



ALLOA COMMUNITY COUNCIL 27th February 2018

INTRODUCTION

The new ward officers for Alloa are now:

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CALLS TO POLICE

During period 29th January 2018 to 27th February 2018, PSOS received 541 calls to incidents in Alloa;

- Beat A01 – **88** calls received for area leading from town towards Cambus.
- Beat A02 – **217** calls received for area behind Tesco out towards Clackmannan
- Beat A03 – **138** calls for town centre
- Beat A04 – **98** calls received for area leading out towards Tullibody

Calls range from public looking for advice from Police, member of the public reporting drug related issues, disturbance, road traffic offences and concern for person. Not all calls result in a report(s) having to be submitted.

RECORDED CRIME

During period 29th January 2018 to 27th February 2018;

- **74** crimes recorded
- **39** undetected
- **35** detected

Detection rate 48%, with 85% of undetected incidents marked as having enquiries still ongoing.

COMMUNITY ISSUES



Counterfeit Currency being passed has been reported by several shop premises in Alloa Town Centre. These are being investigated by police, however be aware that there appear to be counterfeit £20 Clydesdale Bank notes in the area. If you happen to see them they are bad examples with poor paper quality, no security markings under UV light and no foil security markings on note. There have been 4 crime reports for these incidents, with 2 persons charged with offences. A majority of the retail premises in Alloa were visited by police and warned about these notes and shown how to spot the differences between genuine and counterfeit currency.

There have been reported incidents of theft of fuel from bowsers within building sites in the Alloa area. Please take extra steps to ensure any building materials or sites are secured appropriately.

ASBO still in force for a male resident within Shaftesbury Street, Alloa. He has now temporarily moved away from the area, to prevent any further issues at this time.

Additional patrols have been conducted in Alloa town centre, to deter anti-social behaviour and drug/alcohol misuse especially around Shillinghill and Forth Valley College. This is prevalent on Friday/Saturday evenings with a large number of youths congregating.

Parking in town centre still continues to be an ongoing issue. Additional patrols being conducted and tickets being issued. Police enforcement to continue for the foreseeable future.

There has been 1 Misuse of Drugs search warrant executed in the Alloa area. There have been 3 persons reported for minor drugs offences.

Facebook and Twitter – Community Messages can be placed on local Police sites via Community Sergeant.

Any information regarding drug dealing or other criminality can be reported to police or **Crimestoppers** and can be done so anonymously. Telephone: **0800 555 111**

CYBER ENABLED CRIME

One of Police Scotland's latest campaigns is for Cyber Enabled Crime. This is a warning the public to be alert after businesses and individuals across the country were scammed out of millions of pounds.



Officers in Scotland are currently investigating 19 significant crimes of vishing fraud since July last year, with just over £7 million stolen from both businesses and individuals collectively.

Frauds of this nature are generally orchestrated by organised criminal gangs operating in the UK, Europe and further afield.

The variety of techniques used suggests involvement of multiple individuals or groups and can be broken down into three categories: phishing, vishing and smishing. Below is a summary of each;

Phishing type incidents often use emails from the well-known online purchasing sites, either informing a victim that there is an issue with the items they have just ordered (items that they have not ordered at all) and asking them to click the link in the email to verify payment or account details.

Vishing crimes involve contacting a victim by telephone or voice messages pretending to be from the victim's bank or a reputable company and thereafter persuading the victim into revealing personal information, such as bank details, credit card numbers and other personal security information. Once this information is obtained the criminals can access the victim's account and move money or through social engineering persuade the victim to make the transfer on their behalf.

Smishing frauds are conducted in the form of text messages, which aim to obtain personal info related to credit card and banking details. Complainers receive a text message from an unknown number with wording along the lines of: "we have noticed that there seems to be fraudulent activity on your credit card/bank account, please click the link within the text message to confirm your banking details." The complainer then clicks the link and follows the instructions set up on the fake webpage, allowing the offender to view the complainer's personal information and use it to their advantage.

The three types are all aimed at getting the victim to provide personal information that will assist the criminal.

Police Scotland is reminding everyone that their bank will not contact them asking for personal information or to carry out a transaction.

FEEDBACK FROM MEETING



#DONTDROPYOURGUARD

**IT'S 3.30PM.
YOU'RE THINKING
ABOUT THE WEEKEND.
KEVIN FROM YOUR BANK CALLS
ABOUT A SECURITY THREAT TO
YOUR ACCOUNT.
IS HE FOR REAL?**

**WHEN IT
COMES TO
FRAUD, CAN
YOU SPOT THE
SCAM?**



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