

# TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD

29 January 2001

Report by the Chief Constable No. PB 2/2001

**SUBJECT: THE QUEEN'S NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST AWARD**

<p><b>Abstract:</b> This report advises the Board of the award of the MBE to Mr Alan Stewart, Tayside Police Wildlife Liaison Co-ordinator.</p>
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## 1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Board note that in the Queen's New Year Honours List published on 1 January 2001 that Mr Alan Stewart was named as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Mr Stewart joined Perth and Kinross Constabulary as a Cadet in 1965. He served throughout Western Division of Tayside Police until he retired in 1997 and was then employed as the Tayside Police Wildlife Liaison Co-ordinator. Prior to his retirement as a serving officer he was the Force Wildlife Liaison Officer from 1993.
- 2.2 In 1997 Mr Stewart was awarded "Nature's Prize", a Conservation Award by Scottish Natural Heritage, Grampian Television and Shell UK for a project which was aimed at the preservation of the endangered moorland raptor, the hen harrier. This project also involved Amulree and Kirkmichael Primary Schools, a number of shooting estates, RSPB (Scotland), Scottish Natural Heritage and BBC Television.
- 2.3 In 1999 he gained further recognition of his efforts in wildlife law enforcement when he was named by the UK Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime (PAW) as the UK Wildlife Enforcer of the Year. This was the first time that this highly prestigious award, donated by the World Wide Fund for Nature, had been won by a member of a Scottish Police Force.

## 3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The award of the MBE to Mr Stewart marks his outstanding contribution to wildlife law enforcement. He has been inspirational to many officers and colleagues and other agencies in his wildlife work, both in Tayside and throughout Scotland. He is held in high regard by conservation groups, game managers and estate owners across Scotland. His endeavours in this area and his dedication over many years is an example for others to follow.

3.2 The award brings great credit to the recipient and to Tayside Police and is worthy of recognition by the Board.

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