

## POLICE FILE 23/02/2012 – 31/05/2012

No crimes of note

### RECENT CRIME TRENDS

#### Garden Equipment Thefts

This is the peak season for reports of theft of garden equipment. Don't make things easy for criminals – please secure 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 Tayside Police.

#### Theft of Fuel

There is a continuation of reports of theft of household fuel over the past month. This is no doubt linked to the high cost of fuels. Please remain vigilant, check your tank regularly and report any suspicious activity to Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222.

#### Metal Theft

Due to the increasing prices of scrap metal, the potential exists for an increase in the theft of metal. Recently, reports of theft of metal have been received by Tayside Police. Please ensure that possessions are kept secure, and sheds and garages are locked. Report any thefts to **Tayside Police** on **0300 111 2222**.

#### Rural HBs

Recently, housebreaking to rural properties has been reported in Angus. These are sometimes occurring during daytimes hours, often when people are out at work. Residents are reminded to ensure that their property is secure, with all doors and windows locked. Please remain vigilant, and report any suspicious activity to **Tayside Police** on **0300 111 2222**.

### COMMUNITY SAFETY

#### Rural Services Vans

The two library vans that were run by Angus Council have been replaced by a new service. Staff are able to use the internet on the vehicles at certain points on the route, where they can search library catalogues on line, access other council information or log messages with the ACCESS office on behalf of those using the mobile service.

Tayside Police Community Officers will, where possible, attend at some of the stops in order to improve engagement with rural communities.

#### Operation Dry Up

Increased hours of daylight combined with the increasing temperatures can result in an increase of youth causing annoyance complaints in general. Along with this, comes the increase in underage drinking complaints. Parents and guardians have a responsibility for the youths in their care, and as such are asked to ensure that they know where their children are, who they are with and what they are doing. Alcohol causes untold damage to the health of youths, as well as contributing to antisocial behaviour and criminal activity. Many parents are of the opinion that by them supplying their children with alcohol that they are controlling the quantities consumed, however this is quite often not the case. Youths can, and do, leave the residential property, consume more alcohol and commit antisocial behaviour and crime. Furthermore, being under the influence of alcohol can increase a person's chances of being a victim of crime. Please report any suspected sources of alcohol to **Tayside Police** on **0300 111 2222** or to **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111**.

## **ROAD POLICING ISSUES**

### **Motorcycles**

Tayside Police would like to remind motorcyclists to take care when out on the roads or they could risk losing their lives. The road network in Angus is attractive to motorcyclists. The number of recreational motorcyclists has shown a marked increase nationally. The main period of motorcycle activity is between April and September; however better machines and equipment means that many of the riders now use their motorbikes for most of the year. The majority of motorcycle fatalities occur on a Sunday afternoon / early evening.

### **Drink Driving**

Driving while under the influence of alcohol continues to be a problematic issue both locally and nationally. Drivers who get behind the wheel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs present not only a danger to themselves, but also to other road users and pedestrians. Please report any suspected drink or drug drivers to **Tayside Police** on **0300 111 2222** or **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111**.

### **Uninsured / Unlicensed Driving Campaign**

Between Tuesday (April 3) and Friday (April 6) last week, Tayside Police along with all other Scottish Police Forces took part in a national campaign that provided education and enforcement in respect of uninsured and unlicensed driving. Other offences that impact on road safety, such as speeding, seat belts and mobile phone offences were also targeted

**Alan Bell your local Community Landward Officer is happy to be contacted to discuss matters concerning you . He can be contacted on 01575576625 or [a.bell@tayside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:a.bell@tayside.pnn.police.uk) . If it's a matter that requires urgent attention then please call either 999 or the Non Emergency Number for Tayside Police 0300 111 2222**