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Ton-up motorist caught in road safety campaign

A MOTORIST has been caught by police driving at 101mph on the A98 Macduff to Fraserburgh road.

The 24-year-old man was seen driving at the speed in a 70mph zone on the route near to the Ardlaw junction.

The patrol was part of Operation Cedar (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce), a road safety campaign designed to encourage drivers to take more responsibility on the roads.

During the course of the operation three other drivers were detected and dealt with for speeding.

Five vehicles were found to be breaching other offences such as defective lights, which resulted in two drivers being issued with notifications to rectify the faults.

One person was stopped for failing to obey a red light and one vehicle was stopped without a valid MOT.

Numerous other vehicles were stopped during the course of the day and were found to be in good working order without any offences being detected and the overall feedback from the public was positive.

Sergeant Ronnie Kain, who oversaw the operation, said: "Although there are no issues with the vast majority of drivers and vehicles on the road, I would like to remind the public to check their vehicles including lights and tyres to ensure their car is roadworthy."

"Motorists should always obey the highway code and road traffic legislation and also ensure that all documentation is valid and in place for the driver and vehicle."

Teenager aims to start fitness career following kidney op success

Michael punches above his weight after transplant



Turriff lad Michael Morrice received a kidney transplant and now keeps fit through boxing training with Deveron Valley Boxing Club. Picture: Lyn MacDonald. Image No. 032934

By KYLE RITCHIE

A TURRIFF teenager has proved he is fighting fit after overcoming a life-threatening rare kidney disease.

For four years Michael Morrice (17) battled with a condition that forms cysts on the kidneys and gradually kills the organs.

However, hope and relief came for him and his family when a suitable donor was found and he received a kidney transplant.

The operation was successful and the teenager no longer had to endure gruelling 11-hour sessions on a dialysis machine.

Now nearly three years on he is very active, with ambitions to pursue a career in sports coaching or personal training, and keeps fit at Macduff's Deveron Valley Boxing Club.

Before the transplant the condition debilitated him to the point he struggled to walk up and down stairs.

He said: "The transplant has been life-changing for me."

"It has enabled me to

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