



April 2025 Howe of Fife & Taycoast Community Council Newsletter

Introduction

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

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

ROAD SAFETY



Safer Communities, Fife Council, have set new dates for the coming year for the Drivewise 65+ initiative. This initiative is aimed at drivers 65+ years of age who would like to gain more confidence behind the wheel so that they can continue to drive safer for longer.

The course runs for 1 ½ hours and constitutes the driver driving their own car for about 20 minutes observed by a Road Policing Officer. This drive will cover different road layouts, different speed limits, junctions and roundabouts. The Officer will observe the drive and then chat to the driver about things they are doing well and things they can improve on to stay safe.

The session will be broken down to the following:

15 Mins – Registration, Checks and Pre-Evaluation

60 Mins – Observation Drive, Discussion Time, Opportunity to observe Police Officer driving shorter route

15 Mins – Post-Evaluation and Merchandise

The sessions planned for this year are

Thursday 29th May – Kirkcaldy Ford Centre, and

Wednesday 25th June – St Andrews Fire Station

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With time slots being from 0845 to 1015hrs, 0945 to 1115hrs, 1045 to 1215hrs, 1245 to 1415hrs and 1345 to 1515hrs.

Requirements

All drivers must bring their own car. This car must have a current MOT and driver must have a current licence. All details will be checked before the observation drive. A standard driving eyesight test will also be carried out.

There is no cost to sign up for this project as it is a free initiative. Drivers will be asked to use their own car for the observation drive and the route will be around 10-15 miles.

To register your interest please contact safercommunities.projectofficers@fife.gov.uk for a registration form.



COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH INITIATIVE



Community Speed Watch 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.



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The scheme runs during the summer months, so work is underway to have this up and running again from April 2025.

We currently have 10 volunteers and are actively seeking more to join our initiative in keeping our roads a safer place. We have a further 2 people who have expressed an interest.

Community Engagement

PC's Haddow and Lowe attended at Smart Cookies Nursery in Falkland to speak with the children about the role of the Community Police Officer, giving them the opportunity to dress up as police officers, explore the police van and ask questions about the protective equipment

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were rewarded with stickers and certificates for their participation.



How to contact the Police to Report Crime

Always dial 999 in an emergency

By phone – 101 for non-emergencies 0300 426 0101 if calling from out with the UK. Network charges may apply.

Online – for issues of a non-serious nature using web address:

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www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us

In person at your local enquiry office.

Text Relay - 18001101 for deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or speech-impaired callers

In writing – to PO BOX 2460, Dalmarnock, Glasgow, G40 9BA

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 March 2025)

Since 1st April 2025, Police have received 254 calls in the Howe of Fife and Taycoast area resulting in 29 crimes being recorded. This breaks down as follows:

Auchtermuchty

27 calls to the police which resulted in

4 recorded crimes

Calls consisted of Road Traffic matters, dishonesties, disorder, concern for persons and assist members of public.

Strathmiglo

14 calls to the police which resulted in

1 recorded crime

Calls consisted of road traffic matters, anti-social behaviour, disorder, concern for persons and assist members of public.

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Gateside

7 calls to the police which resulted in

1 recorded crime

Calls consisted of Road Traffic Matters, and assisting members of public,

Ladybank

49 calls to the police which resulted in

6 recorded crimes

Calls consisted of road traffic matters, anti-social behaviour, dishonesty, concern for persons and assisting members of public.

There is a noticeable increase in calls to the area, these pertain to 2 addresses which are of no concern to the wider community.

Giffordtown (Giffordtown, Edentown, Charlottetown, Kinloch)

1 call to the police which resulted in

0 recorded crimes

Call consisted of assisting members of the public.

Dunshalt

1 call to the police

0 recorded crimes

Call consisted of assisting members of the public.

Falkland & Newton of Falkland

18 calls to the police which resulted in

2 recorded crimes

Calls consisted of road traffic matters, concern for persons, disorder and assist members of the public

There is a slight increase in calls to the area last month but nothing of concern to the wider community

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Freuchie

20 calls to the police which resulted in

6 recorded crimes

Calls consisted of Road Traffic Matters, dishonesty, disorder, concern for persons and assist members of public.

There is a slight increase to calls/crimes last month which relate to incidents at a commercial property nothing of concern to the wider community.

Kettle (Kettlebridge, Kingskettle)

22 calls to the police which resulted in

1 recorded crimes

Calls consisted of assist members of the public, disorder, road traffic matters, dishonesty and concern for persons.

Newburgh

54 calls to the police which resulted in

5 recorded crimes

Calls consisted of were road traffic matters, concern for persons and assist members of the public, dishonesty, disorder.

There is a noticeable increase in calls to the area, these pertain to 2 particular addresses which are of no concern to the wider community.

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

11 calls to the police which resulted in

2 recorded crime

Calls consisted of road traffic matters and assist member of public

Creich & Flisk (Creich, Brunton, Luthrie)

9 calls to the police which resulted in

0 recorded crimes

Calls consisted of Road Traffic Matters.

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

7 calls to the police which resulted in

1 recorded crime

Calls consisted of a road traffic matter.

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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