

# PERTSHIRE *G8 Summit* Community Update

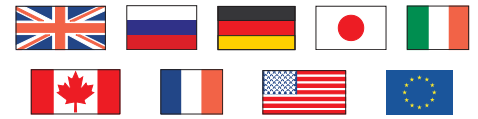
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## The Road to the Summit

Tayside Police Sergeant Ian Martin and PC Kerry MacLeod by the A9 at Auchterarder - see story on page 3



## Insurance

Information on the G8 Summit and how to check you are properly insured has been published on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website.

The site [www.g8.gov.uk](http://www.g8.gov.uk) advises householders and businesses to contact their insurer in the first instance to check their policy is appropriate to meet their needs.

Insurance policies can vary from insurer to insurer, although most policies cover damage under "malicious damage" and larger scale protests under "civil commotion".

Physical damage resulting from terrorism is typically covered by most policies.

If you have concerns or queries, you should contact your insurance company for their written advice in the first instance. More general advice is also available from the Association of British Insurers (ABI).

A Foreign and Commonwealth Office spokesman said: "Our advice to householders and businesses in Auchterarder and the surrounding areas is to check that they have the most appropriate policy.

"If, after talking to your insurer, you feel that your policy does not meet your needs then you could discuss with your insurer whether they can provide a more appropriate policy, or ask other insurers.

"Unfortunately, householders and businesses who choose to take out new cover or increase their existing cover cannot reclaim the cost or any other type of compensation from the Government.

"Other events that might potentially attract protestors or even a possible terrorist threat take place regularly throughout the UK. Neither the Scottish Executive nor the UK Government accept any claims for these events, and will not do so for the G8 Summit."

You can contact the ABI at [www.abi.org.uk](http://www.abi.org.uk) email [info@abi.org.uk](mailto:info@abi.org.uk) or telephone 0207 6003333.

To contact the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, write to the G8 Presidency Team, King Charles Street, LONDON SW1A 2AH

## Effects of G8 Summit on local services and traffic

**D**etails of how the G8 Summit will impact on local roads and public transport will be available in early May.

Tayside Police and Perth & Kinross Council are planning to release details of the traffic management plan which will be in place over the week of the Summit. This will include information on road closures, diversions and changes to public transport.

Further information will be published in early June when a special Summit edition of Community Update will be delivered to households and businesses in and around Auchterarder. This will include information about any planned changes to local Council services and other plans to minimise disruption and inconvenience.

Local people are being urged

to keep the newsletter as a source of information and contact details over the Summit.

Up to date information on traffic and service changes will also be made available at both [www.tayside.police.uk/g8](http://www.tayside.police.uk/g8) and [www.perthshireg8.com](http://www.perthshireg8.com) in the run up to and during the G8 Summit.

Tayside Police Chief Constable John Vine said: "Protecting our local communities and members of the public is as important to us as protecting the world leaders when they meet at Gleneagles Hotel on the 6th - 8th July.

"We are well aware how important it is to keep local people informed. Two dedicated G8 Community Liaison officers are now in post at Auchterarder Police Station to provide a local point of

contact and ensure there is a link between the police and the community in the build up to the event.

"Their role is to provide information to local people while supporting the police planning team by supplying local knowledge and feedback from the community."

Perth & Kinross Council Chief Executive Bernadette Malone added: "From the outset I have made it clear that our priorities are to ensure that the local community is kept fully informed and that disruption to the important services we deliver locally is minimised.

"To this end we will continue to work closely with local communities, Tayside Police and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the run-up to and during the G8 Summit."

# Your questions answered

**Tayside Police Chief Constable John Vine and Perth & Kinross Council Chief Executive Bernadette Malone attended a Community Liaison Meeting at the Community School of Auchterarder on 24 March 2005.**

**The meeting gave representatives of the local community, including leaders of community groups, business representatives and community council members, an opportunity to ask questions and receive an update on police and Council plans for the Summit.**

**Here are some of the most popular questions asked at the meeting:**

**When will we see more police in the area?**

There will be a gradual build-up of police staff in and around Auchterarder, starting several weeks before the Summit.

**Which roads will be closed?**

Only those roads giving immediate access to Gleneagles Hotel will be closed. There may be some restrictions on other local routes at certain times. Ways of managing the traffic demands of the Summit and keeping the travelling public on the move are being examined. These include lowered speed limits on sections of the A9 and road policing officers on duty at junctions. It is important to emphasise that there are no plans to close the A9.

**How far in advance of the Summit do people have to give notice of their intention to march?**

Any person proposing to hold a procession in public must give at least seven days notice to the Council in whose area the procession or march is to be held. However, it is advisable for more notice to be given so that if conditions are imposed on the march, the organisers have sufficient time to

appeal. For full information about this process please see [www.perthshireg8.com](http://www.perthshireg8.com)

**Are the police or Council arranging a convergence site for protestors?**

It is not for the police or Council to provide such a facility. However, should a group or individual come forward with a formal proposal and agreement from a landowner, the police and the Council would wish to be informed and would liaise with the organisers/landowner on issues such as health and safety, environmental health and security.



*Chief Constable John Vine, Tayside Police*

**Will regular deliveries to businesses and homes, such as mail and grocery supplies, be allowed?**

Yes. There are no plans to restrict deliveries such as mail and supplies to shops during the Summit. Every effort will be made by the police, the Council and other agencies for business to continue as usual in

Auchterarder and the surrounding area.



*Bernadette Malone, Chief Executive, Perth & Kinross Council*

**Will the full cost of policing the G8 Summit be made public?**

The costs of policing the G8 Summit will be included in Tayside Police's audited accounts for 2005/2006. The force's annual accounts are available to the public.

**There have been lots of press reports about the police preparations – how accurately does this reflect what could happen?**

The police planning operation for the Summit has certainly caught the attention of the media but not all press reports give an accurate or balanced picture of what is happening.

Tayside Police is putting a very broad range of contingencies in place and planning for all eventualities – this does not mean the force anticipates there being incidents of public disorder.

# Internet Reports

Recent media coverage has centred on extreme protest and anarchist group websites carrying claims of planned acts of violence and disturbance.

Tayside Police Chief Superintendent Brian Powrie, who is in charge of the G8 Summit security planning operation, said: "There is a lot of speculation on the internet about what protest groups may do at the G8 Summit, around the venue and elsewhere in Scotland.

"The police monitor the internet for a variety of reasons and we are aware of website content relating to protest groups and claims of disruption during the G8 Summit.

**"Due to the nature of the internet, we would urge anyone looking at such websites to remember that it is very difficult to assess the veracity of the content and to be aware that claims made on-line don't necessarily translate into action."**

CS Powrie added that he hoped recognised protest groups will take the opportunity to work with the police.

"Tayside Police is planning a major security operation and one element of that is to ensure that those who wish to protest lawfully will be facilitated, but those who break the law will be dealt with appropriately," he said.

"There will be a significant community police presence throughout the period of the Summit to protect the public, prevent unlawful behaviour and keep the peace."



# Traffic Matters



**A Tayside traffic cop who started his career on the Auchterarder beat 20 years ago has made his return as part of the force's G8 Summit planning team.**

Sergeant Ian Martin is mapping out the community policing operation for Auchterarder and the surrounding area - including the traffic management plan and extra beat officers.

"I was absolutely delighted to join the planning team for the G8 Summit."

Ian, who has spent 14 years with the force's Western Division road policing unit, is looking at options to manage the traffic demands of the Summit and keep local people and other road users on the move.

"The police are working with colleagues in local and national road network organisations to produce the best possible traffic management plan for the South Perthshire area.

"Obviously we will have to respond as necessary as the event progresses,

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## Summit to Talk About

A special phone messaging system to keep local community leaders up-to-date with the latest police G8 developments is to swing into action in April.

Tayside Police has developed the computerised messaging system, which delivers information directly to members of the community via telephones.

Called VIP Speakeasy Informer, the system allows officers to pass on information on the G8 Summit

to community leaders or representatives of groups such as Neighbourhood Watch and Community Councils.

Police officers record a voicemail and select the group of people who are to receive the message. The system telephones members of the group between set times until each person has received the voicemail.

The force will be developing the system over coming weeks and contacting community leaders and representatives direct.

**"The key message I want to get across is that closure of the A9 does not feature in our plans."**

"It's challenging, exciting and very rewarding.

"The best aspect of the job is being exposed to new ideas and thinking right across the board."

Effective management of the local road network has a vital role to play in helping to minimise disruption to the community - one of the key aims of the policing operation.

but we very much want the A9 to stay open."

Ian is also preparing the community policing plan.

"Local people can expect to see lots of uniformed officers out on foot patrol, particularly in Auchterarder and Blackford," he explained.

"They'll be looking after the needs of the community as well as helping the wider security operation."

## G8 Online...

Keep up to date with the latest developments on-line.

[www.tayside.police.uk/g8](http://www.tayside.police.uk/g8) provides information on the policing operation around the Summit venue - Gleneagles Hotel - for local residents and visitors from further afield.

The site also tackles frequently asked

questions and shares information on the force's role in leading the policing operation, along with the latest police related G8 news. Nearer to the Summit itself, details of the traffic management plan and other useful public information will be posted on the website.

At [www.perthshireg8.com](http://www.perthshireg8.com)

you can find information about local events and activities in the run up to the Summit.

As well as answering frequently asked questions, you can submit your questions at the contact page (see page 4). The site also has useful links to other sites of interest regarding the G8 Summit.



# Events and Community Activities

**Local schools and communities will have the opportunity to engage with the key themes of the Summit through exciting and varied events and activities including:**

**A tourism seminar** at Crieff Hydro Hotel on 18th April. Speakers include the President of Savannah Tourism who will speak about the benefits that the 2004 G8 Summit at Sea Island has had on tourism.

**Two international trade workshops** will be held at the Perthshire Chamber of Commerce Business Fair.

Speakers will also join delegates at Crieff Hydro Hotel on the 6th June for a seminar on **climate change**.

This will be an opportunity to discuss how climate change is affecting Scotland.

Activities have also been designed around our enthusiastic and talented young people who want to engage in the major debates about global issues. Opportunities for young people include:

**The creation of a Book of Thoughts** on the theme "Letter to a Leader: My world, what it means to me."

At the beginning of June, young people will debate climate change in a **speechmaking competition**.

Local school children are designing **banners with an ecological theme** to be hung in Auchterarder High Street.

Exhibition banners are also being designed by young people from our Eco-Schools.

Young people and community members will also have the chance to take part in a **performing arts festival**.

Lorraine Collins, International Co-ordinator, said, "The main aims behind the creation of this programme were to promote sustainability, develop links with foreign countries - not only those represented at the Summit - and ensure that local people of all ages have the chance to connect with the whats, whys and wherefores of G8."

For further information about these events and activities go to **www.perthshireg8.com** or contact Perth & Kinross Council.



*Speechmaking Team, Community School of Auchterarder*



The idea to create a tartan for the Summit was suggested by Kinross company Todd and Duncan. The tartan, pictured here, has been

designed by Crieff man Brian Wilton. The design incorporates green and purple, representing the G8 Summit logo; a line of red, the one colour

present in all the G8 nation flags; and a line of white for each G8 nation which together form the white cross of St Andrew.

## Summit Surgeries

You can drop into Auchterarder Police Station anytime between 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm on Fridays.

## Contact Us...

If you want any information about the G8 Summit or wish to ask a question about the event you can use the following contact details to get in touch with Tayside Police, Perth & Kinross Council or the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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