



**CATTERLINE, KINNEFF AND DUNNOTTAR**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING ON**

**TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY 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 January 2017, there have been 167 incidents reported to Police Scotland resulting in 37 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

### Rural Crime Prevention



Rural Crime is a priority for Police Scotland, The financial cost of crime to rural businesses is significant, and for the victims of these crimes it can go beyond the cost of simply replacing the property stolen. It affects families, earnings and hiring of replacement vehicles.

Rural Crime can vary, and includes

- Thefts involving machinery, vehicles, metal, fuel, livestock
- Housebreakings and forced entries to locked sheds, garages and outhouses
- Crimes against livestock, and other protected animals including worrying livestock

#### How to protect your Farmhouse, outbuildings and sheds

- Ensure all external locks are of solid construction with suitable locks
- Hide contents from view using protective grilles on windows
- Ensure property is locked away when not in use
- Use timing devices on interior lights when you house is unoccupied
- Repair fencing and other damage promptly to prevent/restrict any unauthorized access.

Rural watch schemes work well as a crime prevention and detection tool, but are also valuable in terms of enabling local communities to share information, allows agencies to send out relevant crime alerts and encourages communities to be more vigilant.

To find out more about your local Rural Watch Scheme, contact **01786 463732** or email **[info@neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](mailto:info@neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)**

# Air Weapons Surrender Scheme

## **Important information regarding air weapon applications**

From 31 December 2016, it will be an offence to use, possess, purchase or acquire an air weapon in Scotland, without holding an air weapon certificate, though if you are an existing firearm or shotgun certificate holder after this date, you will still be able to use and possess air weapons, until your firearm or shotgun certificate expires.

The deadline for air weapon applications being processed before the new laws are introduced on 31 December 2016, have now passed, and in line with legislation for the application process, (Section 4 of the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2016, it is anticipated that all applications for an air weapon certificate, which were received by Police Scotland after 31 October 2016, will not be processed or granted until 2017, which is after the new legislation takes effect.

Please be advised that any person who has applied for an air weapon certificate after 31 October 2016, which has not been granted by 31 December 2016, will be committing an offence unless one of the following measures are taken, while awaiting the new certificate and authorisation being granted.

- 1. Store your air weapon with someone who has an Air Weapon Certificate.**
- 2. Store your air weapon with someone who has a current Firearm or Shotgun Certificate.**
- 3. Store your air weapon with a Registered Firearms Dealer.**

If your air weapon application was submitted after 31 October 2016, you are advised to make one of these alternative arrangements at your earliest opportunity and before 31 December 2016.

Should you not wish to keep your air weapon you can continue to hand it in to the police for surrender and destruction.

Should you have any query in respect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Air Weapons Licensing Team on 01786 896130 or e-mail at [AirWeaponandLicensingProject@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:AirWeaponandLicensingProject@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

## Policing Survey April - September 2016 Results

The results of the latest phase of the [Your View Counts survey](#) which helps determine the policing priorities of communities throughout Scotland have been published.

The survey has been live for six months and has been completed by almost 16,000 people.

The survey is just one of the ways in which Police Scotland works with the public, partners and stakeholders to determine the response to issues of concern to communities.

Assistant Chief Constable Andy Cowie said: “The direct involvement of members of the public is vital in helping shape the service policing provides across the country.

“Almost 16,000 people have so far completed the survey, which is available online 24-7 and only takes a few minutes to complete. It’s particularly pleasing that of those who have taken part to date, more than 2,200, from every part of Scotland, are between the ages of 16 and 24.

“We recently launched a new approach to children and young people and part of that is about continuing to listen and engage. We already engage with young people through our very successful Police Scotland Young Volunteers programme which gives young people between 10 and 18 an insight into policing in Scotland and inspires them to participate positively in their communities.

“I hope that by having the survey online and promoted via social media, more and more young people in Scotland can have their say in how the police service addresses the issues which concern them most.”

Local priorities were identified as:

- **Anti-social behaviour and disorder,**
- **Homes being broken into,**
- **Drug dealing / misuse,**
- **Violent crime,**
- **Child abuse including child sexual exploitation.**

National priorities were identified as:

- **Counter terrorism / national security,**
- **Violent crime,**
- **Serious organised crime,**
- **Drug dealing / misuse,**
- **Child abuse including child sexual exploitation.**

Respondents aged between 16 and 24 also identified domestic abuse amongst their local priorities and sexual crime amongst their national priorities.

ACC Cowie said: "The response so far is encouraging. Direct feedback provides a valuable channel in assessing the aspirations of the communities we serve. The survey is one of the ways for our communities to give us their feedback on what matters most to them, and allows us to respond appropriately.

"We have acted on the initial feedback from the first quarter's results, which were published in the summer, and made some improvements to the survey, to make it easier to understand."

"The ongoing survey, which reports quarterly, replaces the annual survey and is hosted on the Police Scotland website.

"We want to give our communities the opportunity to have their say at a time that is convenient to them, 24 hours a day. We would encourage those who have not yet done so, to take just 15 minutes of their time to tell us what is important to them about policing.

"We recognise the importance of being accessible and the survey results adds to the information and views obtained by our staff in many community and partnership events or meetings. It greatly assists us in planning and delivering services for communities across the length and breadth of Scotland."

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## **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](mailto:StonehavenLowerDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)

## **Change in Personnel**

As of December, Inspector Sheila McDerment took over from Inspector Finn McPhail, at the Stonehaven Police Office. Sgt Chris Smith, another new appointment, also based at Stonehaven, will be a contact with regard to Community Councils.