

## **Police File 25/08/2011 – 22/11/2011**

### **Crimes –**

Vandalism to Partridge Pens at Brewlands  
Theft – Belmont Trees , Ruthven  
Hare Coursing – Airlie area

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

### **OPERATION AFTER DARK**

The increasing hours of darkness provide opportunities for a potential thief. A property left in the dark in late afternoons or early evenings is a house that looks unoccupied and is a temptation for criminals. Members of the public are reminded to endeavour to make properties safe by taking simple security measures. Setting timers on internal lights and radios gives the impression that the house is occupied. Fitting or checking external security lights are in working order, and locking all doors, windows and sheds will improve the safety of the property. Furthermore, valuables should be security marked with the relevant postcode and house number in order to increase the probability of the goods being returned to the rightful owner should they be recovered.

Be a good neighbour, particularly if you have older or vulnerable neighbours. Anyone aware of any suspicious activity should contact Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222. Or, if you see a crime in progress, call 999.

### **Landward Officer visited Glamis , Charleston and Roundyhill areas – 5 Operation After Dark postcards left at addresses which looked unoccupied.**

### **BOGUS CALLERS**

Tayside Police is issuing a stark warning to public. If you give out personal banking information over the phone you could risk losing thousands of pounds in cash. The warning comes after an elderly couple in Perth were scammed out of £60,000 by bogus callers purporting to be from their bank. Please do not give out any personal information over the phone, and if you receive visitors to the door, ask to see identification. If still in doubt, call the company concerned – though be sure to get the number from the telephone directory and not from the ID card.

### **PERSONAL SAFETY**

With the festive season fast approaching, Tayside Police warn revellers not to expose themselves to unnecessary risk or situations that might result in a Christmas or New Year they would rather forget. As a society, we consume more alcohol at Christmas than at any other time of year. Problems can, and do, arise when people drink too much and become the perpetrators or victims of crime. Alcohol affects your judgment and lessens your inhibitions and that is when you are at greater risk. Angus residents and visitors are asked to remain vigilant, drink responsibly, and think about your own personal safety.

### **THEFT OF METAL & FUEL**

The theft of metal, particularly copper and lead, from properties in Angus continues to be reported. This is no doubt linked to the high value of scrap metals. Rural properties are the most commonly targeted premises.

Also, the theft of fuel continues to be reported, and again this is linked to the high price of the commodity.

Please secure all property where appropriate, remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222.

### **THEFTS FROM INSECURE PROPERTY**

Despite being highlighted on numerous occasions, most housebreakings happen to insecure property. The same is true for theft of contents from motor vehicles. Thieves are opportunists; please don't make it easy for them and secure all property.

Bicycles can be security marked, at a cost of £5. Please speak to your local community officer.

### **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 continue to 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. Tayside Police have a policy whereby offenders caught at more than twice the legal limit, those who have been involved in a collision while under the influence, and those that refuse to provide a specimen will be kept in custody until the next available court day instead of being released on an undertaking to appear.

### **CYCLE SAFETY**

Tayside Police in Angus are increasingly concerned about recent and frequent reports from the community about the inconsiderate, erratic and ultimately dangerous behaviour of young cyclists in the area.

The manner of their cycling puts them and other road users at serious risk, particularly during hours of darkness, when some have been on their bikes without wearing appropriate personal protective equipment and without proper lights and reflectors fitted to their bicycles. During the hours of darkness cyclists should be wearing appropriate personal protective equipment - especially a safety helmet, and their bikes should also be fitted with appropriate lights and reflectors.

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