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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 20 months 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's Stecka and Wallace are conducting various enquiries into the Misuse of Drugs in the East Neuk.

This currently involves liaising with numerous partner agencies as well as enlisting the support of colleagues from St. Andrews, Tay Bridgehead and Cupar.

Enquiries are at an early stage at this moment but if the public have any concerns or wish to make officers aware of anything going on in their area please let them know they can contact 101 for information purposes only, email the community inbox or even contact Crimestoppers.

Off-Road Bikes

There have been reports of off-road bikes traveling along the Fife Coastal Path between St. Monans and Elie including various other locations across the routes.

We are aware of these incidents and in particular a recent one whereby 3 persons were stopped/identified for doing so.

A number of other people have also been visited in respect of this behaviour as it is classed as ASB and is now putting potential walkers at risk of harm.

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

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There has also been a much more recent report/sighting of a quad and bikes, PC Stecka is making enquiries into this and believes he may have established the owner of the Quad Bike.

Corona Virus Legislation and Guidance

The Scottish Government announced on 19th December that it would significantly tighten Covid restrictions over the festive period and that the country will move to Covid protection Level 4 from 26th December.

Up to date guidance and legislation can be found on the Scottish Government website.

St Andrews Police Station enquiry office will reopen from 4th January 2021 during weekday office hours. Social distancing measures are in place at the station for members of the public who do attend.

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 28/02/2021)

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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.

In total 1028 calls have been received in the North East Fife Area. This breaks down in the East Neuk with 188 calls in total as follows:

Area 20A As a whole received 67 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.

18 Calls to the police, consisting of various nature, Concern for persons, assist members of the public, medical matters and various other calls.
0 crimes recorded in this period.

Dunino & Boarhills

PC's Steckla 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.

20 calls to the police.
1 crime 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.

8 calls to the police, consisting of various Road Traffic related calls, assist members of the public and a concern for person.
0 crimes recorded in this period.

Largoward

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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.

10 calls to the police, consisting of a 999 call with good intent, an intruder alarm and assist member of the public.
0 crimes recorded in this period.

Radernie

4 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.
0 crimes recorded in this period.

Peat Inn

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

Carnbee

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

Area 20B As a whole received 55 Calls.

Abercrombie

1 call 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.

7 calls to the police, consisting various types including 999 calls, road traffic matter, alarms and police information.
1 crime was recorded in this period.

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Elie/Earlsferry

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

Kilconquhar

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

St Monans

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

Area 20C As a whole received 66 Calls.

Anstruther

45 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

8 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 2 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

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using the road should the vehicle requiring to be stopped take any sudden and abrupt action.

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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