

# Community Police Newsletter

Issue 7

Summer is always a busy time for the Beats and City Centre Police Teams. The warmer weather (sometimes) and longer days bring an increase in tourists, outdoor activities and festivals but unfortunately a higher chance of antisocial behaviour also. The teams have been busy attending local community events and were involved in events across the Highlands including Belladrum, Black Isle Show and Highland Games to name a few. We have also been involved in the Cairngorm wildfires. We have continued with our street surgeries, action days, with a focus on theft by shoplifting in our local shops.

## Partnership Working



A street surgery was held by PC Macdonald and PC Bain at Dores alongside our Preventions and Interventions officer, PC Dempster. They worked in partnership with Scottish Fire and Rescue providing water safety advice, fire safety advice and crime prevention. It also gave both local people and tourists the opportunity to highlight any issues.

Further street surgeries were held in Far, Beaully, Fort Augustus, Drumnadrochit, Culloden, Smithton and Ardersier.

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PC Simpson and PC Bain attended a community event in Merkinch with Highland Council and Albyn Housing involving a litter pick followed by a family fun afternoon. The kids enjoyed all the free activities and the opportunity to be handcuffed and have their fingerprints taken. The Community Beats Team and housing teams work closely together throughout the year, so this was a good opportunity for both police and housing to come together and offer advice and support to local people in a more relaxed environment.



In the Hilton beat, PC Macleod was invited by community partners to be included in the "Hilton Herald" a local community paper delivered to 2000+ households detailing all the community events, support and activities which are going on in Hilton. Partners include Inverness Foodstuff, Highland Highlife, Highland Council housing department, Hilton Youth Club and others.

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## Community Involvement



PC Bain attended at Cauldeen Carnival and Colour Run Event. It brought a great turn out from the local community with lots of family fun. The children and teenagers loved “driving” the police car and trying on the handcuffs.



In July PC Macdonald and PC Bain attended Cantraybridge College Open Day. It was a fantastic turn out with lots of activities and fundraising events for the public to get involved in. It was great to catch up with the students and see the young visitors enjoy the police van.

In August students from the college came for a tour of the police station. They received an informative talk from Police Dog Handler Brown and were delighted to meet Police Dogs Boomer and Paco.



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PC Macdonald received a warm welcome at the Boleskine HUB. This is the local hub for surrounding villages and holds many different activities, from Health & Wellbeing Services: Foot Care, Beautician, Alternative Treatments & Massage Therapy, Prescription Delivery service, Community Transport, Vaccinations and Hairdressers. They have a full calendar of activities from Cinema Club, Coffee Mornings, Moving About classes, Broth n Blether Tai Chi, Book Club, Art Club and an infamous Midweek Mingle, which sees a huge number of the community arriving with food to share. They also run a food bank/shed where locals can come along and help themselves to food, sanitary and nappy items to name a few.



PC Simpson and PC Bain attended both the Drumnadrochit and Inverness Highland Games where there was a great attendance from the local communities and tourists. Attending these events allows us to engage with the public and find out more about the issues within the communities we serve.

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## Road Safety



The longer summer days bring an increase in both road bikes and motorbikes. PC Macleod recently worked alongside our Road Policing Unit in Operation Close Pass which involves proactively tackling drivers who's standard of driving compromising the safety of vulnerable roads users such as cyclists through education primarily.



With the schools closed during the summer holidays, we focused speed checks on other roads which our communities have brought to our attention. Rural villages can experience speeding traffic and are often busy with both young and elderly pedestrians. Some of the areas we focused on were Dores, Beaully, Drumnadrochit, Farr, Sunnyside and Croy.

## Retail Crime



Sgt Murphy, PC Mackenzie, PC Morence and PC Wilsher attended a Retailers Against Crime Briefing in relation to the current offending picture in Inverness of theft by shoplifting.

We want our city centre shops and local community shops to be a safe place for both our communities and the staff who work within. We have been increasing patrols at shops which are experiencing theft by shoplifting. We are also working closely with our Preventions and Interventions Team and local schools to educate and prevent offending by young people.

Having community officers out on foot patrol within our communities is a vital way to give some reassurance to the public, deter some shoplifting or catch offenders in the act!

PC Bain was within her local shops speaking to staff about the issue when a gentleman decided to steal a packet of sweets within her presence. He was swiftly apprehended by PC Bain and on being searched was found to have secreted a quantity of food and drink items on his person. He was subsequently dealt with accordingly.

A shop in Hilton reported several items having been stolen by a local person a few days prior. The person was traced by PC Macleod out on foot patrol and thereafter walked through Hilton back to the local shop where they paid for the goods they had stolen. The person was subsequently issued with a recorded Police warning.

Tackling retail crime and other crimes such as disorder, drugs and criminal anti-social behaviour is a key priority for community officers in their beat to reassure the community we are tackling all levels of crime.



## Community Issues

We need the community to let us know if there are issues the Community Beats Team can assist with. We try to speak with as many people as we can when out on foot patrol or cycle patrol so the public can highlight issues to us. However, we encourage you to use our email address to contact us if there are community problems which you want to highlight to the team.

## New Email Address

The email address for Community Beats has changed. Please use the following email address for all correspondence to the Community Beats Team:

[HighlandsandIslandsCommunityPoliceInverness@scotland.police.uk](mailto:HighlandsandIslandsCommunityPoliceInverness@scotland.police.uk)

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