



Marr Community Policing Team Spring 2026

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Marr Community Policing Team (CPT) News

With the arrival of longer daylight hours and milder weather, our local Community Policing Team is shifting its focus to address the specific seasonal crime trends that traditionally impact the Deeside area at this time of year. Our primary focus over the coming months is to proactively tackle anti-social behaviour, protect property from opportunist thieves, and ensure our local roads remain safe for all users. We remain deeply committed to listening to the concerns of residents and deploying our resources efficiently to keep our communities safe, welcoming, and resilient.

With spring underway, we typically see a rise in acquisitive crime, particularly thefts from sheds, garages, and outbuildings as residents begin using expensive garden machinery, tools, and bicycles. I strongly urge everyone to review their home security, ensure outbuildings are robustly locked, and keep valuable items out of sight. Furthermore, the finer weather inevitably brings an influx of recreational traffic and motorcyclists to the A93 corridor; consequently, our Officers will be conducting targeted road safety patrols and speed checks to deter dangerous driving. We are also mindful that lighter evenings can lead to a rise in youth-related anti-social behaviour in our public parks. We are actively monitoring known hotspots, and I encourage you to report any concerns or suspicious activity directly to us by calling 101, or 999 in an emergency, so we can respond swiftly.

Across all seasons, a significant amount of Officer time continues to be spent supporting people experiencing mental health difficulties. To that end I am pleased to report that we recently benefited from extra training from staff within our Partnerships Team which has seen a further five of our Banchory Officers receive training in 'Distress Brief Intervention' (DBI). DBI is a non-clinical intervention, consisting of two interrelated parts. **Level 1** sees trained front-line staff such as health, police, ambulance and primary care staff help ease the person's distress, provide a compassionate response and where appropriate, involves an offer of a seamless referral, with



confidence and clarity to a DBI Level 2 service. **Level 2** is provided by commissioned and trained third sector staff who contact the person within 24-hours of

referral and provide community-based problem solving support, wellness and distress management planning, supported connections and signposting.

Our newly trained Officers are already making good use of the training, with the first referral being complete within 3 hours of the training!

Banchory Police Station continues to enjoy the provision of a front counter service which is open on a 2 week rotational basis as follows;

<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>
Mon 0800 – 1700	Mon 0800 – 1600
Tue 0800 – 1700	Tue Closed
Wed 0800 – 1700	Wed 0800 – 1700
Thurs Closed	Thurs 0800 – 1700
Fri Closed	Fri 0800 – 1600
Sat 0800 – 1700	Sat Closed
Sun 0800 – 1700	Sun Closed

In addition to the front counter, you can continue to contact us via the following methods;

- Calling 101
- Reporting online via the [Police Scotland website](#)
- Email to your local CPT inbox
BanchoryMidDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.Police.uk or
AboyneUpperDeesideDonsideCPT@Scotland.pnn.Police.uk

Proactive Work

Officers continue to give attention to the standing complaint of illegal parking on the High Street in Banchory. We have also had some complaints about speeding at Bridge of Canny, and Officers have been conducting checks in the area.

Officers have once again visited numerous primary schools in the area to speak with children about a host of issues, and in particular online safety. Our Officers have also been out speaking with farm workers in the area, providing crime prevention advice following the thefts of oil I reported on in the Winter Report.

Violence

Tackling domestic violence continues to be a priority for our Officers. During this period;

- A woman was arrested and charged regarding breaching a Non-Harassment Order.
- A woman was arrested and charged with assaulting her ex partner.
- A man holidaying in the Banchory area was arrested and charged with assaulting his partner and his daughter.

Anyone concerned that their partner, or the partner of someone they know may be a Domestic Abuse offender, can apply to us for information about their abusive past via our [Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland \(DSDAS\) - Police Scotland](#)

Violence in the area thankfully tends to remain a rare occurrence though of note this period a man was arrested and charged regarding serious assault following an incident in a licensed premises in Banchory.

Road Safety

During the Spring period Police attended nine road traffic collisions in the area. Sadly, a 73 year old woman died following a collision on the A980 near Torphins in April.

We have through the period also benefited from the continued support of our specialist Roads Policing colleagues who along with our local Officers have charged drivers with 39 offences over Spring including;

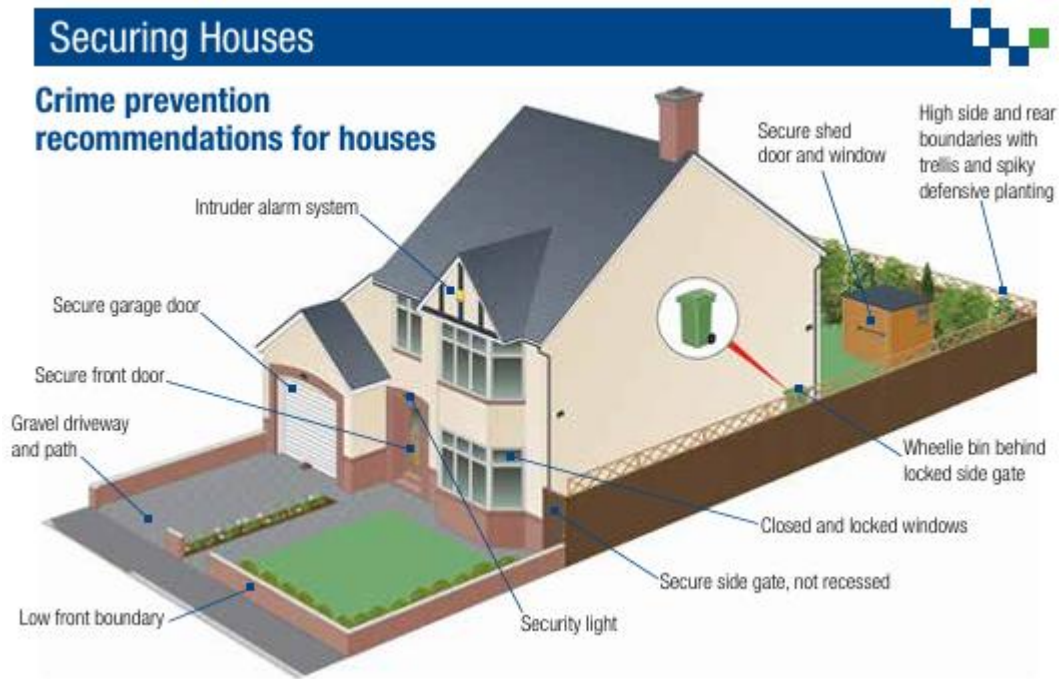
- Speeding
- Careless Driving
- Construction & use offences
- No MOT
- Disqualified Driving
- No Insurance
- Drink driving

These drivers have been dealt with variously by report to Court, issuing of a ticket (points and/or fine), and in some cases a 'Defect' ticket is issued, giving the driver the chance to have a defect repaired without being reported or given a fine.



Seasonal Advice

As we enter into the nicer weather and lighter nights, garages and sheds are more vulnerable to break ins, so please lock away tools, garden valuables, and keep sheds and garages secure, some considerations are illustrated below;



Please be mindful also of the opportunity for 'sneak in thefts' if doors and windows are left open and not on a 'catch' in the nice weather.

I would also like to draw your attention to the new ban on fires and barbecues in the Cairngorm National Park – more details can be found here [Cairngorms National Park | Campfires and barbecues](#).

Rural & Agricultural Crime

In my Winter Report I highlighted the risk of dogs worrying livestock as we entered Spring. Sadly since then a lamb died in the area after loose dog entered its field and so I repeat here our advice to those out and about in the countryside in the finer weather;

- Keep dogs on leads around livestock - regardless of perceived control.
- Use signage on farmland to remind walkers of responsibilities.
- Report incidents immediately, as livestock worrying is a serious offence in Scotland.

Bogus Callers & Rogue Traders

Spring also often sees a rise in bogus callers and rogue traders offering garden, roofing or driveway work.

- Don't agree to work on the spot or pay upfront.
- Get at least three written quotes from reputable traders.
- Never allow uninvited workers into your home.
- Look out for elderly or vulnerable neighbours who may be targeted.

Planned Activity for next Period

In the months ahead you can expect to see our Officers focussing on road safety as the nice weather bring an increase in visitors to our beat. As we approach Summer, our Officers will also be conducting foot patrols to tackle any anti-social behaviour which may occur in the area.

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