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Contact Information

Welcome to the Ward 20 monthly report from your local officers PC 180 Chris Steckla and PC 333 Robert Wallace.

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 – EastNeukLandwardCPT@scotland.pnn.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.

Local Initiatives

Throughout the course of the last 2 years officers have carried out 120-140 speed sites, issued over 200 warnings issued, 40 FPN's issued and 10 drivers reported to the PF.

In respect of the most recent changes to Covid-19 Guidelines officers would like to remind everyone to be as safe as possible in the current climate and we aim to do what we can to support the local communities.

If there is any local initiatives you feel may benefit from some form of input from Police please let us know.

Community Speedwatch

The Speedwatch initiative has been on hold due to Covid-19 however officers can confirm that all the volunteers that started the process have been vetted and are now able to work alongside Police Scotland for the next three years.

Given the current restrictions the final stage of training has not been carried out however with the change from BST to GMT in the coming weeks CSW will not be able to go ahead until Spring 2021.

We will continue to monitor the Governments guidelines and as soon as training can be carried out in a safe and effective manner this will be done so.

Targeted Operations

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Take 5 Campaign

The above is a targeted operation which aims to make the community aware of what actions to take when it comes to potential fraudulent phone calls, internet banking, online 'Cryptocurrency' gathering like that of Bitcoin or even in person attendance/bogus workmen.

Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organizations 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.

Where possible please provide your communities with the following link <https://www.scotland.police.uk/takefive> which takes you directly to the website for further information.

Substance Misuse

PC Steckla recently led a targeted operation executing a Drugs Search Warrant in the St. Andrews area resulting in offenders being reported for Possession of Class A and Class B Drugs and potentially being Concerned in the Supply of Controlled Substances.

This was an extensive operation over the course of two weeks of intelligence gathering with other Community Colleagues and thereafter pulling together a briefing involving 12 other officers, Method of Entry Team and a Drugs Dog.

During March PC Steckla also led another execution of a Drugs Warrant in the Anstruther area resulting in a person being reported for the Production of Controlled Drugs and Possession.

As you could imagine with the current restrictions officers were required to wear full PPE including Face Masks, Gloves and other essential PPE for protection from potential Covid-19 transmission.

Off-Road Bikes

Investigations continue in respect of the issues along the coast surrounding these bikes, further incidents have been reported of sightings including that of what can only be described as a "Dune Buggy".

There is consideration being given to a potential Local Day of Action targeting these particular sites.

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Corona Virus Legislation and Guidance

The Scottish Government has now started to ease restrictions in certain aspects and full information can be found on their website.

We appreciate reports in respect of Covid-19 breaches are still coming in and that there may be frustration surrounding not being provided with much information around the outcome of any investigations.

All we can say is that any breach of Covid-19 that is reported is investigated thoroughly and the relevant, proportionate and necessary action is taken in line with Police Scotland's Engage, Explain, Encourage and Enforce Police.

Darker Nights – Cyclists and Runners

The darker nights are slowly coming to an end however the below information is provided still as guidance.

There are a host of issues that can arise with the darker nights.

We urge cyclists / runners to wear reflective clothing and for cyclists to ensure they have working lights on their bicycles so they can be seen by other road users and pedestrians.

Community officers have, in the past few weeks stopped several cyclists who have been cycling in the dark without lights, or who did have them fitted, but forgot to switch them on!

Darker Nights – Drivers

Data from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) indicates each year, when the clocks go back, there's a rise in the number of vulnerable road users killed or seriously injured.

To help drivers and others to stay safe, many associations, including RAC and AA have a host of online guides with advice on driving in the dark.

- [Use your lights appropriately](#)
- [Don't stare at oncoming vehicles](#)
- [Keep windows clean](#)
- [Watch out for children, cyclists and animals](#)

Calls Received (up to end of 31/03/2021)

A reminder to adhere to the Covid-19 Guidelines in order to stay safe and to report any potential breaches of Covid-19 so these can be investigated by Police at the earliest opportunity.

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In total 1152 calls have been received in the North East Fife Area. This breaks down in the East Neuk with 180 calls in total as follows:

Area 20A As a whole received 65 Calls.

Crail

Officers are well aware of recent issues with youths attending and gaining entry to the Crail Community Hall. The hall has been added to a local Community Patrol Matrix for passing attention.

Officers have also been made aware of issues with fencing in the Roome Bay area and issues with broken glass being found within the grounds of the Primary School Park.

These areas will also be added to the Patrol Matrix for passing attention.

23 Calls to the police, consisting of various nature, Concern for persons, assist members of the public, medical matters and various other calls.

1 crime recorded in this period.

Dunino & Boarhills

PC's Stecka and Wallace were made aware of a vehicle that had caused damage to the Fife Coastal Path just off Boarhills, along with response officers we responded to a call of numerous persons had returned to recover said vehicle.

Multiple offences were detected ranging from driving offences to Covid-19 Regulation breaches and numerous persons reported to the PF.

7 calls to the police.

0 crimes recorded in this period.

Kingsbarns

Issues with speeding motorist's using Back Stile down towards the beach have been raised to officers and will be closely monitored in the coming weeks/months via the use of Speed Sites.

13 calls to the police, consisting of various Road Traffic related calls, assist members of the public and a concern for person.

1 crime recorded in this period.

Largoward

A reminder for any local issues please either contact 101 or use the email address provided in this newsletter to get information to your local Community Officers.

6 calls to the police, consisting of a 999 call with good intent, an intruder alarm and assist member of the public.

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1 crime recorded in this period.

Radernie

1 call to Police in this period.
0 crimes recorded.

Kilrenny

Speed site enforcement will continue to be carried out when appropriate as this is a high footfall area for speeding vehicles.

Calls to Kilrenny have been totalled within the Anstruther area however there had been 8 calls to Police of very minor nature.
1 crime recorded in this period.

Peat Inn

3 call to the police in this period.
0 crimes recorded.

Carnbee

1 calls to police in this period.
0 crimes recorded.

Area 20B As a whole received 57 Calls.

Abercrombie

0 calls to the police.
0 crime was recorded in this period.

Colinsburgh

Officers continue to adapt a proactive approach to investigating any potential substance misuse intelligence provided. Members of the public are encouraged to contact 101 or even Crime stoppers to report any substance related intelligence and can be fully anonymous.

12 calls to the police, consisting various types including 999 calls, road traffic matter, alarms and police information.
3 crimes was recorded in this period.

Elie/Earlsferry

8 calls to the police, consisting of various types including 999 calls, intruder alarms, missing persons, found property and road traffic collisions.
1 crime recorded in this period.

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2 calls to the police in this period.
0 crime recorded in this period.

St Monans

35 calls to the police, consisting of various types including noise complaints, road traffic matters, intruder alarms and 999 calls.
3 crimes recorded in this period.

Area 20C As a whole received 58 Calls.

Anstruther

PC Stecka led the execution of a Drugs Search Warrant at a property in St. Andrews resulting in a person being charged and reported to the fiscal for Produce and Possess a Controlled Drug.

22 calls to the police, consisting of various types including bail address checks, assist members of the public, concern for persons, 999 calls and road traffic matters.
Within these calls 7 crimes were recorded.

Cellardyke

15 calls to the police, consisting of various types including road traffic matter, concern for persons and assist members of the public. These calls are accounted for in the Anstruther figure.
Within these 1 crime was recorded

Pittenweem

Officers are aware of concerns with speeding motorists from the A917 at its junction with the B942 outside Pittenweem, the road for the Waterless Bridge. We are reviewing the area for suitability of speed site placement however at this moment in time it has been risk assessed as not suitable for Police Officers to use the UNIPAR Speed Detection device on the roads.

There are many factors that contribute to this risk assessment and it may change in due course, we appreciate the concerns raised in respect of accidents at this area in recent months but as a Police Service we need to ensure the safety of both officers carrying out the speed site and the public using the road.

If officers cannot suitably stop vehicles in the time frame from detection then there is an inherent risk to that driver, the Police Officers and any other person using the road should the vehicle requiring to be stopped take any sudden and abrupt action.

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Should Fife Council be able to carry out a Speed Survey using the appropriate equipment being placed on the road for a period of time, Police will review the data from this and formulate an appropriate plan.

21 calls to the police, consisting of various types including assist members of the public, road traffic matters, fire, 999 calls and others.
Within these 1 crime was recorded.

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