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Introduction

Welcome to Septembers Cupar Ward Community Council Newsletter from your local officers, PC Lee Smith, PC Duncan Shand and Sgt Nicola Gillespie.

Local News, Priorities and Useful Information

Road Safety



PC's Smith and Shand have continued in their efforts to monitor any road traffic offences. This included deploying with the speed gun, pop up Bob and regular stop points. These activities are done throughout the daytime and evenings. Officers have issued fines and given suitable advice when required to motorists. As Primary and Secondary schools have returned from their summer break, officers would like to remind the wider public of parking restrictions during drop off and pick up times. These restrictions are in place for a reason

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and should always be adhered to ensure the safety of school children and staff accessing these areas.

From the 1st of September 2025, Fife Council brought into enforcement of the pavement parking ban. Below is a breakdown of what is covered and how to report any concerns.

Pavement parking ban

Pavement parking is unsafe, unfair, and illegal. The [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019](#) bans pavement parking, double parking, and parking across dropped kerbs.

Why We Are Introducing the New Rules

The new rules make pavements safer for everyone. Here's why:

- **Parking on Pavements:**
 - stops people from walking safely
 - is dangerous for people with disabilities and those pushing prams
 - damages pavements, making them trip hazards
- **Double Parking:**
 - makes it hard for vulnerable people to cross the road safely
- **Parking at Dropped Kerbs:**
 - stops people in wheelchairs from crossing the road

Enforcement

- Parking attendants will issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs).
- The fine is £100, reduced to £50 if paid within 14 days.

What is Not Allowed

You must not:

- Park on the pavement or grass verge
- Double Park (park beside another car)
- Park across dropped kerbs used for crossing

Even if there's nowhere else to park, these actions are now against the law. Parking attendants will be working across Fife.

Universal Application of Rules

These rules apply everywhere:

- to all public roads and pavements, including private roads, if pedestrians use them
- to everyone, including Blue Badge holders

There won't be signs everywhere telling you not to park. The default rule is: no pavement parking is allowed anywhere, unless a sign states otherwise.

Exceptions

Some vehicles can park on pavements if:

- they are used for emergency services, roadworks, waste collection, or postal services
- they are used by doctors, nurses, or midwives for urgent care

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- they are helping at an accident or breakdown
- they are delivering or collecting goods, but only for up to 20 minutes

These exceptions only apply if:

- the vehicle must be on the pavement to do its job
- the vehicle is not within 1.5 metres of the edge of the pavement
- the vehicle is parked for no longer than necessary

Exemption Orders

A street can be exempt if:

- at least 1.5 metres of the pavement is clear or
- parking on the street would block emergency vehicles

Some pavements have been identified for potential exemptions to the ban. These exemptions will be reviewed and finalised by area committees. Approved streets will have road markings and signs installed as required by law. You can view the current list of suggested exemptions or suggest a street to be exempted on the [Potential exempted streets page](#).

Reporting

Got a parking problem? You can report parking on a pavement, at a crossing point/dropped kerb, or double parking using the Report pavement parking form.



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Project Servator

Project Servator is a policing tactic that aims to reassure the public. It targets criminal activity, including terrorism.

We work with partners, including businesses and security staff, to keep Scotland safe. The aim is to make Scotland a difficult place for criminals and terrorists.

Project Servator has been successful in gathering intelligence. It has helped Counter Terrorism Units investigate and prevent acts of terror.

It has also resulted in arrests. It helps remove firearms, knives and drugs from the streets.

What we will do



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If a Project Servator deployment is happening where you are, there's nothing to worry about.

They are normal police deployments.

Project Servator deployments are highly visible and unpredictable.

They can happen at any time, anywhere. They are made up of specially trained uniformed and plain clothes officers.

They can involve a wide range of other specialist police resources such as police dogs and horses.

Officers also make use of a range of technology including CCTV cameras and automatic number plate recognition (ANPR).

Officers will speak to people and local businesses to let them know what they are doing.

They will remind them to be vigilant, trust their instincts and report any suspicious or unusual behaviour.

You may also see officers handing out leaflets explaining what Project Servator is or posters on display.

Working with the community is vital to making Project Servator a success. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to our officers.

Our teams also work with partners such as British Transport Police, security staff and CCTV operators to carry out deployments.

You have an important part to play. Report anything that doesn't feel right, for example an unattended item or someone acting suspiciously.

We'll always take your report seriously.

- Tell a police officer or member of security or retail staff
- Call 101 (police non-emergency number)
- In an emergency, always call 999.

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In this month's awareness information is regarding the support you can receive if you are the victim, of a crime.

Victim Support information

If you're a victim or witness of crime, we know how important it can be to get the right support – and know where to find it when you want it.

We will always do our best to give you the support you need when you're with us. We'll also let you know where to get other support if you need it.

How to get support

You can contact support organisations directly or we can pass your details on if you'd like us to, so they can get in touch with you.

In fact, you can ask any of the following organisations to refer you to support services, wherever you are on your journey through the criminal justice system:

- [Police Scotland](#)
- [Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service](#)
- [Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service](#)

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- [Scottish Prison Service](#)
- [Parole Board for Scotland](#)
- Your rights
- If you are a victim of crime, you will usually need to give a statement to the police. When you do, you can ask to have your legal representative or someone else you know and trust with you.
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- If you can't have someone specific with you, we'll let you know why. For example, if the person you want with you is also a witness, they wouldn't be able to sit with you. This is because we would need to speak to you both separately to make sure we just get your individual versions of what happened.
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- Depending on the crime you've been affected by, you may be able to tell us whether you'd like to be interviewed by a male or a female officer. We'll always do our best to do what you'd prefer.
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- We'll also give you a Care Card. This gives you details about the officer you speak to and the crime you report to them. It also tells you how to get support and explains the Scottish Government.
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- If you've been affected by a crime but you don't want to report it to the police, you can still contact support services if you'd like to.
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- We've given information and contact details for each one below.
- Victim Support Scotland Scottish Women's Aid Rape Crisis Scotland Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority

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IN THE COMUNNITY

Just before the school summer break, PC's Smith and Shand visted St Columbus Primary School as part of the World at Work event. The P4 class had designed and made a map of the ward area as part of a class project. Officers were so impressed by their efforts they asked the pupils if they could have the map for the station. The pupils kindly donated the map and came along this month to visit the station and to see where the map now hangs.

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Over the past year the community team have been visiting the wards at Stratheden Hospital. The community team have been attending bi monthly to chat with patients and staff. This link in with NHS Fife has provided valuable partnership working opportunities and has given the community team, NHS staff and patients a better understanding of each others roles and responsibilities. The community team will continue with this partnership working into the next year.

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Officers understand that sometimes members of the public may not feel the need to report matters directly to the Police. In these cases, below are some useful contact details which may benefit. Officers work closely with our partner agencies and assist in making sure the public receive the correct guidance and help from the correct agency.

Safer Communities - Our Safer Communities team has responsibility for the enforcement and issuing of fixed penalty notices including:

- Dog fouling fixed penalty notices
 - Dog control notices
 - Fly tipping fixed penalty notices
 - Littering fixed penalty notices
 - Formal warnings for noise
 - Noise fixed penalty notices
 - Antisocial Behaviour Orders (ASBO)
- Can be contacted via Fife Council Website or via email
SaferCommunities.Team@fife.gov.uk

DVLA

If you see an untaxed vehicle on a road, you can report it. Your report is anonymous and will be investigated. This can be done simply by going online to the GOV.UK Website.

Fife Council

The Fife Council website is also a useful site to report concerns regarding Housing, Health and Social Care, Environmental concerns and many more services.

Useful numbers and sources of information

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NHS 24: Call free on 111
Fife Women's Aid: 0808 802 5555

Universal Credit helpline: 0800 328 5644

Fife Council Out of hours helpline: 03451 55 00 99

Fife Housing Register Emergency Accommodation: 03451 55 00 33 (Mon-Fri 8am-6pm) or out of hours 0800 028 6231

Scottish Water: 0800 077 8778
SEPA Floodline: 0345 988 1188
SEPA Pollution: 0800 807060

Citizens Advice and Rights Fife: call 0345 1400 095 or visit www.cabfife.org.uk

Contact your local councillor: call 03451 555555 ext 442320 (24 hour surgery helpline) or visit www.fife.gov.uk

Cosy Kingdom: Telephone advice service for any energy billing or supplier issues. Also provide emergency top-ups for people who have run out of gas or electric and are struggling financially. Call 01592 807930 or email info@cosykingdom.org.uk.

Fife Gingerbread – Lone Parent Helpline: Support workers are available to give over the phone advice Monday to Thursday 9.00am—5.00pm and Friday 9.00am—3.30pm. Call 01592 725 210.

Age Scotland helpline: A free, confidential phone service for older people, their carers and families in Scotland. The team provide information, friendship and advice. Available Monday - Friday 9-5pm, call free on 0800 12 44 222.

Free school meals: If your child is entitled to a free school meal then you should be registered to receive a payment of £11.50 per week. Apply through Fife Council

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here: www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/education2/schools-in-fife/free-school-meals-and-school-clothing-grants

Young Scot: Young people can access lots of information and advice at: www.young.scot/campaigns/national/coronavirus

Support for mental health:

The NHS 24 Mental Health Hub is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on 111.

You can call the Samaritans 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on 116 123.

Breathing Space is available for advice and support on 0800 83 85 87 Monday to Thursday 6pm-2am and Friday 6pm to Monday 6am. You can also [visit the Breathing Space website](#).

The Relationship Helpline (0808 802 2088) is a free support line providing a safe and confidential space for anyone struggling with their relationship. The Helpline is open from 9.00am to 9.00pm, Monday to Thursday, and 9.00am to 4.00pm on Friday.

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Calls received.

During September 2025, Police Scotland received:

North East Fife Area – **1291** calls

Cupar Ward area **166**– incidents, with **45** crime reports recorded.

Ceres & Craigrothie

11 calls received by police, covering concerns for persons, dishonesty, and road traffic matters

1 crime reports recorded.

Kemback, Pitscottie & Blebo Craigs

13 calls to the police, covering road traffic matters, drugs and concern for persons, weather and wilful fire raising

4 crime reports recorded.

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Dairsie

5 calls to the police, covering concern-for-person and road traffic matters

0 crime recorded:

Cupar

105 calls to the police, covering concern for person/missing person calls; road traffic matters/collisions; requests for assistance to members of the public; fraud, theft and vandalism reports and disturbances, weather related and animal concerns.

31 crimes recorded.

Cults & Pitlessie

3 calls to the police, regarding weather and crime against a person

1 crimes recorded.

Springfield

29 calls to the police, covering road traffic matters; concern for person, requests for assistance/advice and disorder and weather.

8 crimes recorded.

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The Community officers are not always on duty. This may be due to operational duties, training or currently on their rest days.

This email box is not monitored 24/7.

This email address is NOT for the reporting of any crimes or incidents.

If you need to report a crime and for it to be logged properly, be risk assessed and for resources to be allocated then please report either through 999 for emergency, 101 or online Contactus form for Non emergencies.

The community officers will reply to your email if required at their earliest opportunity.

Thank you!

PC Duncan Shand and PC Lee Smith

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