



## Mountain and Outdoor Safety

With the beautiful weather recently there has been a noticeable increase in people heading to the great outdoors and enjoying the best that Perth and Kinross has to offer; particularly when it comes to walking and climbing.

However, given the propensity for the weather conditions to change rapidly, particularly at altitude, it is incumbent on all to make sure that they are prepared for all eventualities. After all there is no such thing as bad weather, only poor clothing choices.

So, before you head out to enjoy the wilderness, please take a few minutes to ensure you and your party are fully prepared. Firstly, ensure that you carry clothing to deal with all types of weather, including hats and gloves as the temperature at the summit of a climb may vary significantly from the bottom; consider multiple layers which can be added or removed as required. Sturdy footwear is essential as is a waterproof jacket and trousers and if you're taking a GPS device then make sure you have spare batteries; also take a map (of the correct area and know how to use it).

Compass, whistle, bivvy bag, spare foodstuffs and a first-aid kit should all be mandatory and don't cost the earth. Also, a mobile phone is of no use if it's got no charge so invest in a power pack or switch it off if not required.

Complacency is the climber's enemy so don't just assume that once you have reached the summit it's all over; descending can be equally perilous.

Always notify someone of your intended route and expected return time. It's every individual's responsibility for their own safety whilst on the hills so don't find yourself relying on the professionalism of a mountain rescue team when a few simple preparations and precautions can help us all enjoy the best that the outdoors has to offer.

For more information visit the Police Scotland website where there are also links for advice about safety around inland and coastal water. Or visit the Scottish Mountain Rescue website.

It is also very important to be aware of and have respect for the Outdoor Access Code, particularly as it relates to where and when not to park, on what can often be narrow and somewhat crowded roads at this time of year. Emergency vehicles can require access to almost anywhere and a badly parked vehicle could hinder emergency access. Use designated parking areas where possible. Details of the code can be found at [www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot)



### Local News and Updates

A man has been jailed for 11 years for a series of non-recent sexual offences, including rape, involving girls aged under 13, in Perthshire.

Steven Robertson, aged 52, was sentenced at the High Court in Edinburgh on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April. He had previously been found guilty of the offences that happened at his family home between February 1980 and December 1995.

Between 8pm, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> and 8:30am, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, a white Alfa Romeo and a silver Ford Eco were broken in to whilst parked in Lewis Place, Perth.

A 41-year-old woman was arrested and held in custody to appear at Perth Sheriff Court for culpable and reckless conduct at a property in Lickley Court, Perth.

Officers attended about 2:30pm, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April after receiving calls from members of the public that the woman was throwing items from a 6<sup>th</sup> floor balcony which narrowly missed pedestrians below.

Between 2pm and 6pm, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, the front door of a property in Coralbank Crescent, Rattray was damaged, allowing entry to the property.

A 48-year-old man will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for dangerous driving after being caught driving his Kawasaki Motorbike at 110mph in a 60mph limit on the A85 between Comrie and Crieff.

Counterfeit cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco worth over £2,600 have been seized from a commercial premises in Crieff.

Officers attended the property on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April alongside Trading Standards officers from Perth & Kinross Council. Police Scotland will continue to support Trading Standards as they continue their investigation.

Between Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the rear door of a property in Alma Avenue, Aberfeldy was forced allowing entry to the property.

A 27-year-old man was arrested by officers for being in possession of an offensive weapon during a disturbance in Barossa Street, Perth on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Between Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, the passenger windows of a blue Mazda were scratched whilst the vehicle was parked in Store Street, Stanley.

A 31 year old man will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for driving whilst under the influence of cocaine on Kinnoull Street, Perth on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. He was also found to have no insurance policy in place for the vehicle.



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## 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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**Local Area Commander**

**Perth and Kinross**