

Useful Information

### Tillydrone Policing Area Team

Our team covers the communities of Tillydrone, Woodside and Old Aberdeen .

Your Local Policing Team Officers are committed to providing the best possible service and will continue to work with you to keep your community safe.



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### We are here to help.

We will continue to update you in relation to ongoing work in your community. We will strive to address issues which are known to impact upon your quality of life. We will all work together to

### KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE

Should you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss, please contact your local Police Station where local police staff will discuss these with you and take any appropriate action.

If there is an emergency situation which requires immediate police attention please dial 999.

For non-emergency contact please call our 24 hour non-emergency Service Centre on

**0845 600-5-700**

or by e-mail to

[mylocalpolicingteam@grampian.pnn.police.uk](mailto:mylocalpolicingteam@grampian.pnn.police.uk)

or you can send us a text on

**07739 93 4444**

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



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The Grampian Police strategic priorities are:

**Community Focus, Road Casualty Reduction, Service Reconfiguration, National Security, Public Protection and Serious and Organised Crime and Drugs.**

Your local policing team focus jointly between these primary objectives and the local issues affecting the communities where you live and work.

The following three local issues have been previously identified to us through various means and we will continue to focus our work on them.

### Local Issues

#### 1. Anti Social Behaviour

Annoyance from youths (including use of the motorbikes) drinking alcohol in the community and neighbour disputes are among the matters that were raised as of concern.

#### 2. Drug Abuse

We are aware that the community continues to be affected by drug abuse. We will continue to actively target drug related crime.

#### 3. Crime Prevention / Police Response Times

We were previously told that a focus on crime prevention and quicker response times to incidents would assist towards improved policing. We will retain a focus on these issues.

### What we have done so far in the Tillydrone Local Policing Area

#### Alcohol

One reason for anti social behaviour is drunkenness. Often, youths gain access to alcohol and offences are committed while they are under the influence. To tackle this, we have increased our routine visit's to licensed premises in the area, both to bars and to 'off sales' premises. We ran an operation where a number of premises were visited during their opening hours by local Police Officers. It was pleasing that no crimes or significant issues were revealed. We have good relationships with the publicans and their staff and this helps to maintain that .

During June 2011, we carried out a test purchase operation on local off sales premises. A test purchase is when a young person, vetted and trained by the Police, is used to test whether a premises will sell alcohol to someone who is under the lawful age. On this occasion, the local off sales premises refused to serve the underage customer. This refusal showed us that they were complying with the law and taking their responsibilities seriously. We will continue to carry out these checks

#### Police Patrols

Continued patrols, including foot patrols, have aided the general reduction in anti social behaviour in the Sandilands Drive area, where previously, we had been receiving regular complaints.

The single Officer crewing of vehicles and additional foot patrols have also added to community safety through improved visibility of Officers and we will make efforts to continue with these.

#### Partners

We have continued to work closely with the City Council Housing Department whenever there are problem situations which can be addressed jointly. Typical problems are tenants causing issues in and around their home. We meet with

Housing Officers regularly and provide them with support.

We have also been maintaining close working links with the local school's, particularly St Machar Academy. A variety of work takes place which helps us to tackle problems and build working relations with school pupils.

#### ASBO's & Closure Order's

During this past quarter, we have also been progressing enquiries around ASBO's and 'closure order's'. Closure Order's are shutting and securing of properties where significant and persistent anti social behaviour have taken place. Drug dealing from a flat or house is an example of significant anti social behaviour. The removal of the tenant and the boarding up of their property gives other residents some respite from the behaviour of the problem tenant.

In general terms, levels of anti social behaviour have remained low within the area.

#### Drugs

We remain aware of the complex nature of the drug issues within the community and we do a number of things to tackle these. The most significant is enforcement of legislation for possessing and supplying of controlled drugs.

However, we are also supportive of community initiatives to help address the drugs issue. The M26 group, comprises of a number of males in the Tillydrone area (aged over 26) who are working with a local community volunteer, supported by a drugs worker, to help overcome and remain clear of their addiction. We have supplied a small sum of money to allow the M26 group to purchase some items for their programme.

Operation Maple is an ongoing initiative which aims, among other things, to provide additional resources to tackle drugs issues. We have ensured that the Tillydrone and Woodside areas are

continually involved in Operation Maple. Operation Maple is supported by the local Fairer Scotland Fund Committee members.

During the past three months, 13 Drug Search warrants have been carried out at properties in the area. There are numerous examples of drug seizures, one being during early June 2011 when drugs with a high four figure street value were seized during a raid on a flat in Great Northern Road. A male and a female from England appeared in court regarding this.

Officers have continued to use the Body Worn Video Cameras, which are also supported by the Fairer Scotland Fund. The cameras continue to prove effective in capturing persons behaviour and often prevents situations getting worse when individuals realise that they are 'on camera'. We also now have our School Based Officer within St Machar Academy regularly wearing a camera.

### What will we do next in the Tillydrone Local Policing Area

I believe that our work since becoming your Local Policing Team a year ago has become more accountable to you, through the many local meetings we attend, the open contact with the local city Councillors and also by way of the improved contact and knowledge by your local Officers of the many issues within the area.

We will continue to build on this, maintaining our contact with the various group's and elected Councillors.

We will stay on track by fully addressing the issues you raise with us and by ensuring that all incidents where Officers have been requested to attend, are dealt with as quickly and efficiently as possible.

The feedback on visibility of Officers on foot patrol has been positive and we will continue to provide these foot patrols in the community.