



Welcome to the Ward 19 monthly report from your local community officers.

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Contact your local community team on our email address:

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Please Note, this email address is **NOT** for reporting a crime or ongoing incidents and due to our shift pattern, is not monitored 24/7.

****Please call 101 or 999 if you require a prompt response****

ADDITION TO EAST NEUK & LANDWARD COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM - PC DAVIE GORDON

PC Gordon replaced PC Cook, joining PC Wallace on the Community Policing Team at the end of February; PC Gordon has been a Police Officer for 7 years and looks forward to starting in his new role.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

PC Wallace recently paid visits to St Monans Nursery whose pupils were learning about “being a police officer”. PC Wallace very much enjoyed their engagement with the children & staff and equally the pupils were as positive with visit undertaken, asking numerous questions and keeping the officers on their toes.

Engaging with schools and educational settings is a priority and cornerstone of community policing, with further engagements pencilled in over the coming weeks and months.



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PC Wallace recently visited residents from Beacon Court, Anstruther, providing advice relating to frauds and scams. PC Wallace was warmly received and kept very much on his toes with some probing questions and queries relating to this crime type.

ENHANCING COMMUNITY POLICING MODEL – POLICING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES – EFFECTIVE FROM 24TH FEBRUARY 2026



We are designing a sustainable model for local policing that meets the needs of the 2030 vision for Police Scotland, which is focused on achieving safer communities, less crime, supported victims and a thriving workforce.

Through the Policing for Our Communities programme, it is our aim to ensure:

- Communities are and feel safer through visible local policing.
- We prevent crime by working with others.
- We deliver the right services that meet the needs of victims.
- Our people are equipped, empowered, and supported to do the job.

The Programme is split into three projects.

- **Enhancing Community Policing Project** – This will involve the introduction of a nationally recognisable (with appropriate local variability) community policing model, supported by the introduction of a Community Investigations Hub and a revised approach to response policing.
- **Investigations and Safeguarding Project** – This will involve a revised model for localised Criminal Investigation and Public Protection specialisms.
- **Operational Policing Coordination Project** – This will focus on reducing duplication, silo working and enhancing practices across existing local policing enabling services. This project will deliver a modern, more effective operational policing support and enabling services function, maximising technologies, appropriately matching resource to demands, and better balancing workforce mix to strengthen frontline policing and best support operational service delivery.

The Enhancing Community Policing model has been designed following a thorough review of local policing involving in-depth research and engagement with officers and staff and external partners. The new model shifts focus from reactive policing to prevention and problem solving.

We will introduce a nationally consistent and recognisable community policing model which will enhance and prioritise community policing providing increased capacity to deal with local issues. Officers will focus on effective local problem solving and engagement with their communities.

Response policing officers will provide a professional and rapid response to immediate and urgent incidents with a focus on the calls assessed as carrying the most risk to the public and wider community. In addition,

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they will carry out high visibility patrols in our communities in order to prevent and deter crime and provide public reassurance.

The new Community Investigations Hub is a dedicated unit committed to improving the efficiency, consistency and quality of investigations. They will provide a better service to victims through delivering high quality assessment, investigation and resolution of crime reports and non-urgent incidents. The Hub allows frontline officers to focus on what matters most: urgent incidents, visible patrols, and community-based policing. This means faster responses, better outcomes for victims and a more streamlined workload for our teams.

The model will bring a nationally recognisable, and largely consistent frontline policing approach across the country for the first time since the creation of Police Scotland. Whilst principles of approach, role functions, profiles and responsibilities will largely be consistent, we recognise there will be differences in urban, rural and island communities. There will be flexibility within the model for the specific requirements of certain Divisions, for example, Edinburgh having a Parliament, or differences of approach required for Island communities.

GIFT CARD SCAMS

Gift card scams are prevalent fraud schemes where scammers trick individuals into purchasing gift cards and sharing the card details, often posing as authority figures or creating a sense of urgency.

How Gift Card Scams Work -

Impersonation: Scammers often impersonate trusted entities, such as government agencies, tech support, or even family members, claiming that immediate payment is required to resolve an urgent issue.

Creating Urgency: They may pressure victims by stating that failure to act quickly will result in severe consequences, such as arrest or loss of services.

Specific Instructions: Scammers typically instruct victims on which gift cards to purchase (e.g., Amazon, Google Play, Apple) and where to buy them, often staying on the phone while the victim makes the purchase.

Requesting Card Information: After the victim buys the gift card, the scammer asks for the card number and PIN, allowing them to drain the card's balance almost immediately.

Common Types of Gift Card Scams -

Tax Scams: Scammers impersonate tax authorities, claiming that the victim owes money and must pay immediately with gift cards.

Tech Support Scams: Fraudsters pose as tech support representatives, claiming that the victim's device has a virus and demanding payment via gift cards for "services".

Prize or Discount Scams: Victims are told they've won a prize or received a special discount but must pay a fee using gift cards to claim it.

How to Protect Yourself -

Be Sceptical: Always be cautious of unsolicited requests for payment via gift cards. Legitimate businesses or government agencies will never ask for payment in this manner.

Inspect Gift Cards: When purchasing gift cards, check the packaging for signs of tampering. Scammers may replace cards with zero balances before they reach the checkout.

Verify Claims: If someone claims to be in an emergency or represents a company, take a moment to verify their identity by contacting them through official channels.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

We are always keen to engage with members of the Community Council and elected members and would welcome you and the public to get in touch with us regarding any issues they wish to raise. Please contact us on our team email address.

Calls Received (up to 28/02/2026)

In total 952 calls have been received in the North East Fife Area. This breaks down for the East Neuk & Landward area with 134 calls in total as follows:

Crail

17 calls to the police. 3 crimes recorded

Dunino & Boarhills

6 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

Kingsbarns

1 call to the police. 0 crimes recorded

Kingask

1 call to the police. 0 crimes recorded

Largoward

3 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

Radernie

0 calls to the Police. 0 crimes recorded

Peat Inn

1 call to the police. 0 crimes recorded

Carnbee

0 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

Lathokar

5 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

Arncroach

0 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

New Gilston

0 Calls to the police. 1 crime recorded

Abercrombie

5 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

Drumeldrie

0 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

Colinsburgh

14 calls to the police. 2 crimes recorded

Elie/Earlsferry

6 calls to the police. 1 crime recorded

Kilconquhar

2 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

St Monans

19 calls to the police. 1 crime recorded

Anstruther

35 calls to the police. 11 crimes recorded.

Cellardyke

9 calls to the police. 1 crime recorded

Pittenweem

9 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

Kilrenny

3 calls to the police. 1 crime recorded

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