



September 2023 Howe of Fife & Taycoast Community Council Report

Introduction

Welcome to September'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 officially started 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.

Although CSW is postponed during the winter months it's the perfect time to apply as the vetting process can take some time. Applying now will mean you are in a perfect position to start when this recommences in March 2024.

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 (To end of September 2023)

Since 1st September 2023, Police have received 243 calls in the Howe of Fife and Taycoast area resulting in 24 crimes being recorded. This breaks down as follows:

Auchtermuchty

26 calls to the police consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Concern for Persons, Crimes of Dishonesty and Road Traffic Matters

3 recorded crimes –

3 x Crimes of Dishonesty

Strathmiglo

23 calls to the police consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Road Traffic Matters, Concern for Persons and Crimes of Dishonesty.

2 x recorded crimes -

2 x Crimes of dishonesty

Gateside

3 calls to the police consisting of Assist Member of the Public and Road Traffic Matters

0 recorded crime

Ladybank

26 calls to the police consisting of Road Traffic Matters, Assist Members of the Public, Crimes of Disorder, Crimes of Dishonesty and Concern for Persons.

4 recorded crimes –

3 x Crimes of Dishonesty

1 x Crimes of Disorder

Giffordtown (Giffordtown, Edentown, Charlottetown, Kinloch)

0 calls to the police

0 x Recorded Crimes

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Dunshalt

2 calls to the police consisting of Assist Members of the Public

0 x Recorded Crimes

Falkland & Newton of Falkland

19 calls to the police consisting of Assist members of the public, Concern for Persons, Crimes of Dishonesty, Crimes of Dishonesty and Road Traffic Matter

3 recorded crimes –

2 x Crimes of Dishonesty

1 x Crimes of Disorder

Freuchie

15 calls to the police consisting of Crimes of Dishonesty, Crimes of Disorder, Road Traffic Matters and Assist Members of the Public.

8 recorded crimes -

4 x Crimes of Dishonesty

2 x Road Traffic Offence

2 x Crimes of Disorder

Kettle (Kettlebridge, Kingskettle)

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

3 recorded crimes -

2 x Crimes of Dishonesty

1 x Road Traffic Offence

Newburgh

56 calls to the police consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Road Traffic Matters, Crimes of disorder, Crimes of dishonesty and Concern for Persons

4 x recorded crimes -

2 x Crimes of Disorder

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1 x Crimes of Dishonesty

1 x Road Traffic Offence

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

11 calls to the police consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Road Traffic Matters Crimes of Disorder and Crimes of Dishonesty.

1 x Crime of Dishonesty

Creich & Flisk (Creich, Brunton, Luthrie)

4 calls to the police consisting of Assist Members of the public

0 Recorded Crime

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

5 call to the police consisting of Assist Member of Public, Road Traffic Matters

0 Recorded Crimes

OPERATION PRINCIPLE

Officers would like to advise the community about a very recent financial scam that has occurred on more than one occasion within the ward area and around Fife.

In each of the incidents, the victims have been phoned at home by someone claiming to work in a bank and who is investigating a fraud whilst asking for their assistance.

The victims are then asked to go to their local branch and take out large sums of money. The scammers also tell the victims what to say to the bank staff to ensure they don't raise any suspicion. Someone then comes to their home or arranges to meet with the victim to collect the money.

"Bank staff will never contact you and ask you to withdraw or transfer money, or help with a fraud investigation. We urge people to be aware of these calls and to ensure that their elderly or vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours are also aware of these types of scams.

"These criminals are very well-rehearsed, sound knowledgeable, and can be extremely convincing, particularly to someone who may not be used to handling online accounts that they don't use regularly.

"I would encourage anyone who receives a call from someone claiming to be from their bank or financial institution to make sure the person calling is genuine.

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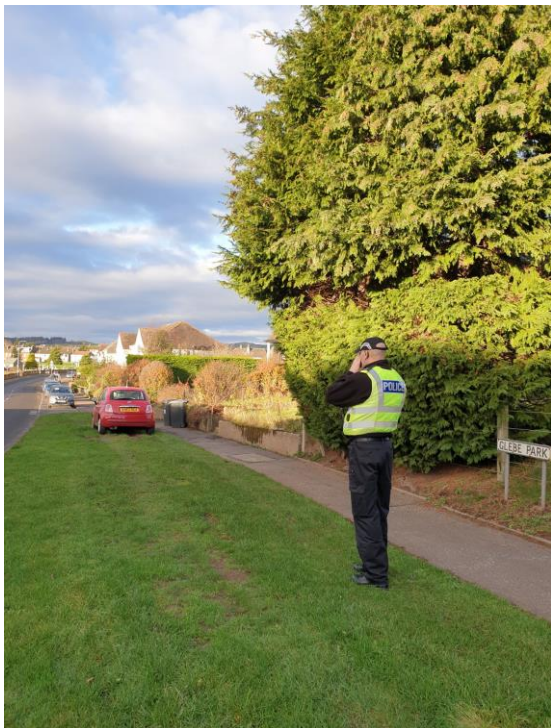
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“If in doubt hang up, wait a few minutes and contact the bank using the phone number on the back of your bank card or official paperwork. When you do make the call ensure that the dialling tone can be heard or use a mobile phone to make the call if possible. If the caller is genuine they will understand your hesitation, don’t feel pressured to handing over details or withdrawing money.”

“We are encouraging the public to help us track these individuals down. If you have any information that may help please contact 101 quoting reference number 3224 of 19 September. We urge people to report any incidents of this nature to us through 101”.

OPERATION PARAMOUNT

Road safety remains a priority. We continue to attend our schools and monitor the parking and speeding concerns. We continue to place “Pop up Bob” in areas that we have been notified as areas of concerns. We have along with our colleagues in response been out with the speed gun in the ward area.



RECENT EVENTS

Officers have been involved in the 100th Walker Cup in St Andrews. This was a fantastic opportunity for ourselves as community officers to participate in such a prestigious event.

The event was well attended by the general public and everyone appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

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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.

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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