



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.

Forfar CC – forfarcc@gmail.com

Glamis CC – j0annamfmark@hotmail.com

Inverarity CC – shortfamily4@hotmail.com

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

Kirriemuir Landward East CC – RMWhite4RS@outlook.com

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Lunanhead and District – hammactav@hotmail.com

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PART A

NATIONAL AND LOCAL CAMPAIGNS AND MESSAGES



PERSONAL ADVICE

STOP
CHALLENGE
PROTECT



ROMANCE FRAUD

What is it?

You're convinced to make a payment to a person you've met either through social media or on a dating website. Fake profiles are used by criminals in an attempt to build a relationship with you – this is often known as catfishing. Criminals use information found on social media to create fake identities to target you with a scam, looking for profiles that say you're 'widowed' or 'divorced'.

How to spot a romance fraud

1. You've met someone online and they declare strong feelings for you after a few conversations
2. They suggest moving the conversation away from the dating website or social media to a more private channel such as email, phone or instant messaging
3. Their profile on the internet dating website or their Facebook page isn't consistent with what they tell you
4. There are spelling and grammar mistakes, inconsistencies in their stories and they make claims such as their camera isn't working
5. They refuse to Skype, or video call/meet you in person
6. Photos generally tend to be stolen from other people

Example of a romance fraud

Emma signed up to an online dating website where she met an aid worker on duty in Iraq called 'John'. Soon after befriending Emma, John told her that he'd lost his wife and brother to cancer, a story which was very similar to her own. They spoke nearly every day and planned to meet in the UK.

One day Emma received an email from John telling her that he'd been involved in an accident and that he needed an urgent operation. It was life or death. He told her he didn't have the money to pay and asked if she could send him £5,000. Emma agreed and sent the money through a bank transfer.

Soon after Emma had transferred the money, John told her he needed more to cover hospital bills and convinced Emma to send a further £5,000, assuring her that he'd pay her back when he arrived in the UK.

John never contacted her again. His profile disappeared and he stopped replying to any of Emma's messages or phone calls.

If you believe you've fallen for a scam, contact your bank immediately on a number you know to be correct, such as the one listed on your statement, their website or on the back of your debit or credit card and report to the police by calling 101.

For further advice on keeping safe, please visit our website -
<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/identity-theft-fraud-and-scams>.

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

Assessment period 21/05/21 – 21/06/21

If you have any information about any of the crimes mentioned below please contact any Police Officer or member of the CPT.

Forfar

Road Safety

Proactive mobile patrols this month have resulted with drivers in Forfar have been charged with various offences including speeding, no insurance and one arrested for driving under the influence of drugs.

Theft

There has been a slight increase in theft shoplifting with crimes under enquiry at Tesco, B&M and The Factory Shop, all premises have CCTV. With the wearing of face masks identifying individuals is more challenging than it was previously.

An electric bike was stolen from Manor Street are between 4th and 5th of June and between 6th and 7th a pedal cycle was taken from a garden at Galloshade Road. The pedal cycle has been recovered however we are still appealing for witnesses and information for both of these incidents.

Housebreakings

One male has been arrested for being in a building with intent to steal at St James Road. A further theft from a building under construction on Arbroath Road remains under enquiry.

Vandalism

One male has been identified for a vandalism at Victoria Bar and is to be cautioned and charged. Between 18th and 19th June 2021 two shop premises on East High Street had windows damaged, any person with any information, CCTV or dashcam footage is urged to contact any local police officer.

Drugs

Further proactive searches have led to 2 people being charged with possession of drugs offences in Forfar this month.

Frauds

A further 2 high value frauds this month in Forfar where the victims have fallen for a romance scam. One attempted fraud which was an investment scam is also under enquiry.

Kirriemuir

Fireraising

About 2200hrs on 23/05 a vehicle was deliberately set on fire at Tillyloss, we placed a press appeal for a dog walker who was a witness and has now been traced. We are still appealing for any other witnesses or anyone with further information to contact us.

There has been an increase in shoplifting at both Co-ops in Kirriemuir. One male has been arrested for a number of offences which occurred following the shoplifting. Members of the public assisted shop staff and Police which is to be commended, however please be careful and mindful of your own safety before considering tackling anyone seen committing a crime.

Road Safety

2 vehicles seized for no insurance in Kirrie this month.

There have been a number of incidents of youths causing annoyance in Kirriemuir this month, including youths entering sheltered housing complex at Lyall Court. Police have identified these youths, they have all been warned in front of their parents and plans are in place for them to make a direct apology and additional work is ongoing with the children by our Community Policing Team and partner agencies.

Rural

Between 6th and 7th June three farm premises between Letham and Forfar were subjected to outbuildings being broken into and theft from within. These are linked crimes and are currently under investigation by CID.

Road Safety

A driver has been reported for an instance of dangerous driving in Glen Isla and 2 drivers stopped at Padanarm and vehicles seized for no insurance.

Sheep worrying

With the summer months we are continuing to see a number of sheep worrying incidents in Angus. Unfortunately this month the result was a dog being shot in Glenclova and the dog walker will be charged with the offence.

If you are walking your dog in the Countryside, you MUST keep it under proper control, preferably on a lead and you should not be entering any fields containing livestock. The person in charge of the dog at the time is liable to prosecution.

While no farmer wishes to resort to shooting a dog this option is legally available to prevent sheep worrying. This could be avoided if owners ensure they have proper control of their dogs.

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

Emerging issues:

Contact Details

Your Community

Effective policing isn't just about enforcement. It's about working in and with our communities to identify and solve problems. That's why we've restructured our community policing so that it's easier for you to know who we are, what we do and how to get in touch with us.

Please note that the email addresses given for each community ward are general email address for contacting your Community Policing Team, and are monitored by Operational Police Officers amongst their other main duties.

They are not monitored constantly, and it may be some time before your email is actually read by an officer, particularly out with normal office hours.

If you wish to report a crime, ring 101 or in an emergency 999. Never use these email addresses for reporting crime.

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