

Community Police File

Crimes of Note (29/05/14 – 18/08/2014)

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Break in to Garage 2 Backhill Farm Cottage, Airlie;

Rural Crime

Rural crime continues to be an issue in the Angus area, with the thefts from secluded properties still occurring. Please be aware of any strange vehicles and note registration numbers/number of occupants/ type of vehicle. If needed this can then be passed on to Police Scotland. Report any suspicious activity to Police Scotland on 101.

Fraudulent Activities

Police Scotland would like to remind members of the public to remain vigilant against fraudulent activities, in particular advanced fee fraud.

'Advance fee fraud' is when a person is asked to provide payment in advance of promised wealth, gifts, prizes or employment. Contact can come by email, phone, fax or post. Fraudsters typically target individuals claiming to be from the Ministry of Justice, the government, Office of Fair Trading or a loan company.

Examples of this type of fraudulent activity are;

- A financial company providing a loan requiring an administration fee
- The recipient has won a sum of money in a lottery
- An insurance policy has been discovered in the recipients name
- Time share refunds
- Payment protection insurance refunds
- Bank charges refunds

To receive the financial reward, the victim is required to pay an admin fee via money transfer service such as Western Union or Moneygram, or purchase Ukash vouchers then pass the code to the fraudster.

Never let a fraudster educate you on how a money transfer service works, only take advice from the money transfer company. Never ignore the warnings or make false statements on money transfer documents. The information is there to protect you. Do not pay for items bought on line using a money transfer service. Providers of money transfer services are not responsible for the satisfactory receipt of goods or services paid for by this means. Never share details of a money transfer with a third party to prove the availability of funds. Doing so may enable the money transfer to be paid to that third party. This is known as a 'Proof of Funds' fraud.

Remember if it sounds too good to be true it probably is!

Anyone with information is urged to contact **Police Scotland** on **101**, or to **Crimestoppers** anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

Garden Equipment Thefts

As we enter the spring/summer months, residents are reminded not to make things easy for opportunist criminals. Please secure all gardening 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.

Theft of Quad and Motor bikes

The slowly improving weather conditions and increased daylight hours means that many people bring out their motor and quad bikes for the season. Residents are reminded to secure such possessions out of sight where possible.

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Wildlife Crime

There continues to be calls reporting people deer poaching and hare coursing.

Poachers often have little regard for wildlife and the farmers whose lives they affect. It is rare that animals are killed merely for food; more often than not it is the case that such animals are taken for the pleasure of those involved. Poachers are very often involved in other criminal activity.

Hare Courses are often involved with others who are interested in theft. They will be very aware of vulnerable properties as they go about their illegal activities.

If you suspect people of committing these offences, please contact police immediately. If possible, try to note a description of the people involved, and the registration mark of any vehicles. If you notice that the persons involved have firearms, please convey this information to the police when the incident is reported. Please report any Wildlife Crime incidents or incidents of suspected hare coursing/poaching to **Police Scotland** on **101** or to **Crimestoppers** anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

Road Policing

ASB on Angus Roads

Police Scotland and its partners continue to receive complaints regarding people driving in an antisocial manner, or perhaps having noisy vehicles. Please help us to combat this, by reporting to **Police Scotland** on **101**.

Gail Beattie your local Community Landward Officer is happy to be contacted to discuss matters concerning you.

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