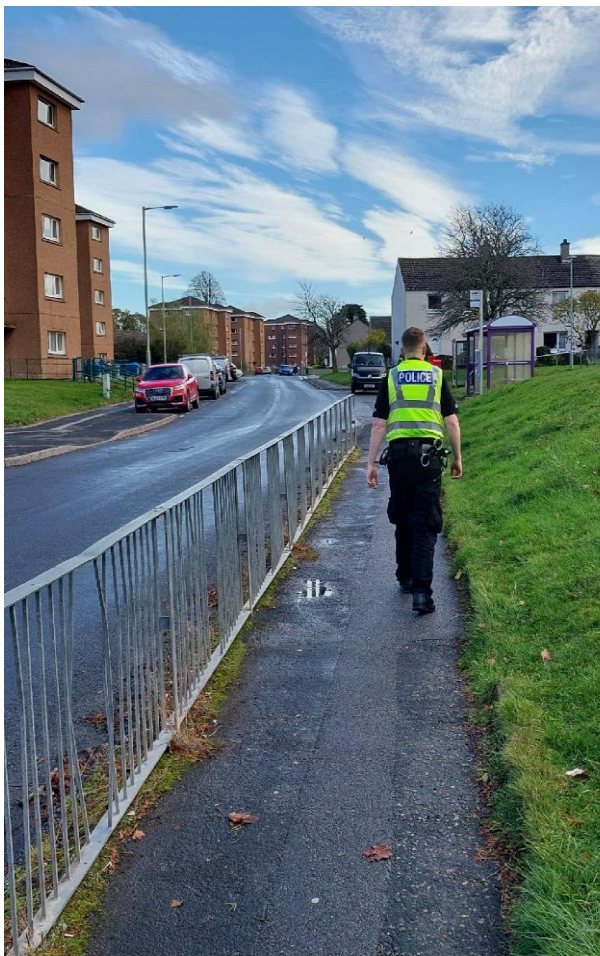


COMMUNITY POLICE NEWSLETTER

Issue 4

The last few months have continued to be busy for the Community Beats Team and City Centre Police Team. We have been focusing on drug and anti-social behaviour by supporting our drug units with intelligence and warrant execution, working together with other agencies to reduce anti-social behaviour and targeting key areas in the communities for speeding. In the city centre there was an increased focus on shoplifting, and we continued to work together with other agencies to reduce the impact of anti-social behaviour.

Raigmore Estate Partnership Working



Everyone should feel safe and secure in their own homes. However, living in an area where antisocial behaviour and drugs are prominent can have an enormous impact on individuals. Community Beats were alerted by residents and Highland Council Housing Officers of an escalating issue with antisocial behaviour and drugs in the Raigmore community. Joint meetings were held with Highland Council, police and other agencies allowing the residents to express their concerns. The Community Beats Team committed to providing extra foot, mobile, cycle patrols in the community and operated a Raigmore Day of Action with additional resources. Residents were also provided with QR codes for quick access to report issues to police. Highland Council fitted CCTV cameras in communal areas of the flats which will provide evidence for any incidents reported in these areas. Community Beats and Highland Council will continue to work together to try and provide Highland residents with a safe community to live in.

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Action Days



Following the complaints received from the residents of Raigmore, an Action Day was conducted in the community in August and due to the success, it was decided to expand the Action Days to other communities in Inverness.

The aim is to make our communities safer by targeting anti-social behaviour, drug issues and speeding. The Community Beats Team along with other police departments including Operational Support Unit, Divisional Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit and Dog Units flood the specific area with mobile patrols, foot patrol and pedal cycle patrol, with some officers also plain clothed. Drug search warrants were executed, and specific addresses were also targeted for outstanding apprehension warrants.

In October, an Action Day was conducted in Merkinch. Sergeant Cooper and PC Simpson were on foot patrol and came across a male acting suspiciously. As a result of this, three people were subsequently detained under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. A warrant was executed on their house where a quantity of drugs and cash was seized. Three people were charged in connection with being involved in the concern and supply of drugs.

These Action Days show how vital it is to have police officers visible in our communities. Further Action Days have been planned in these areas and will continue to be implemented in the other areas covered by Community Beats.

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Speed Checks



A meeting was held in the Croy Village Hall in relation to concerns regarding speeding on the B9006. PC Bain targeted various points on the B9006 in September and October. She also conducted speed checks on Ferntower Avenue, Culloden, Stuart Street and Nairn Road Ardersier. Multiple drivers were warned about their speeds. Efforts will continue in these areas including support from the Road Traffic Units.

PC Gibb conducted initiative-taking patrols on the A862 and A887 for two days in October, working alongside a Road Traffic Officer in an unmarked vehicle. Two drivers were reported for Road traffic offences and various warnings were given to drivers.

Shoplifting



Operation Lambie is a national retail crime initiative running between 5 September and

13 October in Inverness, Ross-shire and Nairn.

Inverness officers conducted high visibility foot patrol within the city centre and surrounding retail parks, engaging with staff members. During the operation, there were a number of persons reported for offences varying from crimes of dishonesty to misuse of drugs. The operation has received an overwhelmingly positive response from local retailers.

Street Scene



Sgt Murphy and PC Wilsher were also involved with Street Scene which was organised by Inverness BID. This is a great initiative to try and divert youths from anti-social behaviour in the city. It was organised for Friday afternoons in October and involved street football on Falcon Square, DJ Booth at Ember Café and Arts and Crafts in Eastgate. They also put on

catering for the youths and gave them an opportunity to try different activities. The City Centre Policing Team have a challenging role with the amount of youths who congregate in the city centre and are keen to support any event which gives youths an alternative to anti-social behaviour.

Community Involvement



PC Macleod recently attended Highland Anti-Racist Education Schools' network meeting and engaged with a wide variety of partners from schools, third sector and voluntary organisations. Whilst racist and other hate crime remain low in Inverness compared to elsewhere in Scotland however education and prevention is important strand of work for the community beats team.



PC Bain attended the Raigmore Shack Fun Day. The Raigmore Shack offers a safe warm place for local residents to have a cup of tea, lunch, and chat with other people from the community. The Fun Day had bouncy castles, live music, and food. It was a terrific opportunity for the community to come together.

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PC Macintyre attended the African Caribbean Asian and Mixed Heritage Association Event on the 4 October 2025 organised by Mya Chemonges-Murzynowska and her team.

This event was being held for all communities to attend. There were African, Caribbean, Asian and Mixed Heritage cultural activities for the children to keep them entertained, teaching them local cultural music, heritage, and dance.

The parents were in another room where they were eating some local cuisine which was made and brought in by Mya and her team. There was also a quiz for all to take part in which was good entertainment.

This group is there to educate, promote and connect the local communities with the African Caribbean Asian and Mixed Heritage. They promote, encourage, embrace, and celebrate the uniqueness of Equality, Diversity, Equity, Acceptance and belonging through cultural events, music, education, seminars, and workshops.

Education



PC Johnstone and PC Mackenzie spoke with P6 and P7 classes in Raigmore Primary School about alcohol and drugs. These discussions are vital to help young people make healthy and safe choices.

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Ardersier Primary 7 have been learning about crime scene investigations in class. They were delighted to get the opportunity to have a tour of Burnett Road Police Station. Our dog handlers and dogs had a training day, so they had the lucky experience of watching them in action.



PC Bain attended Cantraybridge College to speak to students about keeping safe online. Misuse of social media is a significant issue in the modern policing world, and our Community Police team are keen to spread the word on keeping our communities safe. The students enjoyed the opportunity afterwards to see the police kit and car.

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PC Macintyre assisted Tomnacross Primary School with their Sponsored Walk. PC Bain and Simpson also ensured Culloden Academy had a safe walk for their annual Sponsored Walk via Culloden Battlefield.



PC Bain and Simpson attended a "Speed Date" event at Culloden Academy working in partnership with Developing the Young Workforce. This was an opportunity for second year students to speak with different employers about languages in the workplace. Afterwards the Community Officers spoke with the Uniform and Emergency Service class students about joining Police Scotland.

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PC Johnstone welcomed pupils from Charleston Academy working in partnership with Developing the Young Workforce. She did a mock arrest, book into custody and interview and charge process. They also had the opportunity for a question-and-answer session.

Partnership Working

PC Macleod has recently worked closely with Highland Council housing officers to tackle anti-social and criminal issues arising from a few tenants in the Diriebught Court. This joined up approach with agencies working closely together resulted in anti-tenancies being terminated and person/s being rehomed elsewhere. There has since been a marked decrease in reports of anti-social behaviour in Diriebught Court. Community Beats have also attended housing drop in events and will continue attend joint visits with housing for residents causing anti-social issues.

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City Centre Taxi/Private Hire Initiative



On Friday 31 October 2025, City Centre Police Officers and Highland Council Trading Standards conducted various roadside checks on taxi and private hire cars as part of a joint operation in the City Centre of Inverness and the surrounding area.

This was to ensure drivers were operating within the terms of their taxi licence and to ensure their vehicles were roadworthy and had the correct documentation.

As a result of this, twenty-seven vehicles were stopped and checked.

During the operation, various drivers were given warnings for not holding the correct documentation in their vehicles, along with inappropriate dress code and condition of the vehicles. Warnings were also issued in relation to the condition of tyres on vehicles, especially now leading up to the winter season.

Additionally, one vehicle was stopped and found to be operating without a valid Taxi Licence in place, and the Police and Trading Standards are conducting

further enquiries into this matter.

Police Constable Siobhan Cooper from the City Centre Policing Team, Inverness, said “This was another good opportunity to engage with drivers and conduct the relevant checks of their vehicles. Especially with the winter season upon us, it was a good opportunity to ensure their vehicles are roadworthy and in a safe condition. It was good to see that most drivers again were operating within the terms of their licences.”

Motorbikes/Electric Bikes



An issue of concern raised by communities across the city of Inverness is the anti-social use of motor bikes and electric bikes both in parks, public places and on roads causing a risk to both members of the public and indeed the riders themselves. PC Macleod and Sergeant Cooper recently out on patrols came across an adapted bike being used in an anti-social manner. The adapted bike was seized due to having no insurance and has been crushed. The rider was dealt with for road traffic offences.

Highland Cops



Highland Cops Series 3 has now hit our screens. If you have not watched it yet, you can get an insight into Highland Policing. PC Johnstone, PC Macleod, and PC Cooper have all been captured in action so far in this series. Keeping the streets of the Highlands safe this week, Hollywood the next...

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