



**POLICE  
SCOTLAND**  
Keeping people safe

# Mearns

Multi Member Ward Plan 2016

# Our focus. Your priorities.

This policing plan will outline the priorities your community identified during our most recent consultation. It will inform you of the action we have taken up till now to address those priorities and how we plan to continue to address them throughout the year.

Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, to increase public reassurance within your community and to keep people safe.

We will continue to work closely with our partners and find effective long-term solutions to the issues you raised.

## Local Priorities

You identified that the policing priorities for the Mearns area are as follows:

### 1. Antisocial Behaviour, Violent Crime and Disorder

Antisocial behaviour in particular violence and public disorder is a priority and how this affects smaller communities.

### 2. Road Safety and Road Crime

You identified road safety as a local priority in particular on the major routes through the Mearns. The manner of driving, speeding in smaller communities and antisocial driving are causing concern.

### 3. Acquisitive Crime

You told us there are concerns around the risk of theft from dwellings and farms. Some of the more rural areas are subject to thefts of property and machinery and detection as well as crime reduction will be a focus.

We have listened to your concerns and are working hard to make improvements in the Mearns area.



# Our actions to date.

## **Antisocial Behaviour, Violent Crime and Disorder**

We have directed resources to licensed premises checks, worked with licensees and prioritised domestic abuse and violent crimes. By holding accused persons in custody, using bail requests and follow up checks we continue to use all effective methods to work to reduce offending and keep people safe. Campaign against violence and alcohol and violence reduction staff have been deployed regularly in the Mearns to directed violence enquiries and high visibility patrols.

## **Road Safety and Road Crime**

The road policing team at Stonehaven have given regular attention to the A90 / A92 and the recent introduction of the trunk roads policing team in Aberdeen will add to police resources on the A90. Local policing team officers have also undertaken patrols in relation to traffic complaints in Laurencekirk and Inverbervie where directed through community engagement.

## **Acquisitive Crime**

Officers have patrolled smaller communities during night hours and we have directed resources to areas where there have been a small number of thefts. We are working with householders and businesses to reduce opportunity for theft and linking with the Angus area to identify any crime trends from travelling criminals.

## **Crime Prevention**

We have provided crime prevention advice and support to victims of crime, offering security surveys to improve protection at vulnerable properties.



# In the coming months.

## **Antisocial Behaviour, Violent Crime and Disorder**

Officers will continue to vigorously pursue accused persons for violent offences and seek to use bail requests, curfews and other legal measures to reduce risk and offending. Where antisocial behaviour by individuals or groups is identified we will work with partners to identify solutions to reduce offending. This will include housing associations, the Police Scotland divisional antisocial behaviour officer and social work departments.

## **Road Safety and Road Crime**

We will continue to provide a visible presence on the major and more rural roads within the Mearns. We will direct resources to community concerns raised by our engagement. Speed checks will be carried out in partnership with road policing colleagues and links to the trunk roads policing unit.

## **Acquisitive Crime**

We will continue to carry out high visibility and plain clothed foot and mobile patrols in areas identified as having an increased risk in order to reduce crime and detect offenders. We will ensure vulnerable groups and every victim of domestic or business theft is offered crime prevention advice to improve security of their premises.

## **Other Activity**

We will continue to develop engagement with partners and attend community council and agency meetings where resources allow.

We are developing a wildlife crime initiative in the Mearns area to link with estates and farms to enhance awareness of wildlife crime and develop intelligence and enforcement around hare coursing.

A new member of support staff is being appointed to work at Laurencekirk and will assist in providing a front counter service to the community.

## **Enforcement**

Where preventative measures fail, we will continue to report the most prolific offenders through the criminal justice system.



# Keep up to date.

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### Multi Member Ward Areas:

Mearns

This team covers the areas of Laurencekirk, Inverbervie, Fettercairn, Edzell Woods, Johnshaven, St Cyrus, Auchenblae and other associated coastal and rural villages in the Mearns.

### Contact Details:

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### Group email Address:

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### Ward Twitter Account Name:

[@NorthEPolice](https://twitter.com/NorthEPolice)

This group e-mail address is provided for you to contact your local Community Policing Team to discuss non-urgent local crime or antisocial behaviour problems. It should not be used to report a crime or incident.

### Call Us

Telephone 101 and you will be connected to your local policing team.

### Crimestoppers

If you have information about crime in your area and wish to provide it anonymously, call the independent charity CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

### Further Assistance

Service users who are deaf or have a hearing impairment can contact Police Scotland via TextRelay in an emergency on 18000 or non-emergency on 18001 101.

If you, or anyone you know, requires further assistance regarding this document please contact your local Community Policing Team or our Diversity Unit by calling 101 or by email at:

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