

## Thefts from Farms

In the Carse of Gowrie area there have been a number of thefts of quad bikes from insecure farm steadings and sheds. It is likely that those responsible for the thefts are removing the quad bikes by use of a van and/or trailer.

Also due to the increase in price, fuel is also being stolen from fuel tanks.

Therefore the reporting of suspicious persons or vehicles should always be reported to the police.

Where possible all attempts should be taken to keep property secure. Make it as difficult as possible for any thief.

## Insecure Property

Due to the recent good weather conditions, now is a good time to remember the importance of securing your property.

There has been a report of a theft from a vehicle while it was left unattended whilst paying for petrol at a local garage.

Also remember to secure windows as thieves can use all sorts of instruments to gain access. Try not to leave your valuables on show, for example car keys or purse/wallet where they can easily be seen.

Again any suspicious people or vehicles should always be reported as soon as practicably possible to the police.

# EAST PERTSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

## June 2011 Newsletter



## SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY OFFICERS



**Carol Cameron PC 9258 - Alyth**

PC Cameron joined Tayside Police in 1992 starting service in Dundee.

She transferred to Western Division where she carried out various roles in Perth, including general beat patrol du-

ties and deployment in Community Support. Moving to part time, she joined the Court Team before becoming the Retail Liaison Officer for Perth City Centre, and most recently as a Community Crime Officer for the City Centre, often seen walking or on a bike, being one of the first officers in Tayside Police to be trained and issued with a bike.

In January 2010 PC Cameron became the Community Officer for Alyth and has made excellent contacts in the community.

She is keen to meet with local residents so that she can identify and resolve complaints, antisocial behaviour & drug issues.

**Do we have your contact details on file for Police Alerts or EPNWA info?**

Check with Adeline Casey. Your details are not shared with third parties.

<b>Emergency</b>	to report a serious crime	999
<b>Non-emergency</b>	to provide/gain information or report a minor crime	0300 111 2222
<b>CrimeStoppers</b>	to report a crime anonymously	0800 555 111
<b>Trading Standards</b>	customer related information	01738 476 476
<b>Useful websites</b>	East Perthshire Neighbourhood Watch	<a href="http://www.epnwa.org.uk">www.epnwa.org.uk</a>
	Strathmore Centre for Youth Development	<a href="http://www.scyd.co.uk">www.scyd.co.uk</a>
	Tayside Police	<a href="http://www.tayside.police.uk">www.tayside.police.uk</a>
	National Fraud Authority	<a href="http://www.actionfraud.org.uk">www.actionfraud.org.uk</a>
	Internet Watch Foundation	<a href="http://www.iwf.org.uk">www.iwf.org.uk</a>

WELCOME: East Perthshire Neighbourhood Watch Association is still going strong in your area. Get in touch on the non-emergency Police number 0300 111 2222 to find out how to join, or start up a watch.

If you are already signed up, think about the sort of information you would like to see in the next newsletter, or discussed at public meetings, and contact any of the association members below. Your input is vital to keep the association alive.

Irene Robertson, Chair      Tel: 01828 633045      Email: chair@epnwa.org.uk  
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Your local street contact is.....

Telephone number.....

### OUR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Since October 2007, EPNWA has been holding open-forum public meetings in local towns. Rotating between Alyth, Blairgowrie, Coupar Angus, Kettins, Kirkmichael, Meigle, Wolfhill, and Woodside/Burrelton, the meetings are an opportunity to air views to Inspector Ged Fitzpatrick and local Neighbourhood

Watch Representatives. The meetings are informal with no agenda, name register, or minute taking, and attendees can arrive and leave as they wish.

A wide range of subjects is discussed, and the latest newsletter as well as community safety information is available to collect at each meeting.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Thursday  
11th August 2011**

**MEIGLE, 7pm**

Church Hall,  
Strathmore Place

*(Turn right after church on  
Forfar Road, hall half way along  
on right hand side.)*

### When telephoning Police on 0300 111 2222

the list of options are:

1. Lost & Found Property
2. Custody Queries
3. Advice or information, or transfer to specific department or officer
4. Police attendance required
5. Keeping children safe, or Sex offender disclosure

stay on the line after the options to be transferred to a member of staff

### INSPECTOR GED FITZPATRICK



I joined Tayside police in 1990 at which time I was posted to the Blairgowrie section in Western Division. As such I have very fond memories of my early years in the force and it is with a touch of nostalgia that I return here 20 years later.

I thereafter transferred to central Division where I carried out variety of duties including

beat duties in various areas throughout Dundee. In 1995 I transferred to a Support Group where my main duties involved working in plain clothes within the stolen vehicle section.

I returned to beat duties in Dundee in 2000 and in 2002 I was promoted to uniform sergeant where I was posted to Eastern Division (Angus) and where I was stationed in Brechin/Montrose.

In 2003 I returned to Dundee where I continued to carry out the role of Uniform sergeant in the Maryfield area. In 2004 I transferred to Central Division CID where for the next three years I dealt with both volume and serious crime across the whole division.

In 2007 I transferred to Headquarters Crime Division (which became the Force Information and Intelligence Division) where I dealt with Intelligence matters covering the whole of the force area.

Neighbourhood Watch plays an important role in local policing and I look forward to further strengthening the relationship between Tayside Police and EPNWA.

**Ged Fitzpatrick  
Section Inspector**

### INTERNET SCAM

An internet scam that is currently being perpetrated is for persons to telephone an individual and inform them that someone is misusing their broadband account and offer to remotely rectify the problem. Once they obtain details which allow them to access the individual's computer they alter its operating system which allow the persons to obtain personal data from the computer. They then use this data for fraudulent purposes.

If you receive such a call please check independently with you broadband supplier to ascertain the authenticity of the claims being made.

### HORSE SECURITY

In recent weeks we have received several reports of horses in fields being apparently 'marked'. One such marking involved the cutting of part of a horse's mane from 8 inches to 2 inches in length. It is unknown the purpose of these marking events but such activity in the past has been associated with the subsequent theft of the horse. No horse thefts have occurred in relation to these recent marking events.

Horse owners are asked to be vigilant and report any such marking activities or persons seen acting suspiciously at fields where horses are kept.