

# Ward 5 Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh July 2025



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## Reporting Period - 01 July 2025 – 31 July 2025

### Local Policing Priorities

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

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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.

The Summer Drink Drug Drive Campaign was run successfully in the area during July.

There has been a moderate number of speeding offences detected again over the reporting period. All concentrated to the west at the A835 Garve and Achnaclerach. These detected incidents formed part of targeted operations lead by the Roads Policing Unit within rural built up areas.

2 drivers were charged with driving carelessly at the A832 Lochluichart and A87 Dornie, having caused separate road traffic collisions. A further 2 drivers were charged with dangerous driving on the A87 Balmacara and A835 near to Torran Dubh Bridge, for also causing road traffic collisions through their manner of driving.

For all offences drivers were either issued a fixed penalty notice or reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).

Enquiries continue into 2 persons who are suspected to have been driving under the influence of drugs at the A832 Gairloch and A835 Ullapool. Pending toxicology results it is likely both will be reported to COPFS.

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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.

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There have been a small number of assaults this period occurring in the vicinity of Ullapool. All incidents were alcohol related.

A male was charged with assaulting staff at Ullapool Ferry Terminal , having been refused entry due to his intoxication. A report has been submitted to the COPFS for this.

A further male was charged with assaulting a member of the public at Broomfield Holiday Park, Ullapool. A report has also been submitted to the COPFS for this incident.

Other incidents of assault reported in Strathpeffer and Muir of Ord have been or are being investigated under Domestic Abuse legislation.

In Plockton a male was issued a recorded police warning for threatening and abusive behaviour, as part of a neighbour dispute type incident.

2 separate and isolated incidents of vandalism to vehicles in Strathpeffer remain under investigation, though no suspects have been identified.

### 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.

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A small number of financial frauds occurred this period, relating to the purchase of items from Facebook marketplace.

Police would continue to urge the public to be vigilant to such financial scams and to use approved payment methods such as Paypal, which may offer buyer protection. If in doubt do not send any funds and contact police/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](#)*

A suspect was also issued a recorded police warning for the theft of luggage at Pier Road, Gairloch.

One further incident involving the theft of a broken down motorcycle on the A896 near to Shieldaig, remains under investigation.

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## 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.

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There is nothing specific to detail in this section during the period of July, although a small number sexual offences were reported to police. These incidents continue to be under investigation and support is being provided to the victims by police and partner agencies.

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.

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There has been only 1 minor drugs possession offence detected this period at Ullapool Ferry Terminal. The suspect for this has been reported to the COPFS for several 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).

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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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