

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

November 2017 Compiled by PC Scott Craigie

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

There have been no incidents of anti-social behaviour since the last meeting.

Road Safety

There have been no reportable road accidents since the last meeting. ***

The Central Scotland Safety Camera Partnership have continued to operate on the A811 near to Kippen. Local officers have and will continue to carry out high visibility patrols to improve road safety.

Inconsiderate parking around the primary school has been monitored and this will continue.

*** There has recently been a change in procedures within this division of Police Scotland and others to bring all divisions onto a standardised procedure. The police will only record accidents where there are charges being proffered against a driver or serious injury to the driver or another party. This change has led to some odd looks or queries when I provide reports that say "there have been no reportable road accidents", as local people have often seen police at an accident in the village during the course of the month. A lot of the time officers will have attended to provide assistance, but nothing is logged as if it does not fit the new criteria. So I agree that you may have seen accidents with police in attendance, however if be we only attended to provide assistance or for safety reasons, we will not have recorded the accident.

I have noticed that all the villages within my ward area have advised they have issues with speeding in the village. Officers try and attend to this complaint (and a lot of work has been done by them in respect of this issue) but there are generally two officers covering 354 sq. miles containing 12 villages and as much as we try our best we can not be everywhere. With this in mind I have spoken to The Camera Enforcement Unit to see if they could offer any further assistance.

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The supervisor within the unit has advised that there is a campaign being trailed within the Central belt called "Street Lights Mean 30". This is advertising that is placed on bins throughout a village which act as a constant reminder, to drivers, of the speed limit. The campaign is being evaluated and if it is offered nationally, I will let you know and we can get involved.

Theft

There have been no reports of any thefts since the last meeting.

Community Engagement and Reassurance

PC Steven Graham has taken up a new role as a response officer at Balfon Police Office, so his local knowledge will not be lost. PC Scott Craigie is based at Balfon Police Office and can be contacted at the police office, on 101, or at ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk. He has access to this email address mailbox, and it is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact. A process is underway to identify a replacement for PC Graham is underway and PC Craigie will keep you up to date with this process.

Social Media

Please remember that we regularly publish useful information and updates on social media, including appeals for information, updates about road closures and crime prevention advice. Our Facebook and Twitter pages can be found at

www.facebook.com/forthvalleypolicedivision
www.facebook.com/policescotland

www.twitter.com/stirlingpol
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Other Incidents / Activity of note

Rural Watch Scotland

'Rural Watch Scotland' is an extension of the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland movement and endorsed by the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) and Forth valley Rural Crime Group aimed specifically at the rural communities of Scotland and aims to bring all the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch to all rural communities irrespective of location, size or demographics.

Rural watch is an online community for any member of the public where appeals, crime prevention tips and safety alerts can be posted by those who subscribe which can be viewed by all members. Subscription is free and the sharing of information on the forum is a great example of real time crime prevention in action.

The objectives of Rural Watch Scotland are to:

- Reduce crime and the fear of crime by providing the right information, to the right people, at the right time.
- Encourage people to think about safety and security for themselves, their neighbours and their community.
- Improve community cohesion and well-being by supporting communities to develop 'their watch, their way'.
- Work in partnership with national and local service providers to develop more resilient communities that are better prepared against threats, intentional or unintentional, such as crime or extreme weather.

The experience of Neighbourhood Watch throughout Scotland and elsewhere across the world is that members of Rural Watch Scotland will be less likely than non-members in the rural community to be a victim of crime.

By joining the Rural Watch Scotland scheme members can receive alerts and advice by phone, text or email. By keeping members informed about crime and other threats in specific areas, Rural Watch Scotland can help prevent crime, keep communities and residents safe, and members responses to these alerts can help catch criminals or be better prepared to deal with other threats to communities. To join Rural Watch Scotland simply:

- Log onto www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk
- Click the green JOIN button at the top of the page.
- Follow the on screen instructions."

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Your View Counts

Our online public consultation process 'Your View Counts' launched on Friday 4 August. Members of the public are invited to help inform our policing priorities across the country by telling us what's important to you.

This is the second year we have run the 'Your View Counts' consultation. Analysis of survey results, together with crime stats and other community and partnership meetings are used to determine our priorities.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation/>

The confidential survey only takes 15 minutes to complete and is open all year round meaning that if an individual's priorities change a survey can be re-submitted.

The response to the consultation process will be continuously monitored and quarterly progress reports will be published on the Police Scotland website and the intranet.

Neighbourhood Alert.

This is a community messaging system which sends alerts regarding crime, safety and resilience to communities. Ruralwatch is an information platform that has been set up by what was formerly Neighbourhood Watch, however the big difference being that any members of the local community can sign up to have the relevant alerts sent to them by various means including E-mail or Text message. To receive free alerts simply register at:

www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

Police Message of Local Residents

It is getting to the time when it gets darker earlier which can make it easier for thieves to target your property if they can see that nobody is home. We need your help to make it make it harder for the thieves so please consider the following:

- Use timer switches on lights and radios to make it look as if your home is occupied.
- Ensure all doors and windows are secure when you leave and when you go to bed.
- If possible use secure lighting at the front and back of your property.
- Make sure all garden tools and ladders are locked away when not being used. Don't give the thieves the tools to break into your house.
- Use a good quality lock on any garden sheds and outhouses.
- Make a note of all makes, models and serial numbers of expensive items in your home.
- If you note anything suspicious in your neighbourhood report it on 101.

If anyone would like further crime prevention advice, please contact PC Scott Craigie or PC Steven Graham who will be happy to assist.

Issues raised

Community Council Feedback