

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

November 2018 compiled by PC Steven Graham

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

On the night of the fireworks display we were on foot around the village. After the display there were a lot of youths hanging around the park drinking and letting off fireworks to the annoyance of nearby residents. We were still on foot moving them on and taking alcohol from under age youths. Later there was a report of youths within the primary school. No damage was caused to the school however there was a lot of broken glass and cans lying in the playground.

On 27th October 2018 a male was found to be in possession of cannabis.

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Road Safety

On 15th November 2018 a 3 vehicle RTC occurred on the A81 near to the distillery. No injuries were sustained however a driver of one of the vehicles was issued with a Conditional offer of fixed penalty for careless driving.

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 unmarked patrols in the area.

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

The issues in relation to vehicles parked on the A809 near to the Devil's Pulpit are still ongoing. Officers will continue to monitor this area on a daily basis.

The new bollards placed on both roadways have, in our opinion, assisted greatly with the issue of inconsiderate parking on both roadways.

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Theft

On 26th October 2018 the metal gates of the cemetery were stolen.

On 12th November 2018 a theft by HB occurred in the Croy Cunningham Steadings. The recent HBs in the area have been commercial premises but this was to a domestic dwelling.

On 17th November 2018 a burnt out vehicle was discovered on Cameron Muir. It is thought to be a stolen vehicle however this is still to be confirmed.

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

Police Message of Local Residents

Recently the clocks went back an hour to mark the end of British Summer time. This also marked the start of the darker nights 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.
- create a FREE and secure inventory of all your personal property at 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

PC Scott Craigie has left the post as a Ward officer however remains in the area as a Response officer. PC Steven Graham returns to the post.

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. 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
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."

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

POLICE SCOTLAND – YOUTH HUB

Police Scotland has launched its first dedicated internet page and social media channel dedicated to the children and young people of Scotland. The new platforms are a result of feedback from national consultation with young people, who requested better access to information and modern ways to communicate with Police.

The new resources will help promote Children's Rights by providing young people with easier access to educational resources and space to voice their views on platforms recognised and commonly used by them in modern society. The Children and Young People team aim to provide safety and prevention messages that will ultimately help young people make better life choices and minimise potential risks to themselves and others. Any content being published will be structured to avoid corporate messages and more appealing to the desired age groups.

To view the internet page, go to www.scotland.police.uk/youth-hub and the new Facebook channel can be found at www.facebook.com/Police Scotland–Youth Hub.

Issues raised

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