**Perth & Kinross Local Area Commander’s Bulletin**

**Wednesday 23rd December 2020**

**Christmas and New Year**

Now that Christmas and New Year are upon us I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you all of the most up to date guidance relating to Coronavirus restrictions during the festive period.

The safest way to celebrate Christmas this year is with your own household in your own home - and as far as possible, to keep any interaction with other households to a minimum. This is by far the safest way to spend this Christmas and keep your loved ones safe.

Christmas bubbles can be formed on the 25th December to help reduce loneliness and isolation. You can meet with your bubble in a home, outdoors or in a place of worship.

You do not have to form a bubble if you do not want to – the safest way to spend Christmas is to stay in your own household, in your own home and your own local area.

If you do decide to form a bubble, this updated guidance asks you to:

* minimise the number of people in a Christmas bubble.  8 people from 3 households (plus children under 12 years of age from the three households) is the legal maximum.  One of the households can be an extended household.  But our recommendation is that a gathering of no more than 2 households would be better - the smaller the bubble, the better and safer it will be
* stay outside as much as possible. If you have to meet indoors, you should minimise the time you spend inside
* minimise the distance you travel.  The law allows you to travel within Scotland – but not to or from outside Scotland – to form a Christmas bubble. You must travel to form a bubble and return home on Christmas day

You should not go to a pub, restaurant, café or entertainment venue, for example a cinema or theatre, with your bubble.

If you don’t form a bubble you must [follow the rules in the local authority area you live in](https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/).

**Hogmanay and New Year:**Christmas bubbles apply on Christmas day only.  They will not apply at Hogmanay and New Year. All of mainland Scotland will be in Level 4 over Hogmanay and New Year with Orkney, Shetland, Na h-Eileanan Siar and the more remote islands in Argyll and Bute and Highland in Level 3.

**Looking after yourself:**  These are worrying and uncertain times. The coronavirus outbreak has changed the festive period for many people in Scotland and has had a real impact on how many of us are feeling.

Whether you have been directly affected by the virus, or are struggling to cope with the restrictions, it is important to look after both your physical and mental health. Visit [www.clearyourhead.scot](http://www.clearyourhead.scot/) for practical advice on how to look after your mental wellbeing, and sources of support if you need to talk to someone.

**UPDATES**

A 42 year old man was arrested for breaking into 2 vehicles in High Street, **Perth** on Tuesday 15th December and attempting to break into The Olive Tree, St John Street, **Perth**.

A 22 year old woman will be subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal for causing £800 of damage to a car in Kestrel Way, **Perth** on Wednesday 16th December.

A 31 year old man will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for theft of Apple Air Pods from a car parked in Leonard Street, **Perth** on Thursday 17th December.

A 35 year old man was arrested for driving whilst under the influence of drugs in Dunkeld Road, **Perth** on Saturday 19th December. He also had no MOT.

A 42 year old man will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for a series of thefts from vehicles in **Rattray** and **Coupar Angus**.

A 43 year old man will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for diving whilst under the influence of drugs in Muirs, **Kinross** on Thursday 17th December.

A 40 year old man will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for careless driving after causing a 2 vehicle road traffic collision on the M90 near **Kinross** on Saturday 19th December. He was also found to have no insurance and no diving licence.

During the last week 7 drivers have been found to be without insurance, 8 drivers had no MOT and 4 had no licence.

**RECENT INCIDENTS**

Between 6pm, Tuesday 15th December and 6pm, Wednesday 16th December, efforts were made to break into a blue Mercedes A Class parked in George Inn Lane, **Perth**. (CR/34319/20)

Between 9pm and 10pm, Wednesday 16th December, a power washer was stolen from Grassicks Garage, The Triangle, **Perth**. (CR/34506/20)

Between 5:30pm and 7:30pm, Sunday 20th December, the 2 front tyres of a grey Vauxhall Astra parked in Stanley Crescent, **Perth** were slashed. (CR/34742/20)

Between Friday 18th and Sunday 20th December, a red Honda TRX Quad Bike was stolen from Westleys Farm, **Errol**. (CR/34768/20)

Overnight on Friday 11th December, graffiti was spray painted on the side of The Granary Warehouse, Lower Mill Street, **Blairgowrie**. (CR/34385/20)

Between 10pm and 11pm, Thursday 17th December, 2 windows were smashed at a property in Newton Street, **Blairgowrie**. (CR/3442/20)

Overnight on Thursday 17th December, Christmas lights were stolen from outside a property in David Farquharson Road, **Blairgowrie**. (CR/34699/20)

About 5am, Tuesday 15th December, 2 males were disturbed attempting to break into a garden shed in Mid Lane, **Braco**. (CR/34226/20)

Between Friday 11th and Wednesday 16th December, a tyre was stolen from a grey Seat Leon parked in Bridgefauld Road, **Milnathort**. (CR/34443/20)

**Anyone with any information that may be useful should contact Tayside Division on 101 or any police officer, quoting the crime reference number listed at each incident. Alternatively information can be passed anonymously via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**

**Regards,**

**Graham Binnie.**

**Chief Inspector**

**Local Area Commander**

**Perth and Kinross**

**FURTHER INFORMATION AND INTERNET LINKS**

As we receive reports of crime, the information is shared on[**https://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk/**](https://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk/)

I would encourage you to sign up for notifications.

Guidance on how to protect your property is available via Community Watch as well as on the Police Scotland Website, just click or copy and paste the following links:-

[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-home**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-home)

[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-garden-and-outbuildings**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-garden-and-outbuildings)

[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/rural-crime**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/rural-crime)

[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/keep-your-bicycle-secure**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/keep-your-bicycle-secure)

Guidance on how to deal with and report bogus callers can be found on the Police Scotland website -[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/doorstep-crime-and-bogus-callers**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/doorstep-crime-and-bogus-callers)

For information on vehicle and personal property security please go to the Police Scotland website page; just click or copy and paste the following links:-

[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-car**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-car)

[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-valuables**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-valuables)

Keep up to date with everything we are doing and all appeals by visiting the following sites:-

[**https://twitter.com/policescotland**](https://twitter.com/policescotland)

[**https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland**](https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland)

[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/)

[**http://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk/**](http://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk/)

**Your Community Policing Teams**

**Locality Inspectors**

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| **NORTH**PI Emma Bowman**Blairgowrie & Glens****Highland****Strathtay****Strathmore****Carse of Gowrie** | **PERTH**PI Kerry Lynch**Perth City North****Perth City South****Perth City Centre** | **SOUTH**PI Craig Stephen**Strathearn****Strathallan** **Almond & Earn****Kinross-shire** |

If you wish to make contact with your local community officer please use the following e-mail addresses:

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TaysideCarseofGowrieCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

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