



## Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Westhill and Elrick Community Council area during the period **01 October to 31 October 2018**.

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:

A large amount of work into prevention and intervention of youth annoyance has contributed to very few assaults reported in Westhill and Elrick during this month.

Police were made aware of increasing number of youth annoyance calls at the Westhill shops, this has been heightened after the pre-arranged fight between Westhill Academy pupils and Bucksburn Academy pupils on 21 September 2018.

Police Officers were tasked to patrol the area of the Westhill shops in plain clothes and in high visibility. This allowed Police to engage with youths and prevent any further annoyance to those who work and attend the shops at Westhill.

Police have also been made aware of the parking issues at Elrick Primary School. Police attended during the morning school run to show a presence and educate parents on parking offences in attempt to resolve parking problems at the school.

The Police presence was welcomed by many parents who felt frustrated with the on-going parking issues.

There have been no incidents of vandalism this reporting period in Westhill and Elrick

There has been 1 assault this reporting period Westhill and Elrick.

There have been no Communications Act Offences this reporting period Westhill and Elrick.

There have been no incidents of Breach of the Peace this reporting period Westhill and Elrick.

Regular "Operation Bayswater" patrols have been carried out within your area and will continue throughout the Winter months.

We would encourage members of the public to report any antisocial behaviour to Police on 101 at the time to report incidents in order for us to take positive action.

## **Acquisitive Crime:**

Reports of acquisitive crime have been lower over October with 4 incidents of Theft in Westhill and Elrick. Most of which have been Theft by Shoplifting with Police giving a renewed drive to clamp down in this as a result.

## **Road Safety & road crime:**

Roads Policing colleagues continued to provide support in this area given concerns about the speed at which many vehicles travel.

Local Officers have also patrolled around the schools in Westhill due to parking issues and will be looking at continue to engage with parents and schools to try and resolve these issues. It is hoped that intervention like this immediately after the school went back will set the tone for the coming weeks and months.

Residents in the areas affected by antisocial driving are encouraged to contact Police on 101 at the time to report incidents in order for us to take positive action.

## **Community Engagement & Reassurance**

A direct result of pro-active work carried out by officers this month has resulted in no reports of drug related crimes in the Westhill and Elrick area.

Police will be paying more attention to the licenced premises in the area to (*sentence not completed*)

Police will continue to encourage members of the community to report any suspicious activity.

## **Bogus callers**

During the campaign Police Officers in the North-east and across Scotland will be running events and stalls to speak to the public at key locations such as banks, garden centres and supermarkets, as well as events giving advice to partner organisations and their clients such as care providers, groups that support those with dementia, and Citizens Advice Scotland.

Community Councils can also help by taking the opportunity to speak with those residents within communities, particularly the elderly and those who may be vulnerable to this type of crime and highlight the dangers associated with bogus callers or rogue traders. If in any doubt, just say no thanks and hang up or close the door. Never give out personal details or banking information or agree to purchase items, irrespective how convincing the scam may be.

## **Neighbourhood Alert**

Police Scotland's North East Division covers rural and urban areas in Moray, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City.

Within the Division the community policing teams are supported by dedicated Crime Reduction Officers who assist them in their work to promote crime reduction and progress prevention opportunities which we see as key to reducing crime and antisocial behaviour in your area.

Whilst crime reduction advice is regularly provided to individuals who raise a specific query, an exciting new innovation called **Neighbourhood Alert** now affords Police Scotland the opportunity to send e-mail messages relating to local crime trends and containing crime prevention advice quickly and effectively to a wide audience, but which can be targeted to particular streets or communities if required.

Any individual can sign-up to receive these e-mail messages, either for themselves or their community group, and the sign-up process allows the recipient to specify the type of information that they are interested in and from what source. Neighbourhood Watch Scotland, who coordinate this resource, work with a range of partners in the public sector to provide information not only on crime but also on matters of community safety and resilience.

These messages are intended to inform the public and to keep them abreast of information which will assist them in keeping themselves, their families and their properties safe. For this reason, we will only send out messages if we feel it is important that the public receive the information and are then able to use it effectively in their daily lives.

Please take the opportunity to sign-up for **Neighbourhood Alert** e-mail messages and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. Whilst the number of subscribers is constantly growing, the more people who sign-up to receive these alerts, which we always try to send timeously, the more effective these messages will become as they allow communities to become better informed and make better decisions.

There is no requirement to join or set up a Neighbourhood Watch, simply follow the link below to the registration instructions. By signing up you control your personal information, contact details and also decide what information providers who want to receive Alerts from.

## Breakdown

In October there were 2 detected crimes and 6 enquiries that are on-going.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision)
-  Web – [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)
-  999 – Emergency;
-  0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers;

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