



Domestic abuse continues to be a problem within our society.

It is a crime that remains hidden behind closed doors, but we are committed to tackling it. The psychological harm that domestic abuse inflicts can be long lasting and wide ranging on not just victims, but also children and other family members.

We are continuing with our 'Couples Questions' campaign which encourages young men to reflect on their behaviour and take action to stop if they have started to use abusive, controlling or coercive behaviour in their relationships.

### **Why is our campaign aimed at men?**

[Scottish Government figures](#) consistently show that in the last ten years, approximately 80% of all incidents reported to Police Scotland involve a male perpetrator.

In 2023/24 Police Scotland recorded 63,867 incidents of domestic abuse. Of those incidents recorded, 81% involve a male perpetrator and female victim, 15% featured a female perpetrator and male victim and 3% featured same sex couples. And where age is known, approximately 35% of all incidents reported featured a male perpetrator under the age of 35.

We know that women can be abusers too but with such consistent statistics, our focus remains on reducing offending by men.

With this campaign we are looking to influence those in the younger age brackets to realise what isn't acceptable in a healthy relationship and encourage them to change their behaviour at an early stage and therefore prevent abusive behaviours developing.

Underreporting is an issue within the LGBTQI+ community and we want to build trust and confidence that every report of domestic abuse will be treated sensitively and investigated thoroughly.

If anyone viewing our campaign materials sees themselves in the behaviour depicted, we want them to #ChooseToStop and seek help and advice from the Respect Phoneline.

The Respect Phoneline is an organisation that offers support to people across Scotland who are concerned about their harmful or abusive behaviour. Their expert Advisors will listen, talk through a person's situation and help them develop strategies to change that can help them and their loved ones.



### **Local News and Updates**

Officers from the North Perthshire Community Team have charged and reported 3 young persons to the Youth Justice Assessor in relation to slates being thrown from the roof of the derelict Royal Hotel, Blairgowrie over the course of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of May

It is not the first time we have highlighted issues about this building and other derelict buildings in the area.

In this instance, not only have the young persons put themselves at risk by being on the roof of a building, the slates thrown narrowly missed a person on the ground which could have caused serious if not fatal injuries.

Officers will continue to patrol these areas and work with partners to ensure a safe Blairgowrie for all.

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About 1:35am, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, a break-in occurred at The Horn Milk Bar, Errol. A quantity of cash and a Guide Dogs for the Blind charity tin were stolen from within.

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Cannabis worth an estimated £360,000 has been recovered after the search of a property in Perth.

Officers acting on intelligence searched an address in Crieff Road during the morning of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Two men aged 28 and 23 were arrested and charged in connection with drug offences.

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Like the rest of Scotland, South Perthshire is seeing an increase in the number of e-bikes and e-scooters being used illegally on the roads.

E-bikes can legally be used in public roads if they meet specific requirements, including that the motor should not propel the bike more than 15.5mph.

Vehicles that exceed these limits are subject to the Road Traffic Act meaning the rider must hold a full UK driving licence, have insurance and wear an approved helmet.

E-scooters are not permitted on public roads, pavements or other public spaces. Their use is only legal on private land with the landowners consent.

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4 men aged 58, 48, 44 and 33 have been arrested and charged in connection with threatening and abusive behaviour following a protest in Blairgowrie.

The protest took place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026.

The men have all been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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About 1:50pm, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, a black Trek Marlon adult mountain bike was stolen from outside The Range, St Catherines Retail Park, Perth

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A man aged 20 and a woman aged 21 have been arrested and charged after a premises was broken into and set on fire in Blairgowrie.

The incident happened in the early hours of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May at the business on Wellmeadow.

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PERTH & KINROSS 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Links and Further Information

As we receive reports of crime, the information is shared on

<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 link:-

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/>

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

<https://twitter.com/policescotland>

<https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland>

<http://www.scotland.police.uk>

<http://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk>

## Your Community Policing Teams

### Inspectors

**PERTH CITY CENTRE** – PI Steve Gray

**PERTHSHIRE NORTH** – PI James Longden

*Blairgowrie & Glens, Highland, Strathtay, Strathmore, Carse of Gowrie*

**PERTHSHIRE SOUTH** – PI Kris McCall

*Strathearn, Strathallan, Almond & Earn, Kinross-shire*

## Your Community Policing Teams

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

[TaysideCommunityPolicePerthandKinross@scotland.police.uk](mailto:TaysideCommunityPolicePerthandKinross@scotland.police.uk)

Regards,

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**Perth and Kinross**