



QUEENS CROSS & HARLAW Community Council Report

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Queens Cross & Harlaw Community Council area during the period 1st September to 30st September 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:

Again the Antisocial Behaviour calls within area relate primarily to the inconsiderate use of our open spaces and parks groups of people drinking within the playing fields are a matter for the Police as this behaviour often leads to vandalisms and disturbances elsewhere, however young people playing football poorly and hitting the chain link fencing causing a noise are not, however irritating their lack of ball control may be.

There have been no reported assaults during this period.

Acquisitive Crime:

There have been three thefts from vehicles during this period in which an unlocked vehicles were rummaged through and some personal items taken, with the advent of keyless entry I would suggest you ensure that where ever your keys sit within the house that your vehicle does not automatically unlock. We would reiterate when conducting your night time routine in addition to checking the doors are locked please check you haven't left your keys in the outside of the door lock or left your vehicles unlocked.

Road Safety & Road Crime:

In response to your requests Officers will be taking a robust approach balancing education with enforcement to ensure the relatively small minority who are responsible for committing offences and antisocial behaviour with vehicles are held accountable for their actions. We will be working with partners and making use of antisocial behaviour legislation. 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.

Whilst your local officers predominately detect Drink Drivers as part of specific speeding patrols or on route to other calls there have been 3 occasions this month in which we have been assisted by members of the local community who have seen someone within a local licenced premises clearly intoxicated and about to drive then informed the police. Please never hesitate to contact us if you see a drink driver or someone about to drive, remember it is a crime in progress and one which can have very serious consequences for innocent members of our community

Community Engagement & Reassurance

Now the schools are back our young people will have formed new friendships and moved into new groups, whilst the evenings are still lighter and the weather good our outdoor spaces are just the place for them.

When we are telling them you stay out longer/explore further because you're a year on please let that advice include where not to go and the reasons why.

We have a significant number of building sites and derelict buildings within our area which young people are attracted to because they offer excitement and are out of the public view, they all so offer in many cases a significant danger once you have climbed past the security barriers.

As the nights start to grow longer and the time approaches for the clocks to go back we would encourage you to take a look at your property,

- Ensure that unneeded tools and furniture (particularly ladders) are securely locked away
- Have you have adjusted your evening routine to ensure there is a light on at home, even when you're out? We know this can mean a constant fiddle with time clocks as it gets darker earlier however having a light on at home in the evenings is a significant deterrent.

Take the change in seasons as a prompt to review your security regarding not just outside lighting but also what physical measures you could take and think, if you were locked out how would you get in, if the answer is other than getting the spare key from a friend or family (not under a plant pot) you are leaving yourself vulnerable.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-home>

Have a look through your shed or garage window and ask yourself could you get in and if you could you get away with the items inside

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-garden-and-outbuildings>

Further information on a whole range of questions can be found here

<https://www.askthe.scottish.police.uk/content/@1.htm>

The importance of the relationship between you the Community Council and us your CPT in preventing crime cannot be underestimated, you are an integral part of our community and as such have access to information and opinions not open or readily accessible to us.

You can help us in being able to take **local action** on behalf of **local people**.

We will continue to feed back to you at the Community Council meetings regarding the specific points you have raised. Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

National Campaigns

This time of year a number of our young people take their first forays into the night time economies in both the City and Shire, as exciting as it can be for the young people it's can be a worrying time for families.

The North East of Scotland is one of the safest places in Western Europe however a timely reminder that one of the City's successes the "Ask Angela" scheme has been extended to the Shire, it's worth everyone taking a look.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/news/2018/October/ask-for-angela-scheme-extended-in>

What to know more about how we measure up, this is where to find out.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>



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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.

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 Cowie welcomes your contact.

Please make sure your voice is heard and visit the Police Scotland website and click on 'Your View Counts' to complete the online survey.



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;
- 📱 Web – www.scotland.police.uk;
- 📞 999 – Emergency;
- 📞 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers.