

West End Community Policing Team

Community Council Meetings Performance Summary

Statistics for July 2015

August 2015 Meetings

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The following is a summary of Quality of Life incidents between 01/07/2015 and 31/07/2015, within the West End Community Policing area:

Quality of Life Calls

STORM Incidents

| | AS3A | AS3B | AS3C | Total |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| | Ferryhill | Mannofield | West End | |
| MOTORCYCLE | 4 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| DRINKING IN PUBLIC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DRUGS/SUBSTANCE MISUSE | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| FIRES (Criminal only) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PUBLIC NUISANCE | 9 | 6 | 1 | 16 |
| Total | 17 | 8 | 4 | 29 |

The AS3A and AS3B areas saw a slight rise in reported Quality of Life incidents this month, but this was countered by a significant drop in same in AS3C, giving an overall drop.

The majority of the motorcycle calls related to the driving standard of vehicles simply passing through the area, whilst two related to the theft of motorcycles from the CPT.

There were no reported wilful or reckless fires.

The public nuisance were significantly down in AS3C, but remained roughly static in the other two areas. These calls mainly relate to minor youth annoyance or drunken people walking home.

Streets with more than one incident are as follows:

| Street | Incident Class Desc | Number of Incidents |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| HOLBURN STREET | PUBLIC NUISANCE | 3 |
| ALBURY ROAD | PUBLIC NUISANCE | 2 |
| KINGS GATE | MOTORCYCLE | 2 |
| POLMUIR ROAD | MOTORCYCLE | 2 |

The Holburn Street calls once again appear to relate to City Centre revellers passing through the Westend.

The Albury Road incidents relate to noise nuisance emanating from the public park on Albury Road.

The motorcycle calls relate to misuse of off-road scrambler style bikes by unidentified youths, passing through the area. Aberdeen Division is currently running Operation Trinity, which dedicates a unit to looking through these types of incidents and progressing them where there are lines of enquiry.

I would encourage the reporting of such incidents of off-road scrambler bikes being misused on public roads, with as much detail about clothing, colours and identifying marks as possible.

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The following is a summary of Priority Crimes between 01/07/2015 and 31/07/2015:

CRIMEFILE Offences

| | AS3A | AS3B | AS3C | Total |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Ferryhill | Mannofield | West End | |
| Att HB w.i. to steal (domestic prop -dwelling) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Theft by OLP from a motor vehicle | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Possession of drugs | 5 | 0 | 4 | 9 |
| Theft by HB, (domestic prop, dwelling) | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Theft, from a motor vehicle not elsewhere classified | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| Theft of vehicle & contents incl taking + driving away | 5 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Vandalism | 5 | 7 | 11 | 24 |
| Total Recorded | 18 | 12 | 24 | 55 |

There was a rise in vehicle thefts, predominantly scooter/moped type vehicles in the AS3A area this month. I believe these vehicles are targeted because they are relatively easy to steal, and they are then often ridden around the City, which ties in with the rise in motorcycle nuisance calls.

As stated previously, Operation Trinity is on the go just now to target motorcycle crime, and you should report via 101 any time you see scramblers or scooters being driven antisocially around your area, with as much detail as possible regarding the description.

There are still items being stolen from unsecured vehicles across the CPT, so we continue to push the 'Hide it, Lock it or Lose it' message whenever possible.

Finally, there was a rise in vandalism across the CPT. The majority relate to cars being scratched, but with no obvious connection in location or dates.

Streets with more than one crime are as follows:

| Street Name | Crime Group Level 4 | Number of Offences |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| GRANTON PLACE | VANDALISM | 3 |
| GREAT WESTERN ROAD | THEFT OF VEHICLE | 2 |
| RUTHRIESTON CIRCLE | THEFT OF VEHICLE | 2 |
| GAIRN MEWS | POSSESSION OF DRUGS | 2 |

Two of the incidents on Granton Place related to cars being scratched on the same night, with the third being an unrelated broken window. Enquiries are ongoing.

The incidents on Great Western Road were thefts of motorcycles which occurred at different locations and dates. They are not thought related.

The Rurthrieston Circle thefts occurred as part of a crime series, where a number of sheds and garages were forced in the early hours of the 19th. Again, moped/scooter type bikes were the target here.

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The Gairn Mews incidents simply relate to positive searches from Officers in the CPT.

Summary of Calls and Crimefiles compared to last month:

AS3A – Ferryhill

- Quality of life calls have increased by 4
- There were 0 Housebreakings
- Vandalisms have increased by 3
- Thefts of or from vehicles have increased by 6
- Overall CrimeFile offences have increased by 12

AS3B – Mannofield

- Quality of life calls have increased by 2
- There have been 0 Housebreakings
- Vandalisms have increased by 5
- Thefts of or from vehicles have reduced by 2
- Overall CrimeFile offences have increased by 1

AS3C – West End

- Quality of life calls have reduced by 11
- There has been 1 Housebreaking
- Vandalisms have increased by 8
- Thefts of or from vehicles decreased by 1
- Overall CrimeFile offences have increased by 13

GENERAL INFORMATION AND UPDATE ON PREVIOUS QUERIES

We've had a number of thefts from Sheds and Garages over the last month across the CPT.

Whilst the sheds are often secured with padlocks, the reality is that they are only as good as the material they are made from - there is no point in a hefty padlock if the hasp can simply be unscrewed.

If you can, don't keep valuable items in sheds, but if you must, find additional means of securing valuable items within such as high quality 'U' locks for bikes, and try and find a means to secure them to something immovable. The same goes for mopeds or scooters.

I know this isn't always possible, so shed alarms are a great deterrent. They will simply make a loud noise if your shed is opened, and it gives the best chance of disturbing thieves and hopefully catching them at it. They are relatively inexpensive, and £15 spent now may save you the frustration of losing your expensive bike.

Thanks

Ian McKinnon
Inspector

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Our team at Whinhill are committed to keeping the community safe, preventing and detecting crime. If any suspicious activity is seen, please report this to us, either as an emergency on 999 or to the Service Centre on 101. Quick and effective reporting allows our team to react accordingly and maximise the opportunity to apprehend offenders.

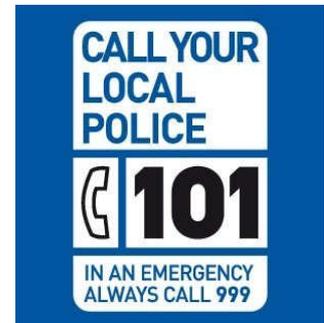
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Also available are the three following contact email addresses for the West End:

AiryhallBroomhillGarthdeeCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk
HazleheadAshleyQueensCrossCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk
TorryFerryhillCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

The primary purpose of these e-mail addresses 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. These e-mail addresses are not for reporting crimes or offences. The process for reporting any crimes or offences is to call 101 (Aberdeen Service Centre) who will log the call on our Command and Control system and allocate the incident to our area. Using this process negates the possibility of the report being missed and also ensures that the callers detail, addresses and telephone numbers are noted for our awareness and response.

Your comments and concerns are important to the staff of the West End CPT. This allows us to allocate our resources to the areas causing you the most concern. Should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to discuss these with the Officer attending your Community Council Meeting or by emailing the above e-mail addresses or our Service Centre. It is not necessary to wait until the meeting and Inspector McKinnon welcomes your contact.



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