



## **December 2021 Howe of Fife & Taycoast Community Council Report**

### **Contact Information**

Welcome to the Howe of Fife monthly report from your local community officers 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.pnn.police.uk](mailto:HoweOfFifeTaycoastCPT@Scotland.pnn.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.

### **Local Initiatives**

For the year 2022 the new priorities for North East Fife area should focus upon;

- Driver Behaviour
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Crimes of Dishonesty

You should have complete comfort & reassurance that the above priorities are not to the exclusion of the Divisional priorities as outlined by the Chief Superintendent, but the priorities above focus greater on the nuances specific to North East Fife as a whole.

## **Community Engagement**

The area as a whole continues to have ongoing problems such as speeding, parking issues around places used for sport and recreation and with the darker evening's youths behaving in an anti-social manner. We, alongside our Local officers will endeavour to include the identified 'hotspot' areas in our patrols as and when our commitments allow.

A number of fixed penalty tickets have been issued in relation to speeding across the area and we continue to deploy pop up bob as a traffic calming measure.

We would ask that local residents please be mindful of their speed through the villages and towns which are in the main 20mph.

## **Community Speedwatch**

The Speedwatch initiative has been on hold due to Covid-19.

As yet we do not have a date when this can be restarted but we are aware that many communities are keen to get going again with new communities expressing an interest. As soon as we can recommence training we will be in touch. In the meantime we have been increasing our use of Pop-Up Bob and carrying out both Stop Points and Speed Deployments across the local area.

We will continue to monitor the Governments guidelines and as soon as training can be carried out in a safe and effective manner this will be done.

## **Fife Initiatives**

### **Winter road safety**

Advice for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers in winter conditions.

Winter means changes in the roads, shorter days and changing weather.

We all have a responsibility to keep Scotland's roads safe during the winter months.

#### **Advice for pedestrians**

Advice if you are out walking during winter:

- Dress for the weather by wearing reflective or bright-coloured clothing so other road users can see you when it's dark or visibility is poor

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- If you are walking home late at night, make sure someone knows where you're going and when
- Vehicles can take up to ten times longer to stop on slippery road surfaces so take extra care crossing the road
- Stick to pedestrian crossings
- If there are no crossings nearby, find a place with a clear view and wait for long gaps in the traffic before crossing the road
- Don't cross the road between parked vehicles, unless it can't be avoided then take extra care (look out for vehicles that suddenly pull out or reverse)
- Never cross the road behind a bus
- If there is no pavement, keep to the right hand side of the road so you can see traffic coming towards you.

### Advice for cyclists

Advice to consider if you are cycling during winter:

- Make sure your bike can be seen by people on the road
- Use a good set of front and rear lights (white at the front, red at the back)
- Wear clothes that help you be seen on your bike, such as bright and light reflective items
- Pay attention to road signs, markings and particularly red lights
- Do not cycle on the pavements, they may be slippery and can also endanger pedestrians
- Be mindful of the effects poor weather can have on other road users
- Make sure you know about the dangers around you
- Cars can take twice as long to stop in wet weather
- Braking can be unpredictable in ice and snow.

### Advice for drivers

Advice for drivers during winter:

- Make sure your car is ready for winter
- Check that your tyres, brakes, windscreens, wiper blades and windows are free from defects and clean
- Drive to the road conditions. Road conditions can change without warning, stopping distances will be affected by the weather
- Make sure your windows are clean and aren't misted up
- Make sure there is no snow and ice on your windows before you drive
- When the roads are icy, drive at a slow speed in a high gear
- Accelerate and brake very gently
- Driving distracted (for example, using a Road safety advice Sat Nav) can cause additional stress. It is dangerous to yourself, passengers and other road users

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### **Calls Received (up to end of December 2021)**

Since 1st December 2021, Police have received 202 calls in the Howe of Fife and Taycoast area resulting in crimes being recorded. This breaks down as follows:

#### **Auchtermuchty**

21 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Incidents, Suspect Persons, Concern for Persons, Missing Persons.

1 recorded crime for Assault

#### **Strathmiglo**

16 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Incidents, Assist Members of the Public, Sudden Deaths, Concern for Person

0 recorded crimes

#### **Gateside**

8 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Incidents, Assist Members of the Public, Weather Related Matters

0 recorded crime

#### **LadyBank**

25 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Incidents, Domestic Incidents, Assist member of public, Concern for persons.

4 recorded crimes. 2 x Domestic Assault, 2 x Road Traffic Offences

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

0 calls to the police.

0 crime recorded

#### **Dunshalt**

6 calls to the police consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Missing Person, Road Traffic Matters

0 crime recorded

#### **Falkland & Newton of Falkland**

16 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Incidents, Assist Member of Public, Possible Breach of Covid-19 guidelines.

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0 recorded crime

**Freuchie**

11 calls to the police consisting of Assist Member of Public, Alarm Calls, Concern for Persons

1 recorded crime for a Communications Offence

**Kettle** (Kettlebridge, Kingskettle)

10 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Incidents, Assist Member of Public, Noise Nuisance.

1 recorded crime for Domestic Assault

**Newburgh**

44 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Incidents, Assault, Assist Members of the Public, Substance Misuse, Concern for Person, Loud Music

5 recorded crimes with there being 4 for Assault and 1 Road Traffic Offence

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

7 calls to the police consisting of Sudden Deaths, Assist Members of the Public, Road Traffic Matter

0 recorded crimes.

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

3 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Collision and Assault

0 recorded crimes.

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

1 calls to the police consisting of Assist member of the public.

0 recorded crime.

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**Last Note...**

Unfortunately, the absences for both of us have continued throughout the month of December due to absences in relation to Covid-19.

We are both keen to attend local community council meetings, engage with members of the community council and would ask that should you have any issues arising within the community that you think we can assist with, please do not hesitate to contact us via the mailbox or 101 and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Take Care

Mark & Kirstie

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