

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

July to September 2018 compiled by PC Gary Martin

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

Kerb stones were broken in a street in the village, unclear how this occurred but it appeared they had been smashed with a hammer or similar, this is being treated as Vandalism.

There has still been no further issues, in relation to dogs entering fields worrying sheep, so again, that is good news.

A male was traced with cannabis and received a warning in relation to this.

There was a minor assault reported on the outskirts of the village, enquiries are still continuing.

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Road Safety

There has been a small number of minor collisions in the surrounding roads since the last meeting.

There have been numerous calls in relation to sheep and cows, even horses on the surrounding roads so please be extra vigilant and careful on your travels. Police have responded to a couple of calls relating to fallen trees on the roadways during a couple of days of high winds.

Local officers have continued to carry out high visibility patrols in the area. Traffic Officers have also been in the villages and carrying out more high visibility patrols which is a tremendous asset to the area.

There were offences detected in relation to No MOT, vehicles causing obstructions.

We attended at Killearn Primary School and provided a road safety talk to the pupils. We remained there until finishing time and addressed the issue of persons parking on the yellow lines at the exit.

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.

As per our previous report, there have been a number of meetings and conversations held 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 have been issued with Fixed Penalty tickets.

The story featured in a story The Daily Record newspaper and a comprehensive article covered the issue.

There have been reports of persons actually stuck in the gorge. Lomond Mountain Rescue was called on these occasions and assisted with the required rescue.

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Theft

There was a Housebreaking reported from a local business whereby a safe was stolen from the office.

Again, we would remind residents to make sure their premises are secure, even when they are home. Please make sure valuables, car keys and house keys are not easily accessible.

A bicycle was stolen from outside the village hall.

A lawn mower was stolen from a property in the village, the issues in the area, where remote sheds and outbuilding are being targeted are still ongoing and I would ask everyone to remain vigilant in relation to their home and vehicles.

There was a shoplifting at the local store, person responsible has identified and been reported.

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Community Engagement and Reassurance

PC Scott Craigie and PC Gary Martin are based at Balfroun 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.

Please contact us at Balfroun 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."

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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

INTERNET SAFETY

It has been brought to my attention that internet messages are being received within the village from an unknown source. The message suggests that the recipient has been caught in a compromising position in their web cam and demands money or the images will be shared with all the recipients' internet contacts. This is a nation wide scam and anyone receiving this message should just delete it.

Issues raised

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