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POLICE
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CATTERLINE

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING ON**

TUESDAY 27TH JUNE 2017

**7.30 PM
CATTERLINE SCHOOL**

1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

RECORDED INCIDENTS/ CRIMES/OFFENCES:

Crime remains generally low in the Kincardine and Mearns beat area. Since the beginning of **June** 2017, there have been **175** incidents reported to Police Scotland resulting in **39** Crime Reports being raised within the Kincardine area.

OTHER WORK:

High visibility mobile patrols will continue to be carried out throughout the Kincardine and Mearns area, whenever possible, to reduce the likelihood of crimes and offences occurring.

ONGOING LOCAL / FORCE-WIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Doorstep Crime and Bogus Callers

Keep Safe from Doorstep Crime and Bogus Callers

What is doorstep crime?

From bogus callers to rogue traders, doorstep criminals are cunning, creative, and often very convincing.

Anyone can be fooled as these people are professional con artists. However, the over 60s are often specifically targeted.

What types of doorstep criminals are there?

There are two main types:

Bogus callers try to get into your home or obtain personal details by pretending to be someone they're not, including council staff, charity collectors, meter readers and police officers. In reality, they are criminals trying to steal money and valuables.

Rogue traders usually cold-call, claiming to be workers offering to sell services, make repairs or carry out work on your house, garden or driveway. In reality they charge inflated prices for shoddy or unnecessary work.

We DO NOT recommend dealing with cold-callers for property maintenance and home repairs.

How can I spot a Rogue Trader?

- They may tell you the work is urgent and needs to be carried out immediately.
- They will normally ask for payment there and then and may offer to come to the bank with you if you don't have the cash at hand.

How can I protect myself from doorstep crime?

- Be on guard if someone turns up unexpectedly.
- Keep front and back doors locked.
- Use the door viewer or nearby window when answering the door.
- Fit a door chain or bar – use it and keep it on when talking to callers at the door.
- If you're not sure, don't answer the door.
- Don't feel embarrassed - genuine callers expect you to be careful.
- Only let callers in if they have an appointment and you have confirmed they are genuine.
- Always ask for identification badges of anyone you answer the door to, but don't rely on them. Identity cards can be faked – phone the company to verify their identity.
- Some companies offer a password system. Ask your utility providers if this can be used and if you have a password with a company make sure the caller uses it.
- Never let people try to persuade you to let them into your home even if they are asking for help – they may not be genuine. If someone is persistent, ask them to call at another time and arrange for a friend or family member to be with you.
- Never agree to pay for goods or give money to strangers who arrive at your door.
- Don't keep large amounts of money in your home.
- Remember, it's your home. There's no reason why anyone should ever enter your home against your wishes.
- If you're not sure, don't answer the door.
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13 charged following roads operation in Kincardine and Mearns

Officers in Kincardine and Mearns charged 13 people following a three day operation last week targeting road safety and vehicle offences in the area.

The three day operation was held from Saturday 27 May to Tuesday 30 May 2017 and focused on high visibility patrols, and the education and enforcement of road traffic legislation.

The operation targeted roads in and around Stonehaven, the main towns of Laurencekirk, Portlethen plus communities such as Banchory Devenick, Durris and Drumoak. It included the A90, A92, Netherley Road, Slug road, Charleston flyover, plus various unclassified roads in the Kincardine and Mearns area.

Officers from the Kincardine and Mearns community policing team, assisted by officers from the local roads policing Department and Special Constables, worked on the initiative, which resulted in 47 vehicles being stopped. As a result of the operation 13 people were charged in connection with various traffic offences, including speeding, failing to wear seatbelts, and driving without valid MOT test certificates.

One of the 13 people charged was a 57 year old female who was stopped and found to be driving over the legal drink drive limit. She was arrested and charged regarding the offence.

In addition, 23 people were educated or warned regarding minor Road Traffic offences.

Uniformed patrols were also carried out in and around the AWPR sites in Stonehaven and Portlethen to educate drivers there, due to the increased road use around these areas since works began.

PC Kennedy from the Kincardine and Mearns Community Policing Team who led the Operation said: "This initiative allowed us to reinforce and re-educate people about the importance of safety on our roads. It was also carried out to reassure the public that we will actively pursue offenders to deter road crime across the area.

"The legislation is designed to save lives. Those who offend put themselves and other road users at risk. We would appeal for the help of those in our local communities by asking them to provide information about those people who are committing offences in their area and the vehicles they drive."

Anyone with information can contact local Officers via 101 or report anonymously via Crimestoppers, who are independent from the Police, on 0800 555 111.

Community Council Reports

Monthly Community Council reports will continue until the end of June, thereafter the reports will be submitted on a quarterly basis, with information better tailored to the local community and local policing priorities.

Crime Prevention

Members of the Public are urged to report insecure properties, suspicious activities or any concerns to Police Scotland on 101.

The Kincardine and Mearns Community Policing team, also have a dedicated email address, which you can forward your concerns onto for an officer's attention. Please get in touch by emailing us at StonehavenLowerDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk