

Ward 5 Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh March 2025



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Reporting Period - 01 March 2025 – 31 March 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 road side and elsewhere; Detection of offences linked to contributing factors of Fatal and Serious Road Traffic Collisions and collectively reducing potential harm.

There have been a number of days of action targeting the NC500, vulnerable road users including older drivers and Fatal 5. In addition, Police officers have participated in deployments in respect of the National Speeding Campaign between 17 - 23 March 2025 and the National Motorcycle Safety Campaign which launched on 21 March 2025. Police Scotland have also engaged with Partners in respect of visitor management.

As part of visitor management, tourist drivers and road users are being issued with advisory leaflets in respect of driving standards and driving whilst in Scotland, including driving on country roads. Furthermore, drivers and road users have been issued with wrist bands (printed in various languages) reminding them to drive on the correct side of the carriageway.

Road Safety continues to be a priority for local officers and the dedicated Road Policing and Safety Camera Unit have conducted pro-active patrols and will continue where possible.

There has been a significant number of offences detected over the reporting period, particularly speeding offences.

A number of other offences have been detected, including within the Garve and Achnalt areas. Some offences detected include careless and dangerous driving, drivers being under the influence of controlled substances, no insurance and MOT, driving without a licence and vehicle defects.

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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.

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 undertake licensed premises checks.

Of the small number of offences during the reporting period, there was an alcohol related disturbance during a concert at the Pavilion in Strathpeffer. A number of people were either arrested and charged for offences or ejected from the premises.

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.

There has been slight increase in Acquisitive Crime over the reporting period.

A report was received relating to a theft of oil (400 litres) from a farm in the Fodderty area and a theft of a trailer near Achmore.

There was also an incident of Ringing the Changes at a post office in the area which is linked to similar crimes across Highland, Grampian and Tayside.

Enquiries are ongoing in respect of both incidents.

Police Scotland would urge the public to be wary of exchanging money online and to report any suspicious activity. Further advice regarding fraud and how to stay safe online can be found on the Police Scotland website. [Scams and frauds - Police Scotland](#).

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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.

There is nothing specific to report for this section during the reporting period. 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.

There is nothing of significance to report for this section during the reporting period. However Police officers continue to undertake pro-active patrols, gather intelligence and encourage the public to report any suspicious activity.

On 18 March 2025, a driver was stopped and found to be driving whilst disqualified. During the stop by Police officers, the driver was found in possession of a quantity of controlled substances. The driver was charged with driving under the influence of controlled substances, other road traffic offences and being concerned in the supply of controlled substances.

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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