

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

There has been no incidents of note since the last meeting.

Road Safety

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

Local officers have and will continue to carry out high visibility patrols to improve road safety.

The issues in relation to vehicles parked on the A809 near to the Devil's Pulpit are still ongoing, however appear to have abated over recent months, as a result of the poorer weather. Officers will continue to monitor this area as is believed that the better weather will see a return of high visitor numbers.

There have been a number of meetings and conversations held over the winter months involving all or some of the various parties, who find themselves involved in the issues at this location. From a policing point of view, vehicles parked dangerously or causing an obstruction, as before, will be uplifted by the police and the owners charged accordingly.

The actions of people requiring rescue from the gorge will now be subject of police investigation. If it is found their actions constitute the Common Law Crime of Reckless Conduct, they will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal at Stirling for consideration of prosecution. This crime is committed by someone whose actions show utter disregard for what the consequences of the action in question may be, leading to injury. OR Circumstances are such as to give rise to a reasonable inference that persons may be injured. Instances leading to persons being charged with this crime will be publicised and it is hoped that this tougher stance will make people think more about what they are doing when they attend the gorge.

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Theft

Since the last meeting here has been an attempted theft from a house within the village. There are still issues in the Strathblane/Dumgoyne/Stockiemuir area, where remote sheds and outbuilding are still being targeted.

Once again I would ask everyone to remain vigilant in relation to their home and vehicles.

There has also been a theft by shoplifting from the CO-OP.

Community Engagement and Reassurance

PC Scott Craigie is based at Balforn 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 second officer of the community role 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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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 who will be happy to assist.

Issues raised

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