



# Ward 1 (April Update) Community Police Newsletter

14/03/2019

## Contact Information

Welcome to the second Ward 1 newsletter from your local officers PC Kevin Chandler 1104 and PC Ian Fraser 384.

Below is the local contact email address for your local community team. This is not for reporting a crime but if you feel you require to make contact with your local community officer then the email address is the best way to do so.

Email – [WestFifeCoastalVillagesCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:WestFifeCoastalVillagesCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)

If you do not have access to the internet then you can call 101 and the call handler can send an email on your behalf.

## Officer Update

PC Fraser returned to his role as community officer for the villages on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 after being seconded as part of the Brexit support team.

# Newsletter

## National Campaign

As the local officers for the SWF Villages PCs Fraser and Chandler are aware that members of the community may be a victim of a scam. This can take many different approaches targeting not just vulnerable members of the community.



## Shut Out Scammers

It's never easy to spot a bogus caller. Anyone can be a victim of household scams, but two words that will help us beat doorstep crime are simply "no thanks."

## Doorstep Checklist

If in doubt; keep them out

**LOCK, STOP, CHAIN and CHECK**

**LOCK** - Keep front and back doors locked

**STOP** - Don't open the door until you have checked through a viewer or window to see who is there

**CHAIN** - Use a door chain or bar

**CHECK** - Only let callers in if they have an appointment and you have confirmed they are genuine. Always ask for ID

Call the published number from the internet or phone directory for their company or service to check if they are legitimate. Do not use a telephone number provided

## Newsletter

by the caller. Remember to be on your guard if requested for personal or financial information over the phone or online, and be wary of mail scams (if it looks too good to be true, it probably is). Scammers can appear incredibly legitimate no matter what approach they use.

**Call 101 to report any suspicious activity. If you feel scared or threatened call 999 and ask for the police.**

The following link will provide more information.

**<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/shut-out-scammers>**

Or if you search in any search engine “police Scotland shut out scammers” the above link will be highlighted.

**[Community Updates / Incidents of interest](#)**

## Newsletter

PC Fraser has been part of the Brexit contingency team and during his deployment was able to visit Inzievar Primary School, Oakley. During this visit the role of the team was explained and equipment used shown.

The unit had officers from Edinburgh and Central Scotland who all commented on the good community spirit that was evident during their deployment.



## Plastic Bin Fires

## Newsletter

As we approach the lighter evenings statistically there is an increase in the number of bins that are taken and set on fire in areas of woodland. This is not just a localised issue but is prevalent throughout Scotland.

Police Scotland are working with partner agencies to try and reduce the impact that this has on communities.

The dangers posed to setting fire to bins is great and therefore if you see any person taking a bin and you believe that it is with the intention of starting a fire please report to the police if seen. This can be done via 101.

If you have a bin missing please report this to Fife Council who will replace this if necessary. This can be done through an online form or on the phone.

### Speeding

- This continues to be a concern for all villages in SWF.

Please remember to check the speed limit as you approach a built up area as a number have now been reduced to 20MPH. If this is the case there will be repeater speed limit indicators on the lamp post.

Speed checks will increase over the summer months.

### Calls Received

Below is a table showing the number of calls received in February compared to February 2018.

# Newsletter

Ward Area	Feb 2018	Feb 2019
Kincardine, Culross, Torryburn, Newmills, High Valleyfield, Low Valleyfield,	147	169
Blairhall, Saline & Steelend, Gowkhill, Comrie, Oakley, Carnock, Shiresmill	102	114
Cairneyhill, Charlestown, Limekilns, Crombie, Pattiesmuir	47	27

**Ward 1 is currently experiencing a large number of youths gathering in school grounds in particular in High Valleyfield.**

**An action plan has been developed in coordination with our colleagues at Dunfermline.**

**This will include checks of busses, greater use of social media and engaging with the youths that are attending in the area that may cause damage or be a nuisance to the community.**

## Social Media Communication

**Your local police officers currently use Twitter for local activities that they are involved in.**

# Newsletter

## This could be

- **Speed Check deployments**
- **School visits**
- **Community event updates**

## Below is a list of all the social media forums used by Police Scotland

Website: [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)

Twitter: @policescotland

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/policescotland](http://www.facebook.com/policescotland)

**As the West Fife Village Community Officers we share the twitter account with our colleagues covering Dalgety Bay, Inverkeithing and Rosyth.**

**Owing to this and so that you can easily see the updates made by Kev and I we will try and use the following # (Hashtags). If you click on these or search on twitter under these then it should group together all of our updates.**

**#TakePrideInYourVillage**

**#KevandIan**