

P O L I C E A U G U S T U P D A T E

SGT Sam Harris

We are well through Summer now and I take great pleasure in advising you that there have been very few crimes of dishonesty reported in the Cove area. I am also delighted to report that the Cove Gala was a success and from a Policing perspective, passed without incident. I didn't attend but I am advised that the weather was favourable and everybody appeared to enjoy the event

I have settled into my new role and have had the opportunity to spend some time in Cove, especially in the past two weekends. With the school summer holiday in full swing our local youths are making the most of extended curfews. This is great to see, especially when they are enjoying themselves responsibly.

We are fortunate to have some well-equipped parks that are there for everybody to use but occasionally we are seeing equipment damaged or vandalised. This prevents everyone from using these parks and puts younger children at risk of harm. As parents, I encourage you to chat with your children and their friends and be aware of the areas they congregate and socialise. Also, to encourage them to act responsibly, remove any litter and to report anybody that they see causing damage or behaving anti-socially.

In the past few months, we have had complaints from local residents regarding increased numbers of Heavy Goods Vehicles on the roads surrounding Cove, speeding vehicles and neighbour disputes.

Road Safety is a priority to us and we continue to conduct speed checks at various locations throughout the Nigg beat. With all the construction in Cove and the surrounding areas there will be an increase in Heavy Goods Vehicles in our area. I encourage you all to be

patient with the construction firms, haulage companies and drivers. Their presence is necessary and we continue to ensure that they are all operating as they should and driving safely and responsibly.

In terms of neighbours, we can pick our friends but not our neighbours! Some of the best friendships are formed with neighbours and it is great to see that community spirit continues with many of our elderly and vulnerable residents catered for by neighbours. I encourage all residents to be respectful of their neighbours lifestyles. Often patience will go a long way and may well be rewarded in the future.

If, however, you have issues with neighbours or something that you wish to discuss with a Police Officer, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can offer advice, solutions and if required referral for mediation.

By the time I write again, Autumn will be with us, which brings a new set of priorities to the community and challenges to your local Officers. Unfortunately, Policing throughout the United Kingdom has experienced many challenges in the past few months, with several depraved terrorist incidents causing loss and heartache to families and loved ones of many victims. These incidents are challenging for all involved. The threat level to the United Kingdom remains severe and I would encourage you all to report any suspicious activity at the earliest opportunity. Again, you may think you are wasting our time but I can assure you, you aren't. We would rather have the information to make our own assessment, than miss an opportunity to disrupt these depraved individuals, whom unfortunately come from all walks of life.

If you wish to contact officers from Nigg please call **101** and ask to be put through to us. If it is an emergency, please use **999**.

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