

## **Tayside Division**

Angus LPA

LPA Commander - Chief Inspector Wayne Morrison

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT	
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To be sent to the following Community Council email addresses on the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month outlining the previous month's activity.

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#### **PART A**

#### NATIONAL AND LOCAL CAMPAIGNS AND MESSAGES



#### Check out our web page:

http://www.scotland.police.uk/

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## **Your Police 2020-2021 Survey**

https://consult.scotland.police.uk/surveys/your-police-2020-2021/

We recognise the importance of understanding the views and priorities of Scotland's diverse communities. This is especially important during the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This survey is a platform for you to give us your views and opinions during these challenging times, and beyond.

The survey will take no longer than 10 minutes to complete, we appreciate your time and would encourage as many of you as possible to complete and share this survey in our Community.

### Take Five to Stop Fraud



Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police. They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment. Stop and think. It could protect you and your money.

#### **Stop**

Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

#### Challenge

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Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

#### **Protect**

Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Police Scotland.

To help everyone stay safe from fraud we have some helpful advice for both individuals and businesses:

- Personal
- Business

#### **Coronavirus**

Some criminals are using the pandemic as an opportunity to trick people into parting with their money or information.

In some cases people are urged to "take advantage of the financial downturn", using emails and social media platforms to advertise fake investment opportunities in cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin. Others include criminals offering their assistance with Universal Credit applications, while taking some of the payment as a fee for their "services".

It's important to remember that criminals are experts at impersonation, using official branding and language used by trusted organisations and government departments to convince you their emails are genuine. These may include offering you or your business a government grant or a reduction in your council tax with links contained leading to fake websites designed to obtain your personal and financial information

Remember to Take Five to Stop Fraud.

#### Recent crimes/issues in the area:

The Neighbourhood Watch alert system is up and running, with alerts being placed on a regular basis. The more people who get involved and sign up the better, <a href="https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk">www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk</a>

Assessment period 21/12/2020 - 20/01/2021

Forfar

1 arrested for drink driving

5 reports of vandalism

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- 3 reported thefts
- 4 reported shopliftings
- 2 person reported for driving without a license or insurance.
- 2 youths have been charged with a fire at the old Bingo hall

#### Kirriemuir

- 2 reported thefts from motor vehicles
- 2 reported shopliftings
- 3 other reported thefts which relate to making off from Autosales without paying for fuel

#### Rural

- 1 report of persons on premises with intent to steal in Glenisla
- 1 theft by Theft by Housebreaking in Lintrathan
- 1 theft by Housbreaking in Glamis
- 1 premises with intent to steal in Kingoldrum

A number of Fixed penalty notices have been issued in Kirriemuir and Forfar and surrounding area in relation to breaches of covid legislation.

#### LANDWARD/ RURAL WATCH

Overall Acquisitive Crime in Angus has reduced in comparison to the previous year, with a significant reduction in both commercial and domestic housebreaking. Angus is often targeted by individuals from out with the area, who will look to commit crime in isolated and rural areas, where there is a reduced likelihood of being disturbed or detected for the crime.

For this reason, greater emphasis is now being placed on a more collaborative approach by all Police Scotland Divisions in targeting those travelling to our rural areas to commit crimes.

A rural crime officer now carries out a daily review nationally, for the latest crimes and ensures all officers throughout Scotland are aware of their counterpart latest crime trends.

This was particularly useful recently when Angus farmers were targeted for their tractor's GPS systems. In Angus alone, over £300,000 of systems were stolen. The investigation was undertaken by officers from Angus, supported by colleagues in A Division (Aberdeen) and P Division (Fife). The person responsible was traced in Fife and charged with multiple thefts throughout Scotland. A significant amount of property was recovered from him during the execution of a search warrant at his home address. The officers could not have achieved this without this collective approach.

Police Scotland are an active member of SPARC (Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime), which is a useful forum for us to reach our communities during crime sprees such as that mentioned above.

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Alerts are being placed on the Rural Watch platform which is now up and running in the local area.
We are reminding our rural communities to be vigilant and report all suspicious activity. Please also remember to secure buildings and consider improving security. We would also encourage you to sign up to the new Angus Rural Watch scheme at <a href="https://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk">www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk</a>
Emerging issues:

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all 101 for non-emergencies and general enquiries, in an emergency call 999. If you have formation about a crime you can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

# PART B Feedback from Community Council (Issues raised worthy of police interest for feedback) Issue of police interest raised Raised by 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM – to Local Community Policing Team