

# East Sutherland and Edderton Ward 4 April 2026



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## Reporting Period - 01 April 2026 – 30 April 2026

### 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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As the Ward 4 road network becomes busier, speed checks at various locations on the A9 continue to be carried out. During April this has resulted in 18 motorists detected speeding, the highest speed being 86mph.

Additionally, one motorist was arrested for driving whilst under the influence of drugs. They will appear at court at a later date. Another motorist was charged after being found to be driving dangerously on a single track road near Navidale.

### 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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During April two minor assaults have been investigated and detected in Golspie and Brora respectively, in one case the perpetrator was a juvenile.

Investigations continue into the vandalism of a van in Brora and a window in Helmsdale.

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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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During the reporting period, an individual was identified and later charged with two offences of theft of alcohol from The Coop in Brora. The theft of a mobile telephone from Grannies Heilan Hame in Embo is also being investigated, with enquiries ongoing.

Police Scotland has advice regarding frauds and scams which can be found here [Scams and frauds advice from 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.

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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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Although there have not been any reported incidents of seizures of controlled drugs in Ward 4 during the reporting period, local officers are not complacent. They will continue to search when appropriate to do so and will act on all intelligence submitted to Police Scotland regarding serious and organised crime and encourage public to report suspicious activity via Contact Us form on the website or via 101.

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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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