

**Cromarty Firth
Ward 6
March 2026**



**POLICE
SCOTLAND**
Keeping people safe
POILEAS ALBA

Reporting Period - 01 March 2026 – 31 March 2026

Local Policing Priorities

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

Officers have had a busy month dealing with a number of road traffic offences, including speeding, road traffic collisions and drivers being detected driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Two separate incidents of note occurred on Academy Lane in Alness, where three drivers have been reported for careless driving.

Other road traffic offences detected include driving without a seatbelt, driving without insurance, no MOT, driving with an insecure load and tyre offences.

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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.

There have been a number of assaults reported in March. An incident of note involved a male being cut to the abdomen on Riverside Road, Alness. A male was arrested and charged shortly following the incident.

Other incidents of note involve an assault of child by another child at Alness Academy and a further assault on Alness High Street, carried out by the same perpetrator. A 15-year-old has been reported to the Scottish Children’s Reporter.

Officers are continuing enquiries following an incident where a car was set on fire near Alness Business Park.

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.

There have been a number of thefts reported this month in the Milton and Invergordon areas, they include the theft of a car, as well as thefts from within insecure vehicles. A male was arrested and charged in relation to these incidents. Police Scotland would continue to urge the public to be vigilant in securing their vehicles.

Other incidents of note relate to bogus workmen in the Invergordon and Evanton areas. Officers are continuing with enquiries into these incidents.

There were also two incidents of intended theft from properties in Alness. One incident of note involved a male being found within the garden of a property and brandishing a knife at the occupant when challenged. No-one was injured and officers are following a positive line of enquiry.

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 the reporting period 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.

A number of people have been found to be in possession of controlled drugs and are still subject to ongoing investigations.

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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