



May 2024 Howe of Fife & Taycoast Community Council Newsletter

Introduction

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

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!



At present we have 11 volunteers across the Howe of Fife and are hopeful of further volunteers submitting paperwork to allow this to be processed with our vetting department.

Public liability insurance for Community Speedwatch is now covered by the local community councils whereby the scheme must be adopted as being under the remit of each council area. We still await confirmation from each of the respective community councils that they are happy to proceed this year and if they have adopted the scheme under their remit as we cannot conduct deployments until this has been confirmed.

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

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COMMUNITY AWARENESS

There has been an increase of Wilful fireraising in the area, one incident of particular concern was at the Auld Kirk, Lindores on the 8th of May 2024. This was a targeted attack and has caused a significant amount of damage. Police enquiries are ongoing, if anyone has any information, they may think may assist us in our investigation please contact '101' to report.

TAKE THE LEAD INITIATIVE



Fife's countryside is a great place to walk your dog. We want people who own a dog or are looking to own a dog in Fife to:

- Keep their dog on the lead in the countryside, particularly when near livestock.
- Keep their dog safe - there are dangers for dogs in the countryside.
- Be aware that any dog can become a danger to animals and wildlife.
- Always pick up after their dog
- Take responsibility for their dog - especially in spring when young livestock are particularly vulnerable.

Take the Lead asks dog walkers to be considerate and responsible and to keep their dogs under control. It also encourages dog owners to stick to designated paths to make sure that livestock, wildlife, horses, other birds such as wildfowl, peacocks and animals remain undisturbed.

During Spring, there are many pregnant and young farm animals living within our Fife countryside, as well as the arrival of ground-nesting birds. This makes it particularly important to keep dogs under control.

The campaign also encourages dog owners to take responsibility for getting rid of their dog's waste. Worms and diseases from dog waste can infect people, livestock and wildlife, and even pollute local water sources. By bagging it up and placing it in a bin, walkers will be helping to protect Fife's Countryside and help other people to enjoy it too.

Fife Council Safer Communities Team and Police Scotland have joined up with other partners to ask all dog walkers to 'Take the Lead' and to keep their pets under control when out and about. For more information, please contact saferrcommunities.projectofficers@fife.gov.uk

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IT'LL COST YOU CAMPAIGN



We're clamping down on proxy purchasing in your area.

Underage drinking plays a huge part in antisocial behaviour, crime and violence in our local communities. The success of initiatives such as Challenge 25 have helped reduce the number of direct sales of alcohol to under 18s, but young people are increasingly accessing alcohol by other means.

Asking an adult to buy alcohol for them is one of the most common tactics used by under 18s.

It's an offence in Scotland for an adult to buy or attempt to buy alcohol for someone who is under the age of 18, for example a child gives money to an adult to buy alcohol for them. This is known as a proxy sale.

The aim of our new campaign is to raise awareness of the fact that buying alcohol for anyone under the age of 18 is a criminal offence, which carries a fine of up to £5000 or up to 3 months in prison, or both.

By raising awareness of the consequences of proxy purchase, we hope to:

- REDUCE the number of attempted purchases of alcohol for under 18s.
- REDUCE crime in the area.
- REDUCE antisocial behaviour/noise in the area.

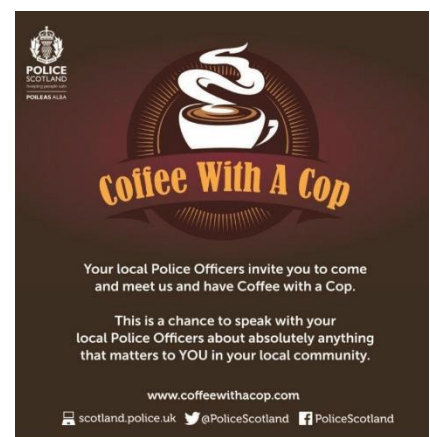
The campaign is about to start in the area so keep a look out

COFFEE WITH A COP

North East Fife Community Policing Teams run "Coffee with A Cop" events all over the area in Café's, Community Centres and other venues.

These events are designed for Police to meet formally, yet informally with members of the local community to listen to their concerns, provide information on property security and frauds, discuss duties as an Officer and develop relationships within the Community.

We now have some dates book in the diary and look forward to seeing you all. We are looking to organise further events at various locations in the coming months. If you have a specific location and venue, please contact us.



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

We are always keen to engage with members of the Community Council and elected members and would welcome you and the public to get in touch with us regarding any issues they wish to raise. Please contact us on our team email address.

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 to make us aware of upcoming dates in your respective areas and we will do our best to attend as many as possible.

Calls Received (To end of May 2024)

Since 1st May 2024, Police have received 209 calls in the Howe of Fife and Taycoast area resulting in 20 crimes being recorded. This breaks down as follows:

Auchtermuchty

29 calls to the police which resulted in
3 recorded crimes

Strathmiglo

14 calls to the police which resulted in
0 recorded crimes

Gateside

7 calls to the police which resulted in
0 recorded crimes

Ladybank

21 calls to the police which resulted in
2 recorded crimes

Giffordtown (Giffordtown, Edentown, Charlottetown, Kinloch)

0 calls to the police

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Dunshalt

1 call to the police which resulted in
0 recorded crimes

Falkland & Newton of Falkland

28 calls to the police which resulted in
3 recorded crimes

Freuchie

15 calls to the police which resulted in
4 recorded crimes

Kettle (Kettlebridge, Kingskettle)

12 calls to the police which resulted in
0 recorded crimes

Newburgh

51 calls to the police which resulted in
7 recorded crimes

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

14 calls to the police which resulted in
1 recorded crime

Creich & Flisk (Creich, Brunton, Luthrie)

3 calls to the police which resulted in
0 recorded crimes

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

3 calls to the police which resulted in

1 recorded crime

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

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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