

**COMMUNITY POLICE FILE- KIRRIEMUIR WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CRIMES OF NOTE (28/02/2013- 29/05/2013)**

CR/15936/13 - HBWI - Fornethy House , Kilry - 11/05/2013 - 19/05/2013

CR/14530/13 - Theft - Meikle Kenny Farm - 1/10/2012 - 07/05/2013

CR/13617/13 - HBWI - Fornethy House , Kilry - 28/04/2013

LOCAL ISSUES

Farm Machinery Thefts - Rural areas

COMMUNITY SAFETY

IT'S A SCAM!

If you receive an unexpected letter or telephone call:

1. Saying you have won a prize and asking you for money up front or your bank details, don't give them. IT'S A SCAM! Examples include claims that you have won a substantial amount of money on a foreign lottery
2. Making an offer that seems to be too good to be true - examples include asking you to buy shares or land, or asking you to receive money from a foreign bank to forward on to someone else. Don't do it - It's A SCAM!
3. Asking for money from a "friend" abroad that you have never met - recent examples include people being duped into paying money to someone that they met on a dating website. Again, IT'S A SCAM!

Always remember, if something seems to be too good to be true, it usually is!

OPERATION DRY UP

Increased hours of daylight combined with the increasing temperatures can result in an increase of youth causing annoyance complaints in general. Along with this, comes the increase in underage drinking complaints. Parents and guardians have a responsibility for the youths in their care, and as such are asked to ensure that they know where their children are, who they are with and what they are doing. Alcohol causes untold damage to the health of youths, as well as contributing to antisocial behaviour and criminal activity. Many parents are of the opinion that by them supplying their children with alcohol that they are controlling the quantities consumed, however this is quite often not the case. Youths can, and do, leave the residential property, consume more alcohol and commit antisocial behaviour and crime. Furthermore, being under the influence of alcohol can increase a person's chances of being a victim of crime. Please report any suspected sources of alcohol to POLICE SCOTLAND on 101 or to CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

GARDEN EQUIPMENT THEFTS

This is the peak season for reports of theft of garden equipment. Don't make things easy for criminals - please secure equipment and keep valuables out of sight where possible. Members of the public are reminded to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to Police Scotland on 101.

DRUGS

Police Scotland would like to remind local residents that they can report any type of drug dealing within their community to any police officer in confidence. They can also telephone and leave information anonymously to Police Scotland on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Any information received will be treated in strict confidence and will be acted upon.

Please be vigilant in relation to discarded drugs paraphernalia and if any is found please report this to Angus Council AccessLine on 08452 777778 (during office hours) or Police Scotland on 101.

LOCAL CRIME ISSUES

RURAL CRIME

Rural crime continues to be an issue in the Angus area, with the theft of copper piping, a trailer, traffic light batteries, diesel and heating fuel all being reported over recent weeks. Rural dwellers and workers are reminded to remain vigilant and secure property at all times when not in use. Report any suspicious activity to Police Scotland on 101.

VANDALISM

Despite a downward trend over the previous few years, Vandalism does remain an issue in Angus. Vandalism is a crime which affects people's quality of life and costs communities millions to repair. It is easy to dismiss vandalism as a minor offence, but it does have a big impact on local communities (higher insurance premiums, facilities being out of use, may increase the fear of crime). If you are the victim of vandalism, please report it to Police Scotland on 101. If you see someone in the act or if you have any information which may lead to identifying persons responsible for vandalism, please report this to Police too

ROAD POLICING

MOTORCYCLES

Police Scotland would like to remind motorcyclists to take care when out on the roads or they could risk losing their lives. The road network in Angus, and indeed Tayside, is attractive to motorcyclists. The number of recreational motorcyclists has shown a marked increase nationally. The main period of motorcycle activity is between April and September; however better machines and equipment means that many of the riders now use their motorbikes for most of the year.

DRINK DRIVING

Driving while under the influence of alcohol continues to be a problematic issue both locally and nationally. Drivers who get behind the wheel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs present not only a danger to themselves, but also to other road users and pedestrians.

Please report any suspected drink or drug drivers to POLICE SCOTLAND on 101 or CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

ALAN BELL YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY OFFICER IS HAPPY TO BE CONTACTED TO DISCUSS MATTERS CONCERNING YOU.

HE CAN BE CONTACTED ON 01575576625 OR FOLLOW ME ON TWITTER @RURALPC OR KIRRIEMUIRPC TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LOCAL AREA.