

# Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



**Community Council:**

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

**Reporting Period:**

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**Ward Plan Priorities**

## **Antisocial Behaviour**

Since the last meeting, there has been no reported incidents of antisocial behaviour.

## **Theft**

On 23/9/16 police received a call from a member of the public, stating that there was a male acting suspicious on New Endrick Road, Killearn. On Police arrival, there was no trace of any person in the street or the surrounding streets.

On 6/10/16 police received a call regarding possible bogus workmen attending at properties in Napier Road, Killearn. Unfortunately at the time there were no officers available to attend. When officers were available, there was no trace of any people/vehicles in the area.

With the autumn/winter months now approaching, we encourage residents to set lights on timers if they are out in the evening, giving the appearance that someone is home.

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## Road Safety

On 8/10/16 speed checks were carried out in station Road, Killearn by Road Policing Officers. 2 people have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for speeding offences.

There have been complaints regarding vehicles parking on double yellow lines on Main Street, Killearn. Officers will monitor the situation and take appropriate action with any drivers committing an offence.

Local officers continue to carry out routine patrols in the area in an attempt to deter travelling criminals.

## Community Engagement and Reassurance

PCs Ray Murphy and Steven Graham are based at Balfron Police Office and can be contacted at the police office, on 101, or at [ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk). Both officers have access to this email address mailbox, and it is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact. **This email address should not be used to report crimes or ongoing incidents. Such incidents should be reported by calling 101 or 999, or to police officers directly.**

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## Other Incidents / Activity of note

### Air Weapons Surrender Scheme

The Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 comes fully into effect on 31 December 2016. The new law will require any person who possesses, purchases, uses or acquires an air weapon to have a certificate to hold them legally.

It will be an offence not to have a certificate for these purposes from 31 December 2016, unless you are exempt, but you are now able to apply to Police Scotland for a certificate.

The new Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act will:

- Clearly define the air weapons which will be subject to licensing
- Broadly follow the principles and practises of existing firearms legislations
- Enable a fit person to obtain a licence to own, possess and shoot an air weapon in a regulated way without compromising public safety
- Ensure appropriate enforcement of the new regime with robust offences and penalties to deal with any person who contravenes the regime

Unwanted air weapons can still be handed into designated police offices. Your local designated police office is Balfron.

Further information can be found at <http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/airweapons/>

### Police Scotland Public Consultation Survey - Your View Counts

The Police Scotland Public Consultation Survey was launched on Thursday, 7th April 2016. In previous years, the survey was paper-based and involved community officers delivering and collating the surveys from members of the local community. This year, the survey has been placed online.

The survey allows local communities to provide feedback to Police Scotland in relation to a variety of topics, including the views of local people and what they feel local policing priorities should be in their communities.

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete, and everyone is encouraged to participate in it.

The survey and further information can be found at [www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts) .

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## No Place in Scotland for any form of Hate Crime, says Chief Constable

There is no place in Scotland for any form of Hate Crime, intolerance or prejudice, says Police Scotland at the launch of national Hate Crime Awareness Week.

Chief Constable Phil Gormley said: "Tackling all forms of Hate Crime remains an absolute priority for Police Scotland. Every incident has a significant impact on the victim, their family and wider communities. Police Scotland continues to work closely with our criminal justice partners to do everything in our power to protect all communities and eradicate all forms of hatred.

"We cannot, however, do this on our own, and I am asking the people of Scotland to continue to work with us to ensure every incident is reported to the police. We recognise that Hate Crime often goes unreported, and there are many reasons why people don't come forward and raise their concerns, but we must work together to ensure Hate Crime has no place in our communities.

"We live in a diverse and welcoming country, where for the majority, diversity is something to be celebrated, so if you or someone you know is being targeted and treated unfairly due to their disability, sexuality, race, religion or sexual orientation, then do something about it and tell someone. This doesn't have to be a police officer, and we work closely with a wide variety of partner agencies, charities and community groups to offer ways in which victims or witnesses can raise a concern and get the information to the play via a third party.

"Hate Crime can manifest itself in lots of different ways, for example, offensive graffiti, having your property vandalised, having your belongings stolen, people swearing or making abusive remarks making you feel intimidated or harassed, through online abuse, being threatened or being physically attacked. All of this behaviour is completely unacceptable, and whether criminal or not, Police Scotland wants to know about in order to avoid behaviour escalating and being unchallenged.

"Examples of Police Scotland's commitment to tackling Hate Crime include work with the "I Am Me" charity to provide support for people with disabilities through our 'Keep Safe' scheme in partnership with the public and private sectors; and the recently developed training for more than 90 officers to work with the country's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex (LGBTI) communities to help prevent Hate Crime."

The training was delivered by the Equality Network, Scotland's national LGBTI equality and human rights charity, on behalf of the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

The officers are now part of a new network of LGBTI Liaison Officers who can be contacted by the public. The officers are also be able to help and advise their colleagues across Police Scotland on LGBTI issues.

This week of activity also coincides with the start of Black History Month, a celebration of the significant contribution of our minority ethnic black communities who, alongside other communities have played, and continue to play, a wholly enriching role in the development of our society.

Superintendent Davie Duncan of Police Scotland's Safer Communities Department said: "We are delighted to continue to work with a wide variety of partner agencies and communities across Scotland, such as the Equality Network, in tackling Hate Crime.

"We welcome the opportunity to promote the public awareness of the issue through Hate Crime Awareness Week. Through research and ongoing community engagement, we know that Hate Crime is often under reported and we hope that through the provision of new and developing reporting methods, such as Third Party reporting, or via the on-line Hate Crime form on the Police Scotland web-site (<http://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/hate-crime-and-third-party-reporting/>), people will be encouraged to come forward and report incidents.

"Everyone has the right to live in safe environment, free from any form of prejudice, and I would urge anyone who has been the victim or witness to Hate Crime to come forward with confidence and let us help."

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**Issues raised**  
**Community Council Feedback**

A resident of Beech Dr complained that some drivers were not adhering to the new 20 mph speed limit and were also using mobiles when driving. He thought that it was mainly locals who are involved (he said that he could name them). Most of the offences seem to take place between 7 and 8 am and 3.30 to 5 pm.