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June 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

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.

Cupar Police Station enquiry office is open during weekday office hours. Social distancing measures are in place at the station for members of the public who do attend.

Local Initiatives

For the year 2021-2022 the new priorities for North East Fife area should focus upon;

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

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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 Speedwatch

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

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 so.

Summer Action Plan

In addition to continuing issues with youth anti-social behaviour, 2020 brought additional challenges to the North East Fife area in terms of Tourism. Whilst always having been a mecca for the Scottish sun worshippers, COVID has meant the holiday plans of many have had to change with a focus now on "Staycations".

NEF has faced unprecedented numbers in places like Elie, St Andrews and Balmerino (Wild Camping) and caused a strain on Police and partner agency resources like Fife Council and Fife Coast and Countryside Trust. This also in turn increases the level of anti-social behaviour in North East Fife, no more highlighted than by the large spike of Vandalisms already since the start of April 2021.

As such there are delivery plans moving forward into the summer period, designed to warmly welcome those coming to NEF to enjoy what there is to offer, but robustly deal with those intent on causing problems. The focus will be around youth anti-social behaviour, wild camping/beach parties and road safety in terms of popular walk car parks and increased tourism numbers.

Dedicated officers carry out a patrol of identified sites, which can be added to as new areas of anti-social behaviour are identified, and carry out additional speed sites across the area

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Calls Received (up to end of June 2021)

Since 1st June 2021, Police have received 195 calls in the Howe of Fife and Taycoast area resulting in 35 crimes being recorded. This breaks down as follows:

Auchtermuchty (Auchtermuchty, Strathmiglo)

35 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Incidents, Concern for Person, and assist members of the public.

5 recorded crimes. 2 Theft by Housebreakings, 2 vehicle crimes, 1 Threatening and abusive behaviour.

Gateside

7 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Incidents, Concern for person.

1 recorded crime for Road Traffic Offence

We are aware of the continuing parking issues at Dryside and as such, there have been visible patrols in the area with a number of vehicles having leaflets attached to highlight awareness to the drivers.

LadyBank

35 calls to the police including Road Traffic Incidents, Domestic Incidents, assist member of the public, neighbour disputes, Person, Vandalism, Fraud.

11 recorded crimes. 2 Fraud Incidents, 4 Road Traffic Offences, 4 Domestic Incidents, 1 Vandalism

We are aware of the continuing parking issues near to Victoria Park which we are monitoring along with the assistance of Road Policing Officers.

Giffordtown (Giffordtown, Edentown, Charlottetown)

0 calls to the police

0 crime recorded

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Dunshalt

6 calls to the police consisting of Missing Persons, Road Traffic and assist members of public.

2 recorded crimes which consisted of 2 Assaults.

Falkland & Newton of Falkland

15 calls to the police consisting of Theft, Threatening and abusive behaviour, assist member of the public.

2 recorded crimes. 1 Theft and 1 Domestic Incident

Freuchie

10 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Incidents, vandalism and assist members of the public.

1 recorded crimes for Vandalism.

It has been highlighted to us that the vandalism consisted of children being on the roof of the local primary school and this would appear to be an issue which we will endeavour to resolve.

Kettle (Kettlebridge, Kingskettle)

26 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Incident, Theft, Vandalism threatening and abusive behaviour, Domestic Incident and assist members of the public.

6 recorded crimes. 4 Vandalisms, 1 Theft, 1 Threatening and abusive behaviour.

Newburgh

35 calls to the police consisting of Assist members of the public, Domestic Incidents, Substance Misuse, Road Traffic Incidents, Theft, and Concern for Person.

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3 recorded crimes. 2 Domestic Incidents, and 1 Road Traffic Offence.

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

14 calls to the police consisting of assist member of the public, assault, road traffic incidents, theft, youth disorder and wildlife crime.

3 recorded crime. 2 Thefts and 1 Assault

Creich & Flisk (Creich, Brunton, Luthrie)

4 calls to the police consisting of assist members of the public, road traffic incidents

0 recorded crimes

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

8 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Incidents, theft and assist members of the public.

1 recorded crime for Theft.

Summary

As a whole the area has various ongoing problems which we are aware of such as speeding, youth disorder and parking issues at local places of interest/tourist spots.

Mark and I will endeavour to cover as much ground as possible and try to contain any problems with the assistance of our partner agencies before they occur. We would ask that local residents please be mindful of their speed through the villages and towns which are in the main 20mph.

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We have carried out a number of Speed check points from which this has had a positive impact with a number of fixed penalty tickets being issued, verbal warnings issued to drivers.

We continue to deploy Pop up Bob in the area as a temporary traffic calming measure.

We are aware of various youth disorder related calls to the police which are likely to be due to the school summer holidays, better weather and light nights. We have officers dedicated at weekends in an effort to engage, identify and disrupt groups of youths responsible.

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 e-mail address mentioned at the beginning of the newsletter.

We look forward to meeting with as many local as possible as soon as we are able to Covid restrictions allowing.

Anyone with information on any of the above or any other crimes please call 101 or Crimestoppers.

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