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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 Torry community, there were a total of 348 calls in May 2025. This is an increase of 29 calls since April 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, 107 crimes were recorded in the Torry community during May 2025. This is an increase of 32 crimes since April 2025.

Crime Type	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25
Drugs	6	7	10	11	4
Vandalism	10	13	3	7	9
Assault	9	19	11	13	14
Theft	12	15	17	9	11
RTO	11	11	9	13	33

Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder

On 09 May 2025, in the area of Victoria Road, Aberdeen, police received a report of a vandalism to a vehicle. The owner parked and secured their vehicle with no damage, however on returning to it, found damage to the headlights and nearside door. The cost of damage is estimated to be £750. No persons responsible have been identified and the enquiry has been closed as undetected.

On 12 May 2025, in the area of Victora Road, Aberdeen, Police executed a drugs search warrant and recovered a large quantity of controlled drugs. A male has been charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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Acquisitive Crime

During May 2025, at a premises in the Walker Road, Aberdeen area, there have been four reported incidents of theft by shoplifting. Each incident involved a person entering the store, selecting items from the shelf, concealing them on their person and leaving without making any attempt to pay. Each incident has been captured on CCTV and enquiries are ongoing to identify the persons responsible.

On 07 May 2025, in the area of Balnagask Crescent, Aberdeen, Police received a report of a theft of motor vehicle. The owner parked their vehicle however left it insecure. On returning, found the vehicle to have been stolen. CCTV captured the theft and the male responsible was identified. The vehicle was later recovered by Police, the male arrested, charged and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Road Safety & Road Crime

On 02 May 2025, in the area of Kerloch Place, Aberdeen, Roads Policing Officers were carrying out high visibility patrols when they stopped a vehicle and found the driver to be driving whilst disqualified. The driver was also found to be under the influence of drugs, in possession of drugs and driving with no insurance. The driver was arrested, charged and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 06 May 2025, in the area of Balnagask road, Aberdeen, a vehicle was stopped and the driver issued with a conditional offer in relation to an excessively noisy exhaust. The driver accepted the conditional offer, resulting in a £50 fine.

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.

Community Safety Advice

Cryptocurrency Scam Warning: Protect Your Money

The North East Crime Reduction Team are urging the public to be vigilant against rising cryptocurrency investment scams, often exploiting AI and fake celebrity endorsements online. In the last six months, over £1.1 million was lost in Scotland alone, with individuals losing an average of £18,000.

How Scammers Operate

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- **Online Deception:** Scams often start with fake websites or social media adverts featuring known figures like Martin Lewis or Elon Musk, promising high returns on cryptocurrency investments.
- **Professional Facade:** These adverts link to professional-looking websites designed to persuade you to invest.
- **"Financial Advisors":** After you provide your details, you may be contacted by someone posing as a financial advisor who encourages small initial investments.
- **False Profits:** Victims are shown fake growth in their investment to encourage them to deposit more funds.
- **Sudden Cut-Off:** When you try to withdraw your money, the scammers cease all contact.
- **Recovery Scam:** You might then be contacted by another scammer posing as a recovery company, asking for an upfront fee to reclaim your lost funds, only to disappear after payment.

Protect Yourself

- **Verify Authority:** Always check if the investment firm is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) at register.fca.org.uk/s/. Most crypto investment firms are *not* FCA authorised.
- **Be Suspicious:** Be wary of social media adverts or messages promising huge returns for small investments.
- **Don't Trust Unsolicited Contact:** Never respond to investment offers from unknown individuals via phone, email, or social media. Never send them money.
- **Do Your Research:** Thoroughly research any cryptocurrency investment before buying, checking for background, ownership, reports, and reviews of the company.
- **Resist Pressure:** Don't be rushed into making investment decisions. Seek advice from trusted individuals or an FCA-accredited financial advisor.
- **Never Allow Remote Access:** Do not follow instructions from cold callers to download apps or software that would give them remote access to your computer.

Further Information

- **FCA advice on cryptocurrency investment scams:** www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart/cryptoasset-investment-scams
- **FCA Financial Services Register:** register.fca.org.uk/s/
- **Police Scotland advice:** www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/internet-safety/cryptocurrency-scams/
- **Get Safe Online:** www.getsafeonline.org/crypto

Protect yourself and your money by being aware and cautious. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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Further advice can be obtained by contacting Police Scotland Crime Reduction Officers at:

NorthEastCrimeReduction@scotland.pnn.police.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 - NorthEastCPTAberdeenCity@scotland.police.uk
- 🐦 Twitter - @NorthEPolice
- 📘 Facebook – www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision
- 🌐 Web – www.scotland.police.uk
- 📞 999 – Emergency;
- 📞 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers;

BEAT CODE MAPS



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