



September 2024 Howe of Fife & Taycoast Community Council Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome to September'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!

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Community Speedwatch is a voluntary scheme driven by members of the community and is supported by Police Scotland (Fife Division). Essentially, it is a high visibility deterrent which strives to encourage motorists to reduce their speed, thus improving the safety and quality of lives of the local community.

At present we have 11 volunteers across the Howe of Fife and are planning to put future dates in the diary for some of our prospective volunteers to be deployed.

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



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the community email box. Please note, CSW will stop on 31st October and recommence in April 2025. If interested parties can complete the vetting over the winter this could be complete early next year, ready for the 2025 deployments.

Email – HoweOfFifeTaycoastCPT@Scotland.police.uk

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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 informal gatherings provide a unique opportunity for residents to engage with your local community officers, share concerns and discuss issues affecting their community. The relaxed atmosphere, complete with coffee and home baked treats, fosters open dialogue and stronger community bonds.

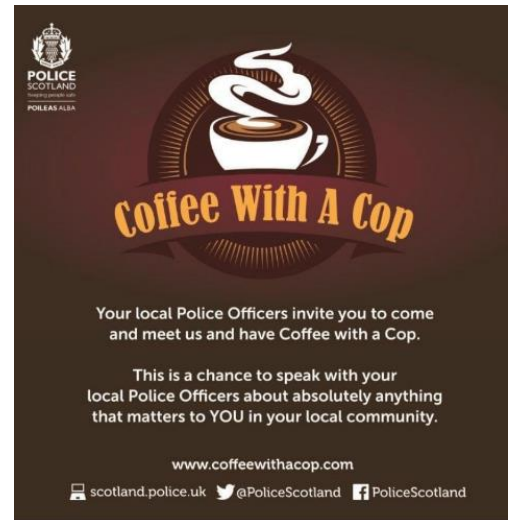
We now have some dates booked in the diary which are as per below.

12th October – 0930 hours at Luthrie Village Hall

14th October – 1900 hours at Ladybank Library

23rd October - 1900 hours at Lumsden Hall, Freuchie

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 as we would love to come along and meet you all.



DISCLOSURE SCHEME FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE (SCOTLAND)

What is the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland?

The Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS) gives people the right to ask about the background of their partner. It also allows concerned relatives and friends, the right to ask about someone’s partner. They can ask if they have been abusive in the past.

DSDAS also gives Police Scotland the power to tell people that they may be at risk. This information can be given if it is not asked for. Where we have information that a person may be at harm of domestic abuse by their partner, we have the power to tell them.

DSDAS allows people to make the choice on whether to remain in the relationship. Police Scotland and our partners can then help and support them.

[DSDAS application form](#)

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You can have an application filled out for you at your local police station.

You can also print off a copy of the application form and post it to: Police Scotland's Domestic Abuse Coordination Unit, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, Glasgow G40 4EH.

After the application is submitted, it is passed to one of Police Scotland's domestic abuse departments. The information will be added to a DSDAS database. We might need to contact you for more information. We'll get in touch in a way you've asked for. A decision will then be made to release information. This will only be done if there is a risk. It will be given to the person potentially at risk, or another person close to them.

YOUR POLICE – HELP SHAPE POLICING IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

We recognise the importance of understanding the views and priorities of Scotland's diverse communities.



This survey is a platform for you to tell us your views and experience of your police service. Responses are analysed weekly to help shape how we do things.

It's a way for us to listen to the needs of our diverse communities. Let us know what we're getting right and what we can do better. The survey is completely anonymous. You will not be personally identified through the information you provide. Click the link below to complete the survey.

Complete the survey here

Please contact us if you require the survey in an alternative format: InsightEngagement@scotland.pnn.police.uk.



Motor Vehicles are for many of us, the main mode of transport of which we can rely heavily on in everyday life. But what would happen if your vehicle suddenly disappeared or was broken into? Whilst we can't always prevent it there are simple steps that we can all take to reduce our chances of becoming a victim of car crime.

GENERAL

Utilise your car garage/ underground parking if available.

Lock any driveway, garage, or underground parking doors, shutters and gates.

Consider using an alarm for your garage or gates.

Ensure suitable lighting is in place. Park under working streetlights.

Utilise a driveway parking post to block your vehicle in, if available.

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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 September 2024)

Since 1st September 2024, Police have received 295 calls in the Howe of Fife and Taycoast area resulting in 43 crimes being recorded. This breaks down as follows:

Auchtermuchty

33 calls to the police which resulted in

7 recorded crimes

8 were road traffic matters, 4 were dishonesties, 4 were for a concern for person. The remainder consisted of anti-social behaviour, and miscellaneous matters.

Strathmiglo

15 calls to the police which resulted in

5 recorded crimes

2 were road traffic matters, 1 was a concern for person. The remainder consisted of anti-social behaviour and miscellaneous matters.

Gateside

6 calls to the police which resulted in

0 recorded crimes

3 were road traffic matters, the remainder consisted of assisting members of the public.

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Ladybank

53 calls to the police which resulted in

13 recorded crimes

5 were road traffic matters, 5 were concern for persons, the remainder consisted of anti-social behaviour, noise nuisance and miscellaneous matters.

Giffordtown (Giffordtown, Edentown, Charlottetown, Kinloch)

0 calls to the police

0 recorded crimes

Dunshalt

3 calls to the police which resulted in

0 recorded crimes

The calls consisted of assisting members of the public.

Falkland & Newton of Falkland

30 calls to the police which resulted in

4 recorded crimes

6 were for road traffic matters, 3 were concern for persons and the remainder consisted of noise nuisance, anti-social behaviour, and miscellaneous matters.

Freuchie

9 calls to the police which resulted in

0 recorded crimes

2 were for road traffic matters, 2 were concern for persons, and the rest consisted of miscellaneous matters.

Kettle (Kettlebridge, Kingskettle)

11 calls to the police which resulted in

2 recorded crimes

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4 were road traffic matters, 1 were concern for persons and the remainder were assist members of the public.

Newburgh

96 calls to the police which resulted in

9 recorded crimes

7 were road traffic matters, 40 were concern for persons (It should be noted that the majority of these calls were involving one householder), 6 were dishonesties and the remainder consisted of assist members of the public and miscellaneous matters.

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

21 calls to the police which resulted in

2 recorded crimes

11 were road traffic matters, 3 wildlife related matters, and the remainder consisted of assist members of the public.

Creich & Flisk (Creich, Brunton, Luthrie)

4 calls to the police which resulted in

0 recorded crimes

2 calls were road traffic matters and the remainder were assist members of the public

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

4 calls to the police which resulted in

0 recorded crime

3 were road traffic matter and the remainder consisted of assist members of the public

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.

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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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