

POLICE SCOTLAND



CRATHES

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING ON**

Wednesday 6 January 2016 at 7.30pm at the Crathes Hall



1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

RECORDED INCIDENTS/ CRIMES/OFFENCES:

Crime remains generally low in the Portlethen and District beat area. Since the December Community Council Meeting there have been 142 incidents reported to Police Scotland in the Portlethen area - and of these, 10 Crime Reports have been raised:

- 5 x Thefts
- 1 x Assault
- 1 x Vandalism
- 1 x Beach of the Peace
- 2 x Road Traffic Offences

DETECTED - 3
ENQUIRY ONGOING - 7

OTHER WORK:

High visibility mobile patrols will continue to be carried out throughout the Portlethen and District area, whenever possible, to reduce the likelihood of crimes and offences occurring.

ONGOING LOCAL / FORCE-WIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

UPDATED WARNING SCHEME ROLLS OUT

Police Scotland is updating a warning scheme which deals with some low level crimes and offences in communities.

Previously known as the Formal Adult Warning scheme, the revised system is now known as the Recorded Police Warning Scheme.

From January 11 2016, it means officers will be able to deal with low level crimes by giving an on the spot Recorded Police Warning in a more consistent manner across the country than was previously the case.

The scheme aims to provide those who receive warnings with a more proportionate disposal and speed up justice outcomes for the public.

It means crimes at the lower end of the offending scale which would otherwise be the subject of a police report, may now be formally dealt with immediately at the point at which the offender is traced. It will not be applicable for serious crime, such as violence.

The circumstances of each incident will be fully assessed by officers when deciding on whether to issue a recorded warning or take another course of action such as issuing an Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty notice or submitting a formal prosecution report.

Under the new scheme, officers will be able to issue Recorded Police Warnings to anyone above the age of 16 based upon the circumstances of each incident and each individual.

"The disposal options now open to them start with a verbal warning, a Recorded Police Warning, a Fixed Penalty Notice and ultimately officers may still submit a formal Standard Prosecution report to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, depending on the circumstances and nature of each incident or crime.

FESTIVE STRAND OF OPERATION SANDSIDE TO LAUNCH IN ABERDEENSHIRE

Police in Aberdeenshire have launched the festive strand of Operation Sandside their ongoing partnership initiative to tackle violence-related crimes across the North East.

The operation will see extra high-visibility patrols in towns and villages across the region, with officers working closely with partner organisations to proactively reduce incidents of violence and anti-social behaviour. There will also be dedicated teams of officers targeting outstanding offenders and those wanted on warrant.

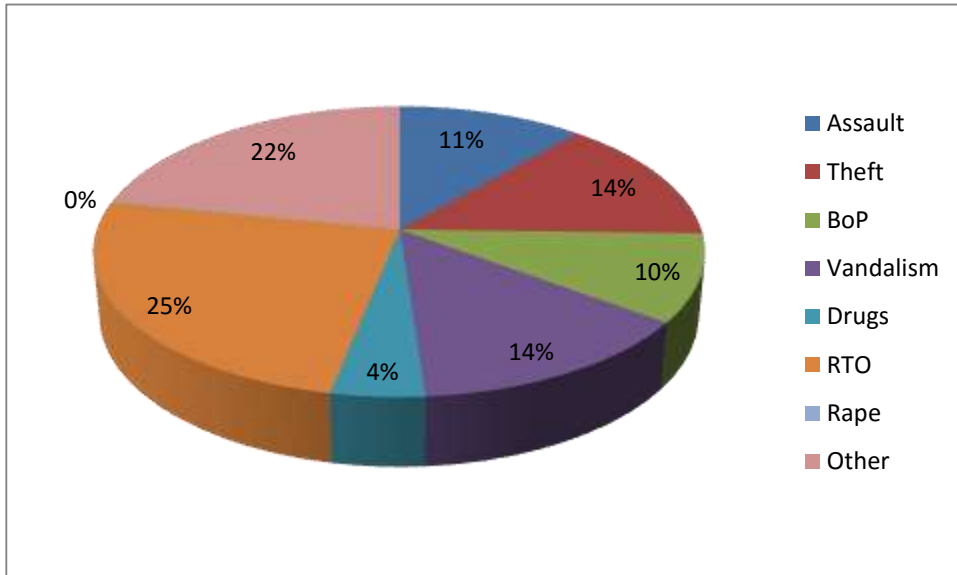
The festive strand of Operation Sandside runs from 4 December into mid-January.

Officers recently took part in a week of action over the Halloween period, which saw the arrest of 10 persons wanted on warrant and the clearance of almost 70 cases of assault.

Working alongside several partner agencies including Aberdeenshire Council, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Street Pastors, and NHS Grampian the campaign will see Police Officers dedicated to patrolling crime hot spots providing public reassurance and adopting a robust approach in the prevention and investigation of violent crime.

THE POLICE YEAR IN STATISTICS

Provided below is a breakdown of incidents dealt with by local Police during 2015.



'Other' includes minor road traffic offences, breaches of bail, missing persons, concern calls, sudden deaths, youth annoyance calls, wildlife crime and weather related incidents.

