

East Sutherland and Edderton  
Ward 4  
February 2026



**POLICE**  
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Keeping people safe  
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**Reporting Period - 01 February 2026 – 28 February 2026**

**Local Policing Priorities**

 <p><b>ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME</b></p> <p>Collaborate to reduce casualties and crime on our roads</p>	 <p><b>ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, VIOLENCE AND DISORDER</b></p> <p>Engage with the public and communities to reduce and prevent crime</p>	 <p><b>ACQUISITIVE CRIME</b></p> <p>Reduce crime through preventing offending and reducing re-offending</p>	 <p><b>PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE</b></p> <p>Support people considered vulnerable through working with partners</p>	 <p><b>SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME</b></p> <p>Reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime including cyber related crime</p>	 <p><b>TERRORISM AND PUBLIC ORDER</b></p> <p>Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare through collaborative preparedness</p>
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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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During this month, officers on patrol and the Safety Camera Partnership have detected fifteen offences of speeding on the A9 between Helmsdale and Dornoch, the highest speed recorded being 95mph. These motorists were dealt with by Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty or report to the Procurator Fiscal where appropriate.

In addition, a motorist has been arrested and charged for drink driving in the Rogart area and two motorists have been detected driving whilst using a mobile telephone on the A9 in Golspie.

**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 collaborating with partners to improve service provision and prevent repeat victimisation.

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As reported in the media, the death of a female in Dornoch has been investigated this month, resulting in a man being arrested and charged in connection with this. He has been remanded in custody.

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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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Only one offence of dishonesty of note has been recorded for February. This relates to bogus or unscrupulous tradespeople visiting an address in Dornoch and taking payment for work, without the agreed work being thereafter completed.

Please visit [Rogue traders and doorstep crime - Police Scotland](#) for more advice on how to be vigilant when approached by unannounced tradespeople.

### 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. The small number of domestic incidents reported have been dealt with robustly and in partnership with other support agencies. Calls regarding concern for person and mental health related incidents are attended frequently. These calls can have quite 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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During the reporting period, an individual was found in possession of a personal amount of Class B drugs in Helmsdale and issued a Recorded Police Warning.

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 the harm on the community.

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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 monthly and the information will remain as above.

Published crime data can also be accessed online via the following link:-

[Crime data - Police Scotland](#)

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