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Queens Cross and Harlaw
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This report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and the residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

Crime Overview

We are pleased to announce improvements in the way statistics are provided to Community Councils. Previously, the manual generation of stats due to misalignment between Community Council boundaries and Police beat codes led to occasional inaccuracies and was time-consuming. Now, the North East Police division will provide data that aligns with police beat codes, some of which encompass multiple Community Council areas. Additionally, beat code maps will be available for reference. We have also updated previous data to ensure comparable statistics are readily accessible.

In the Queens Cross and Harlaw community, there were a total of 110 calls to Police during February 2025. This is a increase of 1 call compared to January 2025. Calls to Police predominantly related to non-criminal matters including, concern for persons, missing persons, assisting the public and false calls with good intent.

As a result of these incidents, and proactive Police activity, 21 crimes were recorded in the Queens Cross and Harlaw community during February 2025. This is a decrease in 10 crimes recorded since January 2025.

Crime Type	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25
Drugs	2	2				
Vandalism	4	2				
Assault	5	4				
Theft	5	4				
RTO	10	4				

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder

On Tuesday 04 February 2025, a female was walking her dogs near Albyn Grove when she was approached by a group of 7 or 8 youths. Two youths from the group were verbally abusive towards the female, shouting and swearing at her. The female felt threatened by the youths therefore contacted the Police. The youths involved have been identified and enquiries are currently ongoing.

On Saturday 22 February 2025, a female was stopped in the Forest Avenue area by Police. The female was detained for a drugs search and found to be in possession of a personal amount of controlled drugs. The female was issued with a Recorded Police Warning.

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Acquisitive Crime

On Tuesday 18 February 2025, Police received a report of an attempted theft of a vehicle from the Albyn Grove, Aberdeen area. A witness reported seeing a male attempting to break a window to a motor vehicle, before attempting to open it by pulling at the door handles. No entry was gained, and the vehicle was not damaged. This has been captured on private CCTV. The male was identified and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal for consideration.

On Friday 28 February 2025, at a local store within the Fountainhall Road, Aberdeen area, a male entered and selected 4 gift cards from display. The male attended the till point and handed the cashier two gift cards and asked them to be activated with £100. On giving the cashier money, the male asked for it back to count before stating he had changed his mind and no longer wished to purchase the gift cards. The male gave the cashier back the two inactivated gift cards and left in possession of two activated gift cards without paying for them. This is a fraudulent scheme. Enquiries are currently ongoing however the incident was fully captured on CCTV.

The community should remain vigilant and consider the following advice.

- Ensure all vehicles and property are secured when not in use.
- Consider the installation of CCTV cameras covering private property.
- Ensure that you are comfortable with the identity of persons before providing personal information over the telephone. If in doubt, hang up contact Police via 101 for further advice.

Road Safety & Road Crime

On Tuesday 18 February 2025, Roads Policing Officers were carrying out high visibility patrols in the area of Queens Road, Aberdeen. A vehicle was stopped and was found to have excessively tinted windows. The light transmission was checked using a tint meter and found to be below the legal limit. The driver was offered and accepted a Conditional Offer resulting in a £50 fine.

On Sunday 23 February 2025, in the area of Fountainhall Road, Aberdeen, a driver failed to stop after colliding with another vehicle. The driver of the offending vehicle would have been aware of the collision and both vehicles sustained minor damage. Enquiries are currently ongoing to identify the driver of the offending vehicle.

Road safety remains a priority for the North East Police Division, and local resources will continue to undertake high visibility proactive patrols to ensure your roads are safe.

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As a result of feedback from residents, the Community Action Team have been carrying out additional speed patrols in the area as a deterrent to speeding offences.

Community Safety Advice

Flying on a Budget? Don't Get Grounded by Scammers

Several North East residents have recently fallen foul of scammers whilst booking flights. Finding a cheap flight can be exciting, but falling victim to a travel scam can quickly turn your dream trip into a nightmare. Online travel scams are becoming increasingly common, so it's crucial to be vigilant. Here's some tips to protect yourself:

Always compare the price on the suspected deal with the airline's official website. Significant discrepancies are a major red flag. Legitimate companies maintain professional websites, look for typos, grammatical errors, and unprofessional design.

Social media ads or pop-ups advertise flights at impossibly low rates to lure victims in with "Too Good to Be True" offers, be wary of prices that are significantly lower than competitors.

While some last-minute deals exist, be highly sceptical of incredibly low prices for flights departing within a few days.

Check contact information, look for a physical address, phone number, and email address. Try to contact them directly to verify their legitimacy.

Scammers have been known to post fake helpline numbers online, posing as airline agents to extract payment or personal data.

Stick to known platforms and book through well-established and reputable registered travel agencies, check reviews from other travellers about the agency or platform.

In the UK, travel companies primarily need to be registered with an "Air Travel Organiser's Licence" (ATOL) if they plan to sell flights, which is a mandatory requirement to protect consumers in case the company goes bankrupt.

Paying with a credit card offers more protection against fraud than debit cards. You can dispute charges if the transaction turns out to be fraudulent.

Always check for hidden fees and beware of hidden costs like baggage fees, seat selection fees, and credit card processing fees.

If you believe you may have been a victim of a scam, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

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In the UK you can forward scam text message to OFCOM on 7726 (free of charge), and forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk

Community Concerns

Please take the opportunity to let us know of any community concerns or issues so that we can explore these issues and take action to address your concerns.

Any updates will be fed back to the Community Council in future reports.

Contact Us

Please also remember you can contact us using any of the following:

- ☎ 101 – Non emergency;
- ✉ Email - AberdeenSouthCPT@scotland.police.uk
- 🐦 Twitter - @NorthEPolice
- 📘 Facebook – www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision
- 🌐 Web – www.scotland.police.uk
- ☎ 999 – Emergency;
- ☎ 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers;

Beat Code Map

