



## May 2023 Howe of Fife & Taycoast Community Council Report

### Introduction

Welcome to May's Howe of Fife Community Council Report from your local officers, PC Mark Lowe and PC Kirstie Haddow.

### YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

We continue to appeal for members of the community to participate in the Community Speed Watch Campaign.

We would like to thank the volunteers that have already come forward and would like to encourage anyone else interested to make contact with us.

We will be officially starting our Community Speed Watch during May with a few of our willing volunteers being deployed.

Community Speed Watch involves local resident volunteers being deployed on our roads with speed detection devices to provide a visible presence to deter and identify speeding motorists in hot spot areas.

If you require any further information with regards to this campaign, or would like to be considered as a volunteer then please contact us at the e-mail address listed below.

Email – [HoweOfFifeTaycoastCPT@Scotland.police.uk](mailto:HoweOfFifeTaycoastCPT@Scotland.police.uk)



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### **Calls Received (up to end of May 2023)**

Since 1st May 2023, Police have received 237 calls in the Howe of Fife and Taycoast area resulting in 25 crimes being recorded. This breaks down as follows:

#### **Auchtermuchty**

**27 calls to the police** consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Crimes of Disorder, Concern for Persons and Road Traffic Matters

#### **3 recorded crimes –**

2 x Crime of Disorder

1 x Road Traffic Offence

#### **Strathmiglo**

**25 calls to the police** consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Road Traffic Matter, Concern for persons and Crime of Disorder.

#### **2 x recorded crimes -**

1 x Crime of disorder

1 x Road Traffic Offence

#### **Gateside**

**8 calls to the police** consisting of Assist Members of the Public and Road Traffic Matter.

#### **1 recorded crime -**

1 x Road Traffic Offence

#### **Ladybank**

**35 calls to the police** consisting of Road Traffic Matters, Assist Members of the Public, crimes of disorder, crimes of dishonesty and Concern for Persons.

#### **4 recorded crimes –**

2 x Crime of Disorder

2 x Crime of Dishonesty

#### **Giffordtown** (Giffordtown, Edentown, Charlottetown, Kinloch)

**1 call to the police**

**0 x Recorded Crime**

#### **Dunshalt**

**3 calls to the police** consisting of Road Traffic Matter, Crime of Dishonesty and Assist member of Public

**1 crime recorded –**

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1 x Crime of Dishonesty

### Falkland & Newton of Falkland

**25 calls to the police** consisting of Assist members of the public, Concern for Persons, crimes of dishonesty, crime against livestock and Road Traffic Matters

**5 recorded crimes** –

2 x Crimes of dishonesty

1 x Road Traffic Offence

2 x Animal related Offences

### Freuchie

**13 calls to the police** consisting of Road Traffic Matters, Concern for persons and Crimes of Dishonesty

**2 recorded crimes** -

2 x Crimes of Dishonesty

### Kettle (Kettlebridge, Kingskettle)

**13 calls to the police** consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Concern for persons and Road Traffic Matters

**1 recorded crime**

1 x Vandalism

### Newburgh

**46 calls to the police** consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Road Traffic Matters, Crimes of disorder, Crimes of dishonesty, Crime of Violence and crime of dishonesty

**4 x recorded crimes** -

1 x Crimes of Dishonesty

1 x Miscellaneous crime

2 x Road Traffic Matters

### Monimail (Bow of Fife, Collessie, Monimail, Letham)

**13 calls to the police** consisting of Assist Members of the Public and Road Traffic Matters

**0 x recorded crimes**

### Creich & Flisk (Creich, Brunton, Luthrie)

**1 call to the police** consisting of Road Traffic Matter

**0 x recorded crimes**

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**Abdie & Dunbog** (Abdie, Dunbog, Lindores, Grange of Lindores, Den of Lindores)

**9 calls to the police** consisting of Road Traffic Matter and Assist Member of Public

**0 Recorded Crime**

### Local News and Priorities

#### **OPERATION PARAMOUNT – Road Safety**

Following our recruitment campaign we have successfully trained and deployed 5 community speedwatch volunteers in the month of May.

Their first deployment was on the B937 Giffordtown where they subsequently observed a total of 5 vehicles travelling at excessive speeds. The registered keepers of the offending vehicles were subsequently issued with warning letters.

The intention is utilise these volunteers amongst others in the vetting process to deploy in other villages throughout the Howe of Fife.



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### Summer Village Events

If you are organising or intending to have any village events that you would like to see your Local Community Officers attend.

Please contact us at the e-mail address [HoweOfFifeTaycoastCPT@Scotland.police.uk](mailto:HoweOfFifeTaycoastCPT@Scotland.police.uk) to make us aware of upcoming dates in your respective areas and we will do our best to attend as many as possible.

### Vehicle Security Advice

Police Scotland would like to offer preventative advice in relation to the increase in UK wide keyless vehicle thefts.

Relay theft vehicles fitted with a smart or passive key are susceptible to relay theft. This key system allows you to gain entry and start your vehicle without the need to interact with your vehicle's key. Criminals use specialist equipment that has the ability to grab the signal from your car to the smart key so that it appears to the car that the key is present.

Your vehicle is most vulnerable overnight, particularly if parked on your driveway or directly outside your home. How to prevent this:

When not in use – either at home or when out and about – store your keys (including spare keys) in a security pouch. Security pouches are sometimes termed Faraday bags or signal blockers/shields and there are many security rated versions on the market. These will prevent the signal from your vehicle being captured using electronic devices.

Keep updated with latest software: many manufacturers are updating their in-car security systems to stay ahead of these attacks.

### Contact Details

Your local community officers are PC 442 Mark Lowe and PC 189 Kirstie Haddow. Below is the local contact email address for your local community team.

This is not for reporting a crime but if you feel you require to contact your local community officer then the email address is the best way to do so.

Email – [HoweOfFifeTaycoastCPT@Scotland.police.uk](mailto:HoweOfFifeTaycoastCPT@Scotland.police.uk)

If you do not have access to the internet then you can call 101 and the call handler can send an email on your behalf.

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