

Ward 6 Cromarty Firth September 2025



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Reporting Period - 01 Sept 2025 – 29 Sept 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.

September has been a busy month for road traffic matters in Ward 6, including a serious collision which occurred on the A9 near Kildary, which involved a motorbike and a car. The investigation is currently ongoing.

Three motorists have been arrested for driving whilst under the influence of drink or drugs. A further five complaints of Careless Driving have been received, with two motorists charged and investigations are ongoing into the others.

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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 vandalism feature in this section for September. 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.

Ten offences of vandalism have been recorded in Alness, Invergordon and Evanton. This includes graffiti, smashed windows, smashed doors and damage to vehicles. Some of these offences have already been detected and dealt with by way of report to the Procurator Fiscal, Recorded Police Warnings or other resolution.

Two people have been arrested having been found in possession of offensive weapons – namely a knife and wooden bat, in Alness and Invergordon respectively.

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.

After a spate of thefts of Vodka from The Co-Operative, Invergordon a person male was arrested. He was charged with multiple thefts and breaches of bail and was later remanded in custody.

During September, four reports of fraud have been received – committed both online and in person. These included a person travelling in a taxi without payment and a scam involving crypto currency.

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](#)

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 September 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.

There have been six offences of possession of controlled substances detected this month. These were for Class A and Class B drugs, with officers utilising their powers of search to good effect. Disposals have included reports to the Procurator Fiscal and, where appropriate, Recorded Police Warnings.

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.

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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