

East Sutherland and Edderton Ward 4 July 2026



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Reporting Period - 01 July 2026 – 31 July 2026

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 roadside and elsewhere; Detection of offences linked to contributing factors of Fatal and Serious Road Traffic Collisions and collectively reducing potential harm.

Incidents of note include:

- Three offences of speeding have been detected at Navidale and Dornoch. The highest speed recorded was 82mph.
- One motorist was arrested near Dornoch after driving whilst under the influence of cannabis.
- A motorist was issued a Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty for careless driving on the A9 near Dornoch.

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.

Incidents of note include:

- There were five reported offences of assault which occurred across domestic settings, public places and licensed premises.
- An individual has been charged with vandalism after a mobile telephone was damaged in Golspie.
- An individual was arrested for being verbally abusive and threatening to officers in Dornoch.

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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.

Incidents of note include:

- One offence of shoplifting after alcohol was stolen from The Co-Operative in Brora.
- Three offences of fraud perpetrated online and via telephone.
- An individual was arrested and charged after stealing a car in Brora.
- Enquiries continue into a report of potential financial irregularities in the Dornoch area.

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.

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.

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.

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 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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