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**Torry**  
**Community Council**  
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This report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to Community Council members and the residents you represent. Our focus is to reduce crime and disorder, help create safer communities and respond effectively to local concerns.

### Crime Overview

We are pleased to announce improvements in the way statistics are provided to Community Councils. Previously, the manual generation of stats due to misalignment between Community Council boundaries and Police beat codes led to occasional inaccuracies and was time-consuming. Now, the North East Police division will provide data that aligns with police beat codes, some of which encompass multiple Community Council areas. Additionally, beat code maps will be available for reference. We have also updated previous data to ensure comparable statistics are readily accessible.

In the Torry community, there were a total of 318 calls in July 2025. Calls to Police predominantly related to non-criminal matters including, concern for persons, missing persons, assisting the public and false calls with good intent.

As a result of these incidents, and proactive Police activity, 66 crimes were recorded in the Torry community during July 2025.

Crime Type	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	June 25	July 25
Drugs	6	7	10	11	4	10	2
Vandalism	10	13	3	7	9	7	8
Assault	9	19	11	13	14	16	7
Theft	12	15	17	9	11	12	10
RTO	11	11	9	13	33	17	14

### Antisocial behaviour, Violence and Disorder

On 28 July 2025, in the area of Balnagask Circle, Aberdeen, Police received a report of a vandalism to a motor vehicle. The owner parked and secured the vehicle with no damage however on returning found a window to be smashed. A rock had been used to throw through the window causing the damage. The damage is estimated to cost £100 to repair. There is CCTV coverage of the area and enquiries are ongoing.

On 29 July 2025, in the area of Abbottswell Road, Aberdeen, Police stopped a male in suspicious circumstances. The male was searched and found in possession of a small quantity of controlled drugs. The male was cautioned, charged and issued with a recorded Police Warning, which was accepted.

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## **Acquisitive Crime**

On 07 July 2025, at a premises in the Wellington Road, Aberdeen area Police received a report of a theft by shoplifting. A male entered the store, placed items in a basket before taking them from the basket and concealing the items in his clothing and leaving the store without making any attempt to pay. the value of goods stolen is £127. The incident was fully captured on CCTV and enquiries are ongoing to identify the male.

On 30 July 2025, in the area of Grampian Road, Aberdeen, Police received a report of a theft of a push bike. The owner placed the bike in the rear garden of her property. On returning for the bike, found it to have been stolen. The bike is valued at £1050. There is no CCTV coverage of the area and all lines of enquiry have been completed. The enquiry has been closed as undetected.

## **Road Safety & Road Crime**

During July 2025 Roads Policing Officers carried out high visibility patrols within the Torry community. Due to this, 8 drivers were identified and charged with various road traffic offences. Two drivers were reported to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to driving without a valid MOT and driving an unregistered bike with no insurance. Six drivers were offered and accepted conditional offers for various offences, resulting in penalty points and fine.

On 10 July 2025, in the area of Kirkhill Road, Aberdeen, a driver was stopped by Police and found to be driving without a valid driving license, no insurance and no valid MOT.

Road safety remains a priority for the North East Police Division, and local resources will continue to undertake high visibility proactive patrols to ensure your roads are safe.

## **Community Safety Advice**

With the rise of online marketplaces, we have seen a significant rise in the sale of counterfeit goods – and none more prevalent right now than the seemingly "new" Apple iPhone.

The allure is obvious, a brand-new iPhone, still in its box, for a price that seems too good to be true, is your first and most crucial red flag.

"Cheap" iPhones are popping up on Facebook Marketplace and similar sites. They often look the part, but scratch beneath the surface and you'll find a hollow imitation.

How to Spot a Fake iPhone:

- The Price is a Dead Giveaway (Always): If a brand new, sealed iPhone 15 Pro Max is being offered for £300, walk away. Immediately. Apple products hold their value, even second-hand, a genuine iPhone, especially a recent model, will command a respectable price.
- Be Wary of "Sealed Box" Sales: While a sealed box might seem reassuring, it's easily faked. Insist on opening the box and inspecting the phone before parting with any money. A legitimate seller will understand this.
- The Packaging: Look for Flaws:
  - Shrink Wrap: Is it tight and professionally applied, or loose, bubbly, or even absent? Apple's packaging is immaculate.
  - Text and Logos: Examine the font, spelling, and clarity of the Apple logo and product descriptions. Fakes often have slightly off fonts, blurred images, or even typos.
  - Stickers and Labels: Are the serial number stickers crisp and securely attached? Do they match the phone's claimed specifications?
- The "New" Phone Itself: Don't Be Afraid to Inspect:
  - Weight and Feel: Genuine iPhones have a distinct weight and premium feel. Fakes often feel lighter, more plasticky, and cheaper.
  - Screen Quality: Is the display vibrant, crisp, and responsive? Fake screens often have poor resolution, dull colours, and are less sensitive to touch.
  - Buttons and Ports: Check the quality and feel of the power button, volume buttons, and charging port. Do they feel solid or wobbly?
  - The Apple Logo: On genuine iPhones, the Apple logo on the back is usually embedded and feels smooth. On fakes, it might be a sticker or poorly printed.
- Operating System (Red flag): This is where many fakes fall apart. When you turn on the phone, does it truly run iOS?
  - App Store vs. Google Play: A common fake will run a skinned version of Android, trying to mimic iOS. Try to open the "App Store." If it takes you to Google Play, it's a fake.
  - Siri: Try to activate Siri. If it doesn't respond or activates a generic voice assistant, you've got a problem.
- Check the IMEI/Serial Number (Do This BEFORE Meeting): Ask the seller for the IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) or serial number *before* you even consider meeting them. You can then check this on Apple's official website or other reliable IMEI checker sites to verify if it's a genuine Apple product and its warranty status. If the seller refuses or makes excuses, walk away.
- The Charger and Accessories: Often overlooked, but crucial. Fake iPhones

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usually come with cheap, poorly made, unbranded, or generic chargers and cables. These can be dangerous too, posing fire risks.

- Insist on Powering On and Thorough Inspection: Do not, under any circumstances, buy a phone that is not fully powered on and allowed for you to inspect thoroughly. Check all the points mentioned above.
- Check Seller Profiles: On platforms like Facebook Marketplace, look at the seller's profile. How long have they been a member? Do they have other items for sale? Are there any reviews? A newly created profile with no history is a red flag.

If you believe you may have been a victim of a scam, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

Report to Police Scotland directly by calling 101 or online via [Contact Police Scotland - Police Scotland](#) Every report assists police investigations, provides intelligence, informs national alerts that protect all communities, disrupts criminals and reduces harm.

In the UK you can forward scam text message to OFCOM on 7726 (free of charge), and forward suspicious emails to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

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Further advice can be obtained by contacting Police Scotland Crime Reduction Officers at:

[NorthEastCrimeReduction@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NorthEastCrimeReduction@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

## Community Concerns

Please take the opportunity to let us know of any community concerns or issues so that we can explore these issues and take action to address your concerns.

Any updates will be fed back to the Community Council in future reports.

## Contact Us

Please also remember you can contact us using any of the following:

-  101 – Non emergency;
-  Email - [NorthEastCPTAberdeenCity@scotland.police.uk](mailto:NorthEastCPTAberdeenCity@scotland.police.uk)
-  Twitter - @NorthEPolice
-  Facebook – [www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision](https://www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision)
-  Web – [www.scotland.police.uk](https://www.scotland.police.uk)
-  999 – Emergency;
-  0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers;

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## BEAT CODE MAPS



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