

Ward 6 Cromarty Firth August 2025



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Reporting Period - 01 August 2025 – 25 August 2025

Local Policing Priorities

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads	ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE AND DISORDER Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime	ACQUISITIVE CRIME Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending	PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners	SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime including cyber related crime	TERRORISM AND PUBLIC ORDER Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness
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Road Safety and Road Crime

Intention - With Partners, enhance Road Safety across the Highland Area.

Objective – With Partners, deliver a Road Safety Strategy focusing on: Challenging driver behaviour; Education at the roadside and elsewhere; Detection of offences linked to contributing factors of Fatal and Serious Road Traffic Collisions and collectively reducing potential harm.

Local officers and Road Policing officers continue to proactively patrol Ward 6's road network, which continues to be busy during the summer months.

North Highland's Road Policing officers have been proactive in detecting three motorists found to be driving in a dangerous manner. This has included dangerous overtaking and excessive speeds for the road conditions on the A9. All have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal and will appear at court in due course. Three motorists have been arrested on suspicion of drink or drug driving in the Ardross and Alness areas.

Driving without valid insurance continues to occur on our road networks, with six motorists being charged with this offence during the reporting period.

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Anti-Social Behaviour, Disorder and Violence

Intention – With Partners, better understand the causes to prevent and reduce instances of Anti-Social Behaviour, Disorder and Violence to enhance community safety across the Highland Area.

Objective – Work with Partners to share information, support Education, Prevention, Diversionary and Enforcement Measures linked to harmful alcohol consumption; maintain robust procedures around licensed premises; support victims of violent crime by working with partners to improve service provision and prevent repeat victimisation.

Alcohol related violence, domestic violence and violence towards the Police are the biggest issues in this section for August. Police Scotland is committed to effectively dealing with perpetrators of violence and will not tolerate violence of any kind towards its officers. Perpetrators of such incidents will always be dealt with robustly and reported to the courts where there is sufficient evidence.

Throughout August seven offences of assault, mostly resulting in minor injuries both in domestic and non-domestic circumstances have been reported. There have also been two assaults committed against Police officers. We have successfully charged several individuals in connection with these offences, with investigations continuing for the others.

Nine offences of vandalism have been recorded in the reporting period. This includes deliberate damage to cars and houses, with a person being reported for an incident at Invergordon Golf Club.

Acquisitive Crime

Intention – With Partners and Communities, prevent instances of acquisitive crime across the Highland area.

Objective – With Partners, share information, support education, prevention, diversionary and enforcement activity linked to acquisitive crime; develop work with targets – recidivist offenders to reduce reoffending linked to acquisitive crime e.g. Persistent Offenders programme; enhance the use of all media platforms to raise awareness of local and national preventative initiatives.

Eighteen offences of dishonesty have been recorded this month; this includes six Thefts by Shoplifting where food and alcohol has been stolen. A suspect has been identified in respect of some of these offences and they will ultimately be charged accordingly.

Various types of Fraud have been reported, but again those targeting people online appear to be most prevalent. There have been instances of banking scams and people selling non-existent goods. We urge our communities to remain vigilant – fraud can be committed in person, online or via telephone. Further advice can be found at [Police Scotland Search - Police Scotland](#)

There was one reported offence of Theft by Housebreaking from a domestic address in Alness. A suspect has been arrested and charged in connection with this.

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Protecting Vulnerable People

Intention – Protect people at risk of harm.

Objective – With Partners and as corporate parents we will deliver the Highland CHAMPS (Highland Champion Board) strategy; with Partners we will focus on safeguarding communities; with Partners we will address emerging issues through Prevention and Intervention.

There is nothing specific to report for August under this section however, protecting vulnerable people remains a priority for local officers. Calls regarding concern for person and mental health related incidents are attended frequently. These calls can have quite an impact on local resources however there is currently a review ongoing at executive level to ensure Police Scotland are providing the most appropriate response to these types of incidents. Further information can be found here [Thematic review of policing mental health in Scotland | HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland](#) and [Multi-Agency Partnership Approach to Distress: Framework for Collaboration](#)

Serious and Organised Crime

Intention – With Partners, reduce the threat, risk and harm caused by Serious Organised Crime.

Objective – With Partners work to safeguard the Highland area by taking all opportunities to prevent crime and make the Highland area a hostile environment for Serious & Organised Crime Groups; to improve outcomes for individuals and communities and reduce offending through prevention, early intervention and diversion; in support of our Partners in the Local Authority and NHS via the Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy we will direct those who are substance dependant towards recovery through prevention, treatment and support services; with Partners work to reduce the instances of substance misuse in our communities.

Police Scotland continues to tackle substance abuse within our communities by using tactics such as proactive searches of individuals and pre-planned, intelligence-led enforcement.

Six offences of possession of controlled substances have been identified and detected during August, where people have been found in possession of Class A, B and C substances in Alness and Invergordon. In most cases Recorded Police Warnings have been issued however, where appropriate individuals have been charged and will appear at court.

Officers continue to record and act upon all intelligence submitted to Police Scotland regarding serious and organised crime and encourage public to report suspicious activity via contact us form on the website or via 101.

Counter Terrorism

Intention – Support the delivery of the CONTEST strategy to reduce the threat posed by terrorism and domestic extremism.

Objective – Strengthen PREVENT work with Partners and institutions; with Partners, support individuals who are vulnerable to terrorism and violent extremism; strengthen PREVENT work in relation to the internet and Social Media; Effective Multi-agency planning in respect of Counter Terrorism is taking place; Develop our ability to respond effectively to any terrorist attack (with a specific focus on emerging high-risk threats, and specialist capabilities).

ACT Early is a program delivered to schools across the Highland area. The ACT Early session is a vehicle for debate around the sensitive issue of violent extremism within communities. As such it is an enabler for community participants to air grievances, debate matters of interest to them and work through a group problem solving experience. The following links can provide more information regarding the program: <https://act.campaign.gov.uk/> <https://actearly.uk/>

Whilst Counter Terrorism is obviously a priority for Police Scotland, in the monthly report it is anticipated that there will be nothing to report monthly and the information will generally remain as above.

Published crime data can also be accessed online via the following link:-

[Crime data - Police Scotland](#)

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