

Ward 6 Cromarty Firth October 2025



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Reporting Period - 01 October 2025 – 31 October 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.

October has been a busy month for officers patrolling the A9 road network. Six offences of Careless Driving have been recorded, with motorists being dealt with by way of endorsable Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty or report to the Procurator Fiscal, as appropriate. Five motorists have been detected driving whilst under the influence of either alcohol or controlled drugs (cannabis and benzodiazepines).

One motorist has also been reported for travelling at 90mph on the A9 at Broomhill.

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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.

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.

There have been ten public order type offences reported and detected within Ward 6 this month. These include suspects spitting at and verbally abusing officers whilst making an arrest, disorderly behaviour within a pharmacy and a parent being verbally abusive outside a primary school.

Other incidents being investigated include deliberate damage to a car which was parked on the High Street, Alness and a window being broken at a residential address in Invergordon.

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.

Retail crime is a continuing focus both locally and nationally. In recent weeks Operation Lambie, in conjunction with the Retail Crime Taskforce, has seen designated officers proactively target those committing offences of theft in retail settings. Several individuals who have stolen items including alcohol and children's toys from local supermarkets in Alness and Invergordon have been successfully apprehended.

A break-in to a house at an Invergordon address is under investigation, as well as offences of fraud committed online. 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 October 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.

During October a misuse of drugs search warrant was executed at a residential address in Alness, during which substances suspected to be class A drugs were recovered along with other evidence to suggest the occupant was involved in drug dealing. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. Several offences of lower-level possession of controlled drugs have been dealt with accordingly.

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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