

# THANK YOU TENTERDEN!



Angus MacArthur is delighted to have his money and his wallet back

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## Scotsman amazed as lost £655 is returned

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**A SCOTSMAN** was mortified when he lost his wallet containing nearly £700 in crisp bank notes.

What he did not know when the wallet dropped out of his pocket in Ashford Road, Tenterden, was that the money was scattered to the four winds.

That is how delighted schoolgirls, shoppers, pensioners and even an ex-assistant chief constable came across the windfall — like pennies from heaven.

They gathered up the money and over the space of six hours the windfall came floating back to Tenterden police station.

It started when a gardener handed in a £300 wad of notes.

Then came handfulls of cash from former Tenterden mayor Robert Cruttenden, a magistrate living in Beacon Oak Road, retired dentist John Crease and former county assistant chief constable John Cruttenden.

Schoolgirl Claire Russell of Wittersham, a pupil at Homewood School, handed more in.

When police station receptionist Ann Masters went to collect some of the money from a finder, she spotted £50 and £20 notes blowing around in the gutter.

She said: "It was just like a treasure hunt — just blowing about. It was wonderful."

Finally the wallet was picked up with just £5 left inside — plus the owner's National Insurance card.

Police traced civil engineer Angus MacArthur to St Michael's Terrace in Grange Road, Tenterden and then to a building complex where he was working in Tilbury, Essex.

By the time he came to collect his property, £665 had been handed into incredulous police.

Insp Fred Skinner said: "It's good to know there are so many honest people about."

Mr MacArthur was amazed too: "All my cash has come back safe and sound. I would never have believed it."

"It just shows how many honest people there still are, from schoolgirls to pensioners."