk](https://childline.org.uk)

Crimestoppers

Call **0800 555 111** or visit [crimestoppers-uk.org](https://crimestoppers-uk.org)

Fearless.org

Visit [fearless.org](https://fearless.org)

### Alcohol & Drugs Partnership

Visit [highland-adp.org.uk](https://highland-adp.org.uk) or [orkneyadp.org.uk](https://orkneyadp.org.uk) or [outerhebadp.com](https://outerhebadp.com) or [sfad.org.uk/service/shetland-substance-misuse-recovery-service](https://sfad.org.uk/service/shetland-substance-misuse-recovery-service)

Scottish Families Affected by Drugs and Alcohol

Visit [sfad.org.uk](https://sfad.org.uk)

### Other

Victim Support Scotland

Call **0800 160 19885** or visit [victimsupport.scot](https://victimsupport.scot)

Citizens Advice Scotland

Visit [citizensadvice.org.uk/Scotland](https://citizensadvice.org.uk/Scotland)

**Appendix B**



**INVERNESS AREA COMMAND COMMUNITY BEATS NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2022**

This is a monthly general overview of the work being carried out by your local community beat officers covering Inverness and surrounding areas. Your current community beat officers are -

A/PS Cailean Macleod, PC Katie Johnstone, PC Joanna Barclay, PC Laura Kerr and PC Stuart Connell alongside PC Keith Whitelaw who is the current school link officer working within the secondary schools in Inverness.

Community Beat officers cover the whole of the Inverness area and as far as Ardersier, Strathnairn, Strathdearn and Beaully.



**School Link Officer update**

Since 18th April 2022, PC Keith Whitelaw has been piloting the concept of an Education Link Officer in Inverness. He has been dedicated to this role and attends each Secondary school in Inverness one day per week, on a rotational basis.

The role focuses on working in partnership with school staff, education services and appropriate partner agencies to prevent offending; to collaborate in response to ongoing issues and concerns raised in school or in the wider community; and to create a safer school environment .PC Whitelaw has actively been talking about Fearless which is part of Crimestoppers which gives young people a chance to speak out about crime. – There is more information at the end of the newsletter.

PC Whitelaw has given us this month's update -



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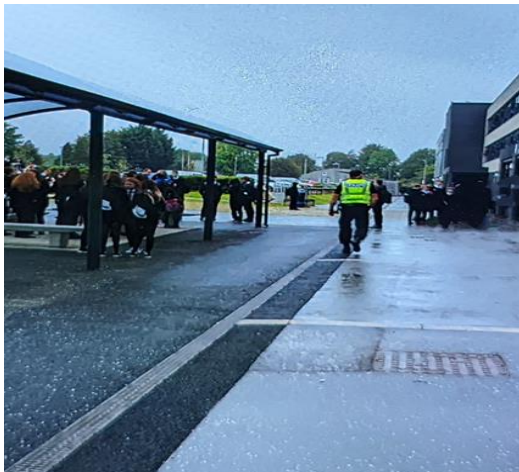
“Young People have now returned to schooling following the summer break and are starting their next academic year. I am in a different high school each day of the week and have the opportunity to speak with young people, school staff and parents throughout the day.

While I am in the schools I am visible, present and I actively engage with all people that I meet. I have a collaborative relationship with each school to help tackle the challenges that are being faced each day.

This term I am continuing to engage with our partners and the local community to make sure that the school feel empowered, supported and continue to provide a fantastic and safe learning environment for our young people.

As with any new project it can take time for the impact / contribution to be seen. At this early stage the feedback from the schools is extremely positive. I am currently working on a number of exciting engagement opportunities for the young people involving a number of our partners”.

More to be revealed in next month's update.



### **Road Safety**

Community Beats officers continue to carry out regular speed checks in known problem areas. We have been using parking buddies around local schools at pick up and drop off times to try and encourage more responsible and safe parking at schools since the return of school after the summer break. So far these have been very effective.

We have seen an increase in unsafe parking in and around schools during these times and we would encourage parents and carers to be mindful about where they park to ensure children have a safe route to school.

We were delighted with the response we received following a recent Facebook post about this issue. Members of the public were able to highlight new areas of concern which we have been actively targeting in recent weeks.

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The issue of vehicles parking on pavements has been highlighted to the community beat team. We would like to remind people that parking on a pavement either partially or wholly can obstruct pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, the visually impaired and people with prams or pushchairs.

It is a criminal offence to cause an obstruction and you could be issued with a fine if you are found to be causing an obstruction whilst parked on a pavement. Community Beat officers will continue to look out for this whilst on patrol.

Where there are concerns regarding speeding within individual community councils and we would encourage you to let us know about any issues within your area so we can target our patrols and speed checks in the problem areas.

If you have any issues in your area the please contact us on: -  
[HighlandsandIslandsCommunityBeatsInverness@scotland.police.uk](mailto:HighlandsandIslandsCommunityBeatsInverness@scotland.police.uk)

**Community Issues**

Community Beats Officers keep up to date with ongoing crime trends and issues within specific areas.

Over the past few weeks there has been quite a number of graffiti tags appearing throughout the city, the majority of them seem to be in and around the Culduthel / Holm / Hilton area. These have been sprayed on road signs, walls and new buildings. Community officers are carrying out enquiries to find out who is responsible.

Whilst some may see graffiti as art, it is in the eyes of the law classed as vandalism. If you do not have the permission from the owner of the building/road sign/wall then it is a criminal offence.

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If there are ongoing issues in your area then please let us know at:-  
HighlandsandIslandsCommunityBeatsInverness@scotland.police.uk

However if it is ongoing then please contact police on 101 at the time.

**Community Engagement**

Community beat officers have been busy within local communities and over the summer months have attended at a variety of community events such as community fetes and Gala's. Officers have attended with the police vehicle and various pieces of operational equipment to show children and adults alike. This has been a great opportunity for us to meet people within local communities and one we have really enjoyed.



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Community beat officers carry out a mix of foot patrols, cycle patrols and use police vehicles and on occasion take the bus. This mix gives us the ability to be out and active within your local communities. It gives us the option to cover a large area whilst still being able to stop and chat with people along the way.



We will continue to visit both primary and secondary schools throughout the city both during the school day to carry out school talks on various subjects and foot patrols at break and lunch time to engage with the children.



**Response / Event Cover**

During the summer months the community beats department have been required at times to assist other uniformed officers with cover for response policing or large events. We also may be required to assist with major incidents when they occur. We do our very best during these times to continue to keep up to date and monitor ongoing issues within our communities.



**Coffee with a Cop**

Community Beat Officers regularly hold “Coffee with a Cop” in various coffee shops in and around Inverness. This is an opportunity for people in the community to drop in and have a coffee and chat on an informal basis and meet their Community Beat Officers and discuss any ongoing community issues they may have. The date, time and location are advertised on social media a few days in advance.

This month we attended at the local café in Tomatin where we were met by some local residents for a chat about the local area over a cup of tea.



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If you would like us to set up a session in your area then please let us know, we will be happy to organise this.



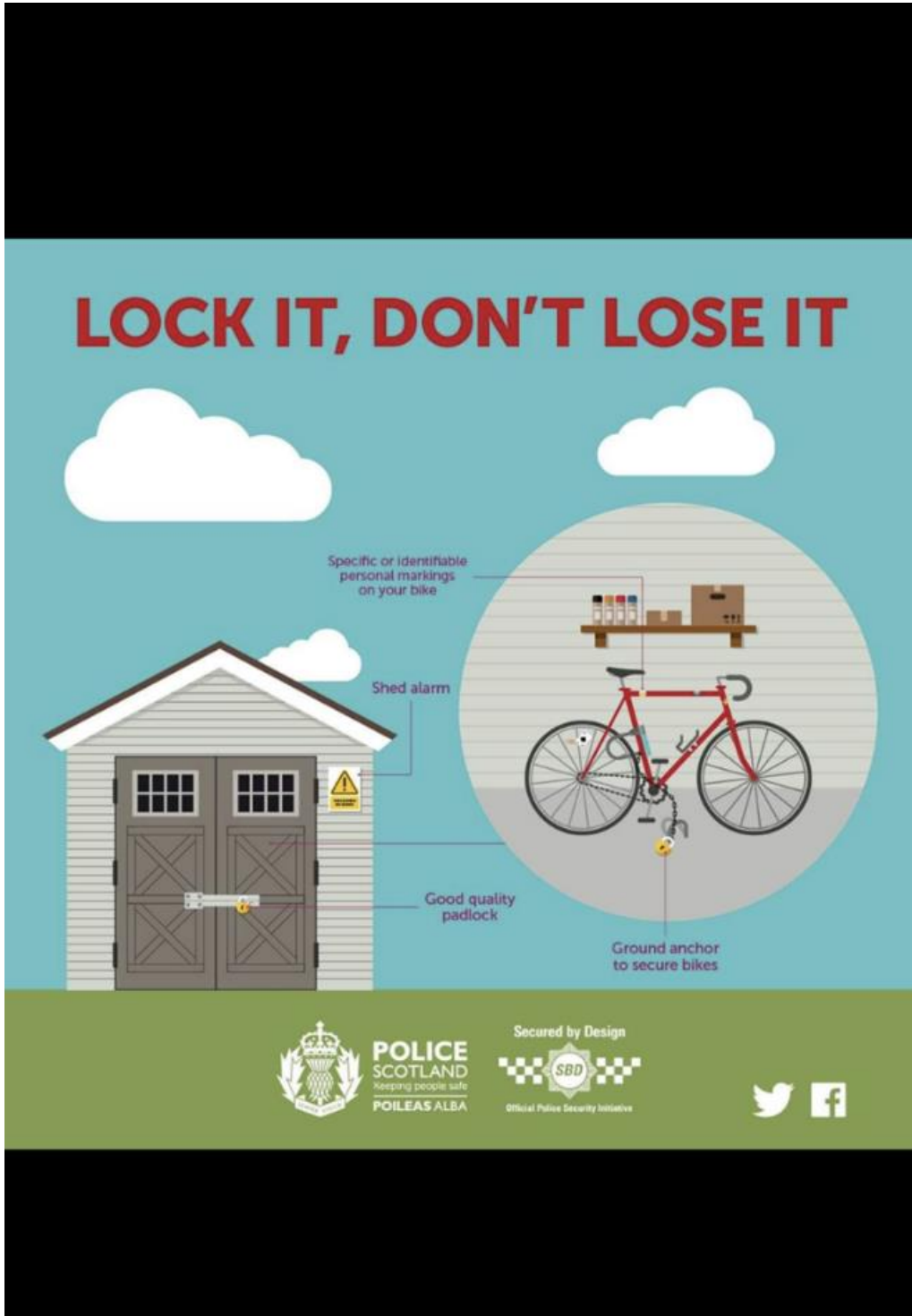
### Drugs

Police are regularly gathering intelligence in relation to activity around drugs. Police gather this intelligence which allows us to take action. We would encourage anyone with information in relation to drugs to notify us or contact Crimestoppers / Fearless.

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org> or 0800 555 111

### Crime Prevention

Each month we will share information and advice on crime trends across the area. There continues to be reports of bike theft throughout the city. Please try and ensure that your bikes are securely locked up when you leave them.



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### WHAT IS FEARLESS?

Fearless is the part of the independent charity CRIMESTOPPERS. It is a youth programme empowering young people to speak out about crime and where parents and young people can access information and advice about crimes and criminality.

It can be used to report crimes or provide information, if you are worried about someone, think something bad might happen or if you have seen or heard something bad. Fearless will only pass on the information, without any personal details.

Fearless is 100% anonymous and operates 24hrs a day, 7 days a week, all year round.

It all matters, It's all important, you could save a life...

[www.fearless.org](http://www.fearless.org)



### Contact Details

Your community beats team can be contacted on the following e-mail address –

HighlandsandIslandsCommunityBeatsInverness@scotland.police.uk

Please be aware that this e-mail address is not monitored 24/7 and is a contact email. Crimes should not be reported by this e-mail and should be reported via 101 or 999 in an emergency.