

Ward 5 Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh August 2025



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Reporting Period - 01 August 2025 – 31 August 2025

Local Policing Priorities

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

Visitor Management continues on the A835 & A9 North Coast 500.

Fatal 5 (speeding, seatbelts, mobile phones, drink/drug driving and careless driving), days of action continue to be carried out in Easter and Wester Ross, Sutherland and Caithness.

There has been a reduction in the number of speeding offences detected this period. 3 drivers were issued with a conditional offer of fixed penalty for exceeding a 40mph limit at the A87 Inverinate.

3 drivers were charged with driving carelessly at the A832 Lochluichart, A87 Loch Shiel and A835 Garve; each having caused road traffic collisions through the manner of their driving. Drivers were either issued a conditional offer of fixed penalty or reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).

Enquiries continue into 4 persons who are suspected to have been driving under the influence of drugs. One on the A87 Lochalsh and 3 on the A835 near to Ullapool. It is likely all will be reported to COPFS following toxicology results.

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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 small number of assaults and disorders this period which occurred within incidents of Domestic Abuse. These incidents have either been reported to COPFS or continue to be under investigation. Support is being provided to the victims by police and partner agencies.

A police officer was assaulted in Kyle of Lochalsh when responding to an incident. The suspect has been reported to COPFS accordingly for the behaviour.

An incident of vandalism to property at Ullapool High School remains under investigation by local officers. Damage was reported to have been caused to garden furniture and a polytunnel between 1st of July and 9th of August 2025. The incident is suspected to have been caused by several young persons.

A further incident of damage to the toilets at Pier Road, Gairloch was reported to have occurred between 23rd & 24th August 2025. Enquiries have been commenced into this by local officers. Any information surrounding this matter can be submitted anonymously via Crime Stoppers or 101.

Police Scotland continue to work with Partners regarding any reported Anti-Social Behaviour in the community and will respond to any reported incidents as required. As part of our approach to reduce violence we will continue to complete pro-active patrols and undertake licensed premises checks.

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.

A small number of financial frauds occurred this period, relating to the unauthorised use of credit/debit cards at Tesco, Ullapool. The suspect for this was identified and a report submitted to the COPFS.

Police would continue to urge the public to remain vigilant to financial scams and to never share secure banking information. If in doubt do not share any of your personal details or send any funds and contact the police or your bank for advice.

Further guidance regarding fraud and how to stay safe online can be found on the Police Scotland website. [Scams and frauds - Police Scotland](#)

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 detail in this section during the period of August. Only 1 incident regarding the sharing of sensitive images without consent was reported to police and remains under investigation by officers in the Glasgow area.

Protecting vulnerable people remains a priority for local officers. Domestic violence perpetrators are dealt with robustly and calls regarding concern for person and mental health related incidents are attended frequently.

A number of individuals have been referred by Police officers to Police Scotland's Harm Prevention Officer (HPO). The HPO role was introduced within the N Division area (Highland only) in November 2020. This role is filled by a Police Constable who undertakes daily liaison between internal/external stakeholders with a view to reducing the risk posed to certain members of the public through alcohol and controlled substance misuse.

The HPO is fully funded by NHS Highland via the Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership (HADP).

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.

A small number of drugs possession offences were detected this period. The majority occurring alongside other incidents where suspects came into police custody. Several reports were made to the COPFS for these matters.

Police officers continue to gather intelligence, undertake pro-active patrols and take appropriate action to detect and deter drugs activity in our communities.

Counter Terrorism

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 a priority for Police Scotland, in this monthly report it is anticipated that there will be nothing to report on a monthly basis 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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