



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 August to 31st August 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 during the better weather recently, we would not only urge everyone to use them responsibly clearing up after themselves and showing consideration for local residents. There has been one report of a vandalism in which a vehicle was scratched overnight, there have been no reported assaults during this period.

Acquisitive Crime:

There have been two 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 have an instance in which a lock was cut from a cycle in a common hall way and taken, please spend a commensurate amount on your cycle security securing a £4700 cycle with a £15 lock is folly.

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.

We would also remind some of our Adults that whilst for them riding a cycle on the pavement is not allowed for children doing their paper rounds it is ok.

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.

Drones are becoming more popular for filming and photographing scenic areas or places of interest but it is essential that they are used responsibly and they do not cause alarm or injury to members of the public.

With one recent local incident in which a drone was seized and its operator charged, we are keen to highlight the existing legislation around the use of drones and the potential risks if they are flown in and around crowded or built-up areas.

We would advise drone operators to familiarise themselves with all the appropriate legislation so as to ensure they adhere to existing aviation laws and regulations, and be aware of the areas in our community where drone activity may pose a particular sensitivity.”

Please visit the Civil Aviation Authority's website at the following link:

<http://www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Unmanned-aircraft/Recreational-drones/Recreational-drone-flights/>

We are often asked what I do in the case of a Road Traffic Collision. Do I need to call the Police?

No you do not, unless there is injury and or the road is blocked, if there is no Injury YOU just need to exchange details and move the vehicles to a safe place.

S170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 details what you need to provide and what you are entitled to get back, The driver of the mechanically propelled vehicle must stop and, if required to do so by any person having reasonable grounds for so requiring, give his **name and address and also the name and address of the owner and the identification marks of the vehicle.**

Please note this does not include insurance details or phone numbers, the Police will not attend just to apportion blame.

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 look to move away from home and into further education, the advice below will be invaluable in keeping those loved ones safe as well as their property with them.

It can be a daunting time for any young person and their family however significantly more support and advice is available than in years gone by.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/news/2018/august/student-safety-2018-campaign-launched>

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.