



## August 2023 Howe of Fife & Taycoast Community Council Report

### Introduction

Welcome to August'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.

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](mailto:HoweOfFifeTaycoastCPT@Scotland.police.uk)



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### Calls Received (up to end of August 2023)

Since 1st August 2023, Police have received 217 calls in the Howe of Fife and Taycoast area resulting in 23 crimes being recorded. This breaks down as follows:

#### Auchtermuchty

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

#### **2 recorded crimes –**

1 x Crime of Dishonesty

1 x Road Traffic Offence

#### Strathmiglo

**13 calls to the police** consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Road Traffic Matter, Concern for Persons, Crime of Dishonesty and crimes of disorder.

#### **5 x recorded crimes -**

3 x Crimes of disorder

2 x Crimes of dishonesty

#### Gateside

**1 call to the police** consisting of Assist Member of the Public.

#### **0 recorded crime**

#### Ladybank

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

#### **6 recorded crimes –**

3 x Crimes of Disorder

2 x Crimes of Dishonesty

1 x Road Traffic Offence

#### Giffordtown (Giffordtown, Edentown, Charlottetown, Kinloch)

**1 call to the police** consisting of Assist Members of the Public

#### **0 x Recorded Crimes**

#### Dunshalt

**3 calls to the police** consisting of Assist Members of the Public

#### **0 x Recorded Crimes**

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### Falkland & Newton of Falkland

**15 calls to the police** consisting of Assist members of the public, Concern for Persons, Crimes of Dishonesty, and Road Traffic Matters

**2 recorded crimes –**

2 x Crimes of Dishonesty

### Freuchie

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

**3 recorded crimes -**

2 x Crimes of Dishonesty

1 x Road Traffic Offence

### Kettle (Kettlebridge, Kingskettle)

**14 calls to the police** consisting of Assist Members of the Public, Crimes of Disorder, Concern for Person and Road Traffic Matters

**1 recorded crime**

1 x Crime of Disorder

### Newburgh

**30 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 -**

4 x Crimes of Disorder

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

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

**0 x crimes recorded**

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

**8 calls to the police** consisting of Road Traffic Matter and Assist Members of the public

**0 Recorded Crime**

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

**1 call to the police** consisting of Assist Member of Public

**0 Recorded Crimes**

### **OPERATION PREVAIL**

PC's Hadow and Lowe alongside Fife Coast and Countryside Trust carried out a joint patrol in the Howe of Fife Area where they carried out foot patrols at Birnie and Gaddon Loch which are some of the local hotspots known for wild camping and illegal poaching. The purpose of this visit was to inform and educate any persons found to be carrying out such activities with regards to anti-social behaviour, littering and wild fires. On this occasion there were no issues however another joint patrol is planned for September.

### **OPERATION PARAMOUNT – OPERATION CLOSE PASS**



Operation Close Pass is an initiative to reduce the number of accidents caused by drivers not providing enough space to people riding bikes. The initiative is to ensure drivers give an adequate distance to cyclists on the roads and pass them only when safe to do so. Drivers who do not give adequate space are brought back to a designated point for a “chat on the mat” and advice is provided to empathise the safety of the cyclists.

On 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, PC Mark Lowe and PS Joanna Peddie, along with RP Officer (pictured) participated in this event with a number of road users being warned regarding their distance and passing too close to cyclists, one driver reported for no insurance, and one warning issued re navigating a roundabout. This engagement has assisted in reinforcing road safety for both drivers and cyclists alike.

### **RECENT EVENTS**

#### **Strathmiglo Summer Fun day**

Officer's attended the Strathmiglo Summer Fun Day which was a well-attended event and led to the opportunity for the officers to meet and engage with the local community. They even managed to make the front page of the Strath Newsletter.

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### MEET OUR NEW COMMUNITY SERGEANT



I am Nicola Gillespie and I am delighted to be appointed as the Community Sergeant for Cupar and Howe of Fife.

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I have 16 years Police Service, with experience of Policing across Criminal Investigation and Public Protection. With knowledge as a Sergeant in Response Policing and Corporate Support, I sought the opportunity as the Community Sergeant for Cupar and Howe of Fife, due to a desire to contribute positively to our local communities. I understand the importance of working in partnership with you and our partners to provide the best possible service. I'm extremely passionate about policing and hope to identify opportunities for meaningful engagement and ways to continuously improve our service delivery.

I look forward to working with you.

Nicola Gillespie

Community Sergeant

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](mailto: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.

### **KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE**

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