

# Ward 5 Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh February 2025



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## Reporting Period - 01 February 2025 – 28 February 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 road side 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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Road Safety continues to be a priority for local officers and the dedicated Road Policing and Safety Camera units deploy and conduct pro-active patrols where possible. As a result of this deployment, 3 drivers were charged with Careless Driving on the A835 near Garve and A832 - Druim Achadh Na Sgeilpe. Another driver was also arrested and charged with drink driving in Ullapool. Officers continue to deal with other road traffic offences in the area including vehicles with no insurance and accident offences.

### 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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I am pleased to report that there have been very few incidents of note under this section during the reporting period. 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 routine licensed premises checks.

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### 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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There has been very few incidents in this section during the reporting period. One incident of note relates to a female who was arrested and charged on 09/02/25 for theft of a motor vehicle from Ullapool. It is believed that this is an isolated incident with no wider impact to the local community.

### 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 report for the reporting period under this section however, protecting vulnerable people remains a priority for local officers. Calls regarding concern for persons and mental health related incidents are attended frequently. These calls can have an impact on local resources however, there is currently a review ongoing at executive level to ensure Police Scotland are providing the most appropriate response to these types of incidents. Further information can be found here [Thematic review of policing mental health in Scotland | HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland](#) and [Multi-Agency Partnership Approach to Distress: Framework for Collaboration](#)

### 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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Drug related incidents continue to be the main issue in this section. Local officers will continue to act on intelligence provided by the public regarding drug misuse and will use all powers at their disposal including stop and search to bring perpetrators to justice and reduce harm in the community. An incident of note in the reporting period was on 06/02/25 where officers executed a warrant at an address in the area which resulted in a male being charged with being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs.

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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 obviously a priority for Police Scotland, in the 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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