

# Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



**Community Council:**

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

**Reporting Period:**

December 2018 compiled by PC Gary Martin

**Ward Plan Priorities**

## **Antisocial Behaviour**

There was a call received in relation to a dog bite, leg bitten. Enquiries ongoing and liaising with Dog Warden.

Cat struck by an air pellet, luckily it was uninjured.

A call received in relation to youths causing a noise disturbance at the primary school, broken bottles etc. Police attended and disturbance stopped. We have since liaised with the janitor the other day and there has been no further issues in relation to this.

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## Road Safety

Steven Graham and I were out with the Speed Radar Gun. It is our intention to carry this out at various times through the coming year in the 13 villages we cover in order to assist with the speeding issues that are quite rightly raised at Community Council meetings.

Another RTC occurred on the A81 near to the distillery. No serious injuries.

There were a couple of RTCs in the Main Street, no injuries, persons exchanged details.

Report of cows/sheep on various roadways, please take extra care at this time of the year.

Local officers have continued to carry out high visibility patrols in the area. Traffic Officers have also been in the villages and carrying out both high visibility and unmarked patrols.

As previously mentioned - Please check and maintain your vehicle for road worthiness. The winter weather causes roads and driving conditions to be hazardous. This includes ensuring that vehicle windscreens are defrosted and you have a full view of the road ahead prior to driving off. On that note, please do not defrost the windscreen by leaving your engine running unattended on the road or driveway.

## DEVIL'S PULPIT

No issues.

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## Theft

A report of bogus workmen attempting to sell tar. No monies exchanged.

Theft of a power saw and generator from an outbuilding at a farm on the outskirts of the village, padlock forced and the items stolen from within.

We have carried out road checks in the area recently to try and catch/deter travelling criminals. These checks will be continued.

Police have attended numerous alarm activations but these have been false alarms.

**Balfron Police are encouraging Forth and Endrick residents to be vigilant following four domestic housebreakings during November. Two properties in Strathblane, one in Croftamie and one in Killearn have been targeted over the past three weeks. Although enquiries are at an early stage, these housebreakings are happening whilst the properties are empty and seem to be occurring during the morning / afternoon period.**

**Crimes of this type can increase in the lead up to Christmas and it is important that residents take every precaution to avoid becoming a victim. Use timer switches to turn lights on when you're not at home. Consider leaving a radio switched on too. Anything which makes your home look occupied, such as leaving a car in the driveway may be enough to prevent a thief from approaching your home.**

**To those of you who are at home during the day, keep an eye out for your neighbour's homes. If you see anything you consider suspicious, contact the police via 999.**

**Until we have detected and resolved this issue, Balfron Police will be specifically targeting foot and mobile patrols at residential areas of the Forth and Endrick villages during the daytime. With your assistance we can prevent further crimes and catch those responsible.**

## Police Message of Local Residents

The start of the darker nights 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:

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- 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.
- create a FREE and secure inventory of all your personal property at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- If you note anything suspicious in your neighbourhood report it on 101.

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

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## Community Engagement and Reassurance

It is important to you to have community officers who you know, who are accessible and who address local problems.

PC Steven Graham and PC Gary Martin are based at Balfron Police Office and can be contacted 101 or at [ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk). It is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact

Please contact us at Balfron Police Office should there be any issues that require addressed.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/forthvalleypolicedivision)

[www.facebook.com/policescotland](http://www.facebook.com/policescotland)

[www.twitter.com/stirlingpol](http://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](http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk)
- Click the green JOIN button at the top of the page.
- Follow the on screen instructions."

### Rural Crime

There is a Q and A with Inspector Alan Don from the Rural Crime Team on the Police Scotland website:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/featured-articles/Rural-Crime-Team-QnA>

At the end of the article is a link if you'd like to know more about Rural Crime and what can be done to prevent it

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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](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

**Issues raised**

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