



May 2025 Howe of Fife & Taycoast Community Council Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome to May's Howe of Fife Community Council Newsletter from your local officers, PC Mark Lowe, PC Kirstie Haddow and Sergeant Nicola Gillespie.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH INITIATIVE



Community Speed Watch is a voluntary scheme driven by members of the community and is supported by Police Scotland (Fife Division). Essentially, it is a high visibility deterrent which strives to encourage motorists to reduce their speed, thus improving the safety and quality of lives of the local community.

The scheme runs during the summer months, so work is underway to have this up and running again from April 2025.



We currently have 10 volunteers and are actively seeking more to join our initiative in keeping our roads a safer place. We have a further 2 people who have expressed an interest.

Community Engagement

Fife show is a traditional agricultural event held in Cupar which is well attended and a great family day out.

Officers attended this year's show providing crime prevention advice and promoting Take the Lead campaign.





Officers are reminding people enjoying the countryside to be considerate of wildlife and ground nesting birds, as allowing your dog to disturb, injure or kill wild birds or mammals, could be a wildlife crime offence.

Fife's Wildlife Crime Liaison Officer, Ben Pacholek, said: "Most of the visitors to Fife's countryside are mindful towards the resident wildlife, I'd ask that everyone keep a respectful distance from any wildlife and areas where birds might be nesting.

"Scotland's outdoor access code requires "Responsible Access", if you are walking your dog in an area where it is likely to encounter wildlife and ground nesting birds, please keep your dog under close control and ideally on a lead."

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK – POLICE SCOTLAND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (PSYV)



Volunteer week takes place from 2nd June until 8th June. PSYV promotes a practical way for young people to understand policing by supporting the Police in their local area through volunteering. As part of this, young people are given a chance for their voice to be heard and encouraged to promote good citizenship. We would like to thank and celebrate PSYV Levenmouth who volunteer in our local community at community events, and also help with policing priorities including leaflet drops around scams and home safety amongst others. PSYV Levenmouth also volunteer their time at major golfing events in St Andrews where they carry out the roles of marshalling and greeting visitors to the area. Thank you for all your time and efforts in the North East Fife area.

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How to contact the Police to Report Crime

Always dial 999 in an emergency

By phone – 101 for non-emergencies 0300 426 0101 if calling from out with the UK. Network charges may apply.

Online – for issues of a non-serious nature using web address:

www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us

In person at your local enquiry office.

Text Relay - 18001101 for deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or speech-impaired callers

In writing – to PO BOX 2460, Dalmarnock, Glasgow, G40 9BA

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

We are always keen to engage with members of the Community Council and elected members and would welcome you and the public to get in touch with us regarding any issues they wish to raise. Please contact us on our team email address.

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.

Calls Received (To end of May 2025)

Since 1st May 2025, Police have received 307 calls in the Howe of Fife and Taycoast area resulting in 31 crimes being recorded. This breaks down as follows:

Auchtermuchty

24 calls to the police which resulted in

2 recorded crimes

Calls consisted of Road Traffic matters, disorder, concern for persons and assist members of public.

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Strathmiglo

26 calls to the police which resulted in

2 recorded crimes

Calls consisted of road traffic matters, disorder, dishonesty, concern for persons and assist members of public.

Gateside

6 calls to the police which resulted in

0 recorded crime

Calls consisted of Road Traffic Matters, concern for persons and assisting members of public.

Ladybank

64 calls to the police which resulted in

6 recorded crimes

Calls consisted of road traffic matters, anti-social behaviour, dishonesty, disorders, concern for persons and assisting members of public.

There is a noticeable increase in calls to the area, these pertain to 3 addresses which are of no concern to the wider community.

Giffordtown (Giffordtown, Edentown, Charlottetown, Kinloch)

5 call to the police which resulted in

0 recorded crimes

Call consisted of road traffic matters.

Dunshalt

1 call to the police

0 recorded crimes

Call consisted of assisting members of the public.

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Falkland & Newton of Falkland

16 calls to the police which resulted in

2 recorded crimes

Calls consisted of road traffic matters, dishonesty and assist members of the public

Freuchie

22 calls to the police which resulted in

3 recorded crimes

Calls consisted of Road Traffic Matters, dishonesty, disorder and assist members of public.

There is a slight increase to calls/crimes last month which relate to Road Traffic Matters.

Kettle (Kettlebridge, Kingskettle)

20 calls to the police which resulted in

1 recorded crime

Calls consisted of assist members of the public, road traffic matters and dishonesty.

Newburgh

80 calls to the police which resulted in

11 recorded crimes

Calls consisted of were road traffic matters, concern for persons and assist members of the public, dishonesty, disorder.

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

15 calls to the police which resulted in

3 recorded crimes

Calls consisted of road traffic matters, assist member of public and wildlife crime

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Creich & Flisk (Creich, Brunton, Luthrie)

7 calls to the police which resulted in

1 recorded crime

Calls consisted of Road Traffic Matter, concern for persons and a vandalism.

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

6 calls to the police which resulted in

0 recorded crime

Calls consisted of road traffic matters and assist member of public.

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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