

COMMUNITY POLICE FILE

CRIMES OF NOTE (01/01/2014 - 26/02/2014)

No crimes of note

COMMUNITY SAFETY

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 recipient's 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 CRIME STOPPERS anonymously on 0800 555 111.

OPERATION CARPUS

Operation Carpus is Police Scotland Working in conjunction with Trading Standards to try and identify victims who have been subject to scams and may still be vulnerable. Persons identified through "Suckers Lists" have been obtained when persons have been prosecuted .

WILDLIFE CRIME

Over recent weeks, Police Scotland, Tayside Division has received a number of calls reporting people deer poaching and hare coursing.

Poaching is an acquisitive crime. Given the rural nature of Angus, it is anticipated that such crimes will continue to be reported.

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.

If you suspect people are poaching, 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.

LOCAL CRIME ISSUES

RURAL CRIME - KIRRIEMUIR AREA

Scrap Metal and diesel thefts continue to strike the Kirriemuir Landward area when unattended items of scrap are seen lying around and is an open invite into the yard or field by strangers. Once within the yard or field they take the opportunity to have a good look around and if an insecure fuel tank is seen then there is a high chance that the diesel will be stolen at the time or there might be unwelcome visitors during the night.

Fuel tanks can be easily secured for a minimum cost by simply purchasing a good quality padlock or seeking advice from your fuel supplier.

VANDALISM

Despite a downward trend over the previous few years, Vandalism does remain an issue in Angus.

Vandalism is a crime which affects people's quality of life and costs communities millions to repair. It is easy to dismiss vandalism as a minor offence, but it does have a big impact on local communities (higher insurance premiums, facilities being out of use, may increase the fear of crime). If you are the victim of vandalism, please report it to POLICE SCOTLAND on 101. If you see someone in the act or if you have any information which may lead to identifying persons responsible for vandalism, please report this to Police Scotland too.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The main issue which affects the communities of Angus is Antisocial Behaviour - in all its guises. ASB includes issues such as dog fouling, littering, neighbour noise, youth annoyance etc. Complaints of ASB, in particular noisy neighbours, tend to increase during the summer months. Angus Community Safety Team will continue to deal with problem residents in a robust manner. Please report such incidents to ACCESS LINE ON 08452 777 778.

ROAD POLICING

ASB ON ANGUS ROADS

Police Scotland and its partners continue to receive complaints or anecdotal information 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.

ALAN BELL YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY LANDWARD OFFICER IS HAPPY TO BE CONTACTED TO DISCUSS MATTERS CONCERNING YOU. HE CAN BE CONTACTED ON 01575576625 OR HE CAN NOW BE FOLLOWED ON TWITTER @KIRRIERURALPC [1] AND SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LOCAL POLICING AREA