

Police File (01/03/2011 – 23/05/2011

No Crimes of Note.

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.

Community Safety Information

Cold Callers

Tayside Police would like to remind householders to be cautious of cold callers. Tayside Police would also remind residents that they do not endorse companies and does not authorise them to enter any area of Angus to advertise or sell products. Bogus Callers use many tactics to sell their product, such as hard selling or on the spot one off sign up deals. Another increasingly popular method is offering free equipment or the incentive of free gifts. Consider consulting the Angus Reputable Traders Scheme for a list of reputable businesses in your area who have been vetted by Trading Standards.

Gardening Equipment

Due to the improving weather conditions and the increased hours of daylight, many people are now donning their gardening gloves once again. This therefore means that the potential exists for an increase in the theft of gardening equipment. Angus residents are reminded to please ensure that equipment is secured and kept out of sight of opportunist thieves. Please don't make it easy for the criminal. Report any theft to **Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222**.

Youths Causing Annoyance

Traditionally, April and May tend to be problematic in relation to youths causing annoyance. It is thought that this is as a result of school holidays, improved weather conditions and increasing hours of daylight. Please consider very carefully when reporting youths causing annoyance – are they really doing anything other than playing? These calls place a huge strain on police resources, and often no antisocial behaviour is evident. However, if youths are acting in an antisocial manner, please contact **Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222**.

Public Place Violence

Although it is widely acknowledged that Angus is a safe place for residents and visitors alike, the county suffers the same problems experienced in other towns and cities with increased levels of petty assaults recorded by the police. Alcohol is the main causal factor with individuals under the influence of alcohol becoming more vulnerable or exposed to violent confrontations. Tayside Police dedicate officers to carry out high visibility patrols at peak times with a view to provide reassurance and to make our town centres safe. The public are asked to be mindful when out socialising, to drink responsibly and to report any instances of crime to the police

Motorcyclists

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.

ASB Driving

Tayside Police continue to deal with numerous complaints of antisocial behaviour on Angus Roads. A robust stance against this type of behaviour is taken. In 2010/11, Tayside Police in Angus issued 146 warnings in relation to ASB driving, and 31 vehicles were seized as a result of a second warning being issued within a 6 month period.

Drink Driving

Driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol continues to be a significant issue in Angus, as well as nationally. Tayside Police will take robust action against offenders. Anyone with information in relation to drink / drug drivers is encouraged to report this to either Tayside Police or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.