



APRIL 2023 Howe of Fife & Taycoast Community Council Report

Introduction

Welcome to April'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



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Calls Received (up to end of April 2023)

Since 1st April 2023, Police have received 243 calls in the Howe of Fife and Taycoast area resulting in 20 crimes being recorded. This breaks down as follows:

Auchtermuchty

30 calls to the police consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Crimes of Disorder, Crimes of Dishonesty, Loud Music, and Road Traffic Matters

4 recorded crimes –

1 x Crime of Disorder

3 x Crime of Dishonesty

Strathmiglo

18 calls to the police consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Road Traffic Matter, Concern for persons, and Crime of Dishonesty

2 x recorded crimes -

1 x Crime of disorder

1 x Road Traffic Offence

Gateside

4 calls to the police consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Road Traffic Matter and Concern for Persons

0 recorded crime

Ladybank

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

3 recorded crime –

1 x Crime of Disorder

1 x Crime of Dishonesty

1 x Road Traffic Offence

Giffordtown (Giffordtown, Edentown, Charlottetown, Kinloch)

0 calls to the police

0 x Recorded Crime

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Dunshalt

1 call to the police consisting of Road Traffic Matter

0 crime recorded

Falkland & Newton of Falkland

20 calls to the police consisting of Assist members of the public, Concern for Persons and Road Traffic Matters

0 recorded crimes

Freuchie

19 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Matters, Assist Members of the Public, Crimes of disorder and Crimes of Dishonesty

3 recorded crimes -

1 x Crimes of Dishonesty

2 x Crimes of Disorder

Kettle (Kettlebridge, Kingskettle)

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

0 recorded crimes

Newburgh

62 calls to the police consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Road Traffic Matters, Crimes of disorder, Crimes of dishonesty

8 x recorded crimes -

2 x Crimes of Dishonesty

6 x Crimes of Disorder

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

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

0 x recorded crimes

Creich & Flisk (Creich, Brunton, Luthrie)

0 calls to the police

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0 x recorded crimes

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

3 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

There have been some concerns raised recently regarding the speed of vehicles around a number of the villages within the Howe of Fife.

During the month of April, your local officers deployed with the Unipar on a number of occasions resulting in a number of driver's being warned. Officers will continue to monitor these areas and carry out further speed checks.



PC Lowe attended Falkland Primary School during the month of April and along with Safer Communities and delivered inputs to two separate assemblies. The first being P1 to P3 and the second being P4 to P7. This was aimed at highlighting Road Safety following some recent incidents at the local crossing near to the primary school.

These sessions were impactful and between various organisations, talks are ongoing to see what measures/changes could be implemented to help alleviate the issues.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Your local officers are keen to attend as many "Coffee With A Cop" events across the Howe of Fife. These events are designed for your local officers to meet with members of the local community and listen to any concerns, provide advice and develop relationships.

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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.

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

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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