



POLICE SCOTLAND

Keeping people safe

Tayside Division

Angus LPA

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LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT

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To be sent to the following Community Council email addresses on the 21st of each month outlining the previous month's activity.

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Glamis CC – ewmunro21@yahoo.com

Inverarity CC – shortfamily4@hotmail.com

Kirriemuir CC – kirriemuircommunity@gmail.com and MAJHen100@aol.com

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PART A**NATIONAL AND LOCAL CAMPAIGNS AND MESSAGES**

Reduce the risk of a ransomware cyber attack



During October, Police Scotland's Cybercrime Prevention Team is raising awareness of Ransomware attacks as part of European Cyber Security Month.

Ransomware is malicious software designed to block access to a computer system until a sum of money is paid. It is increasingly used by cyber criminals to exploit money from individuals and businesses.

James Archbold of the Cybercrime Prevention Team explains: "Criminals will use various means to deceive members of the public or businesses into downloading software to disable their computer system. The user is then instructed to pay a ransom to have their computer unlocked.

"My first advice is not to pay the ransom. There is no guarantee that you will get access to your data or device and your device will still be infected.

"Additionally, if you receive a phone call offering help to clean up your computer, hang up immediately. This is a common tactic used by cyber criminals.

"In some instances, devices can be unlocked by utilising a free, Police and industry backed Europol initiative, No More Ransom, www.nomoreransom.org.

"Otherwise it is best to run a full scan using your antivirus software and follow any instructions it provides, alternatively you will have to undertake a factory reset of your device. "To reduce the likelihood of becoming victim to this sort of crime make regular backups of important information on your computer. Keep your operating system and software (apps) up to date. Don't put off applying updates, they contain patches that keep your device secure, including protection from ransomware

and viruses.

“Make sure your antivirus product is turned on and up to date. Windows has a built in malware protection tool (Microsoft Defender) which is suitable for this purpose. Avoid downloading unofficial apps.

“For further information about protecting yourself from Ransomware attacks see our cyber security section of our Police Scotland Website.

The following resources also have valuable information.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/protecting-your-organisation-ransomware>

<https://www.nomoreransom.org/en/prevention-advice.html>

“If you think you may have been subject to a ransomware attack to contact Police Scotland on 101”

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,
www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

FORFAR

A total of 133 crimes recorded for Forfar/ Kirriemuir area during the past month.

There have been a number of crimes detected in Forfar this month 4 detected vandalism, one theft by house breaking, an arrest for possession of an offensive weapon, 2 arrests for drink-driving and 7 drivers reported for licence or insurance offences. A number of garages were broken into and property damaged on Craig o Loch Road and a gas canister was set on fire, these have been detected and individuals are to be charged and reported to the PF. One shoplifting has been detected and another 3 remain under enquiry with positive lines of enquiry.

The following crimes are under enquiry and police welcome any additional information regarding the following incidents,

A motorcycle was damaged by pushing it over on East High Street, 19/10

A window was damaged at Acricar, Lochside Road, 16/10

An electric car charging point in Green's car park was vandalised, 9/10

A wall in Osnaberg Street had graffiti sprayed on it, 2/10 – 3/10

A Kia Picanto's roof was damaged while parked in Restenneth Place, 16/10 – 20/10

A Padlock on a gate to Inverarity PS was glued shut, 17/10 – 19/10

A Honda Civic and VW Polo had their paintwork scratched while parked in Newmonthill, 12/10 – 13/10

A window of Saddlers in North Street was smashed, 12/10

Theft by Housebreaking, Dundee Loan, 13/10

Theft by Housebreaking to a lockup, Queenswell Road, 9/10 – 10/10
Theft by Housebreaking Liddle and Caulder, 29/9 – 30/9
Theft from insecure vehicle, Roberts Street, 27/9
Break in to vehicle, Ivy Road, 2/10 – 3/10

Over recent weeks there has been an increase in call to the area around the former Lochside Leisure Centre. These have mainly been the result of the behaviour of youths in the area. Additional patrols are being undertaken of this area and prevention measures are being put in place to tackle antisocial behaviour of youths particularly during bonfire week.

KIRRIEMUIR

On 11th October 2019 a window at McLarens Bakers was damaged, unfortunately this incident was not captured on CCTV.

On 27th September 2019 There was a theft of power tools and garden equipment from an address in Quarry Park. Under enquiry

On 16th October a car wash at Maryton garage was broken into, this remains under enquiry.

Between 16th and 19th October 2019 Entry was gained to St Andrews Church, nothing appears to be missing. Under enquiry.

LANDWARD/ RURAL WATCH

On 27th September 2019 a battery was stolen from JCB in Auchterhouse - under enquiry

On 24th September 2019 a shed was broken into and items stolen at Birkhill

On 10th October 2019 a property at Hatton Farm Cottages, Newtyle was vandalised. No suspects identified.

Increased patrols are continuing in rural areas and residents are advised to ensure that their premises are secure and are asked to report anything suspicious to police, at the time on **101**.

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 www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk

Local Events: Safe Drive Stay Alive 5th and 6th November 2019.

This hard hitting event will be held again in the Reid Hall Forfar. Community police Officers will be attending to support senior pupils attending this valuable event which raises awareness of Road Safety issues and the impact of fatal road accidents.

Forfar Academy 7th November 2019 – Careers Fair

Local Police will be attending a Careers evening at Forfar Academy with information on joining Police Scotland as a career or as a Special Constable.

Sunday 10th November 2019

Remembrance Sunday Parades.

Local Initiatives:**Doorstep crime initiative 2nd October 2019**

Financial harm, shut out scammers operation October 2019

After Dark

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers will again be visiting the area distributing leaflets identifying property vulnerable to thefts.

Counter Terrorism and Serious Organised Crime

Police Scotland, through our Counter Terrorism Security Advisors and in liaison with the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO), has been busy working within the Crowded Places sector in order to keep people safe.

Be Reassured

The threat from International Terrorism to the United Kingdom is at SEVERE.

Be Alert, Not Alarmed

Police have exercised plans to respond to multi seated firearms attacks and may increase their presence in some areas. Don't become fearful or withdraw from the streets. Businesses and priority Crowded Places have been working with police (NaCTSO and the CTSA network) to protect sites and staff from a variety of terrorist attacks. This includes music, sport and entertainment venues, restaurants, hotels and shops.

Statements from Police Scotland are posted on the Police Scotland website, [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Police Scotland will continue to work with all of our partners in order to Keep People Safe.

Be Vigilant and Report Suspicious Behaviour

Police act on information from the public who report suspicious people or behaviour. I would encourage everyone to remain alert and vigilant and, "If you suspect it, report it" by contacting Police Scotland directly by calling 101. In an emergency dial 999 or report it through the [anti-terrorist hotline](#) on 0800 789 321.

Vigilant behaviour by staff and the public can disrupt attack planning. Businesses can run [Vigilance Campaigns](#) and their staff can attend Project Griffin events.

The following videos released by Counter Terrorism Police UK, show the best plans of action when encountering suspicious behaviour and items.

Plan Now What You Will Do to STAY SAFE

'Stay Safe' principles (Run Hide Tell) give some simple actions to consider at an incident and the information that armed officers may need in the event of a weapons or firearms attack. Full guidance is contained on the [NaCTSO website](#).

More information about the 'Stay Safe' principles can be found at the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-safe-film>

Conduct a health check on your premises. [Crowded Place booklets](#) contain clear self-help guidance and check-lists.

- Review your building response plan to consider your response now and if the UK threat rises.

- Test and exercise with partners (around the table) to check your preparation for terrorism and wider business continuity (e.g. flooding/flu).

Suspicious Airport Behaviour – Project Pegasus

Be vigilant around airports and airfields- notify Police Scotland of anything suspicious or which you have concerns about.

Suspicious Maritime Behaviour – Project Kraken

Project Kraken delivers an enhanced crime and counter terrorist ‘vigilance’ capability within the maritime environment of Scotland.

Serious Organised Crime

Serious Organised Crime a wide range of activities and individuals involved in areas such as drug trafficking, counterfeiting, money laundering, organised immigration crime and fraud.

Find out more about how to spot and report suspicious behaviour to help us Keep People Safe from terrorism and Serious Organised Crime on the Police Scotland website at <http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/280693/>



**COUNTER
TERRORISM
POLICING**

If you see or hear something that could be terrorist related, ACT on your instincts and report it to the police, in confidence, at gov.uk/ACT.

Police Scotland is backing a UK-wide campaign to encourage the public to report suspicious behaviour and activity in a bid to prevent terrorism and save lives.

The call to action is part of the second phase of the ACT – Action Counters Terrorism – initiative, led by Counter Terrorism Policing, a collaboration of UK police forces working alongside intelligence agencies.

Research carried out by CT Policing suggests that three-quarters (75 per cent) of people who live in Scotland are concerned about terrorism. Two thirds (66 per cent) of people in the UK say they have become more concerned over the past year.

But while 82 per cent said they would report suspicious behaviour to police, many are unclear exactly what they should be looking for.

The campaign features a 60-second film based on real-life foiled plots. It shows examples of terrorist-related suspicious activity and behaviour, as well as attack planning methodology.

Some examples of suspicious activity or behaviour could potentially include:

- Hiring large vehicles for no obvious reason
- Buying or storing a large amount of chemicals, fertilisers or gas cylinders for no obvious reasons
- Taking notes or photos of security arrangements or inspecting CCTV cameras in an unusual way
- Looking at extremist material, or sharing and creating content that promotes or glorifies terrorism.
- Anyone who goes away travelling for long periods of time but is vague about where
- Someone carrying out suspicious or unusual bank transactions

Assistant Chief Constable Steve Johnson said: “We work tirelessly with security partners to identify and thwart the terrorist threat.

“But the public can also play a crucial role in helping to keep communities safe and we would encourage anyone with suspicions to report their concerns.

“We want to provide people with all the necessary information they need to help them identify suspicious activity and, more importantly, keep themselves safe and secure.

“Any piece of information could be vital in helping the police prevent terrorism and save lives. That cooperation between police and the public is Scotland’s greatest defence against the terrorist threat.”

Justice Secretary Michael Matheson said: “Public vigilance is key to help Police Scotland keep our communities safe from terror threats. I very much welcome this campaign which highlights a number of ways in which members of the public can spot suspicious activity and how to make the authorities aware.

“I would urge the public to note the kinds of activity to be on the lookout for. Anyone who feels they may have witnessed and anyone who feels they have witnessed suspicious behaviour should report it immediately.”

Anyone who wishes to report suspicious behaviour or activity can do so by calling Police Scotland on 101 or 999 in an emergency, or via the online tool at gov.uk/ACT.

Contact Details

Call 101 for non-emergencies and general enquiries, in an emergency call 999. If you have information 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)		
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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM – to Local Community Policing Team