

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

April 2019 compiled by PC Gary Martin

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

A report was received of youths on the roof of Killearn Primary School. There was no trace of anyone on Police attendance and no damage reported. Extra attention given as always in the evenings at the weekends. No further reports.

A male was found to be in possession of cannabis in the village, small amount, warned accordingly.

Road Safety

Reports over the weekend have started in relation to parking issues at Finnich Toll. The area continues to draw in large amounts of visitors. At the weekend, with the nicer weather starting it was very busy.

Hand held radar has been carried out as promised within the village. We will be doing this regularly in the village.

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Theft

The theft of a bank card was reported from a works premises on the outskirts of the village. The person responsible was quickly identified and traced by Police. The accused had in fact used the bank card in a local shop. He was charged for Theft and Fraud accordingly.

A report was made to Police re suspicious males in a white Ford Transit in the outskirts of the village. Police attended immediately, vehicle traced and persons confirmed as in order, were in fact working for the council. These calls are always appreciated and please call at the time when you are aware of anything suspicious.

We continue to carry out static road checks in the villages in an attempt to disrupt travelling criminals but also to detect any drink drivers etc in the area.

Incidents -

The Lomond Mountain Rescue Team was called out in relation to an incident on the West side of Dumgoyne. A walker had fallen and badly damaged their ankle, she was safely rescued off the hill.

A metal manhole cover came loose on the roadway on the outskirts of the village. A local bus thereafter ran over the cover which struck the underneath of the bus ripping large holes into the floor. Luckily, no persons were injured.

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SHEEP WORRYING

This time of year presents the problem of sheep worrying. Dog owners are being warned their animal could be killed if it is found to be in the presence of sheep, even if it has not physically attacked them or chased them.

A dog attacking, chasing or even being at large in a field where sheep are kept can lead to significant injury and often leads to the sheep being killed or destroyed.

Such attacks have a financial and emotional impact on the farmer and cause immense suffering to the animals and are avoidable if dog owners follow some simple steps

We will be looking to enforce the legislation and any reported cases of sheep worrying will be investigated and offenders reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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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. 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

Shut out scammers -

Doorstep Crime affects some of the most vulnerable within our communities. It manifests in many forms including online and telephone scams, exploitation by persons known to the victim and the fraudulent activities of unscrupulous persons purporting to be bona fide tradespeople.

There is a campaign started called "Shut Out Scammers" which is raising awareness of offenders who cold-call people at their homes and scam them out of money. Doorstep criminals may offer to carry out work at a reduced rate, asking you to hand over cash straight away and often in advance of any repairs being carried out. We have visited local businesses handing out leaflets and posters to highlight this issue.

There is no specific look to a bogus caller or rogue trader. If you have any concerns at all, do not allow an individual entry to your home, or provide them with any form of payment and do not hesitate to phone the police immediately. Always ask for ID and only let callers in if they have an appointment and you know that they are genuine.

If you would like to receive any of our advice and guidance on preventing crime then you can visit your local police station, call 101 or visit our dedicated webpage at

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/Shut-Out-Scammers>.

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Issues raised

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