

# Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



**Community Council:**

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

**Reporting Period:**

February 2019 compiled by PC Gary Martin

**Ward Plan Priorities**

## **Antisocial Behaviour**

There was one report of a youths causing issues in the Main Street. Police attended, all in order, no further issues. Issue will obviously be monitored in the coming months.

A male was warned in relation to a minor drug offence.

## **VANDALISM**

There was a vandalism reported to the old 'Black Bull' building, a broken window. No persons identified as being responsible at time of writing.

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## Road Safety

There were numerous road accidents in the outlying roads around the village during the last month.

There was a road accident with serious injury at Dumgoyne. A driver has been reported for Dangerous Driving.

A male was arrested and charged in relation to Drunk Driving after an accident on the B834, vehicles and property was damaged.

A driver was reported in relation to careless driving on Station Road.

A number of drivers have been warned in other villages regarding not properly defrosting their windscreens in the cold conditions recently and the dangers this can cause to them and other drivers.

We have recently taken delivery of a new Speed Gun and we will continue to be 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.

A report of a fallen tree, Police, council and farmer attended and dealt with the issue.

Winter advice - 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.

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## Theft

In relation to the issue I raised in the previous report re cold callers, I have managed to get my hands on a few cold caller stickers which I will bring on the night of the meeting.

Various residential alarm calls - Police attended immediately, confirmed on all occasions all was in order on all occasions, no issues.

Since the last report, there has been no further reports of break ins to any premises, residential or commercial.

As previously stated, we welcome any calls regarding any suspicious vehicles or persons in the area. We will always attend to these as soon as possible and all incidents will be dealt with appropriately.

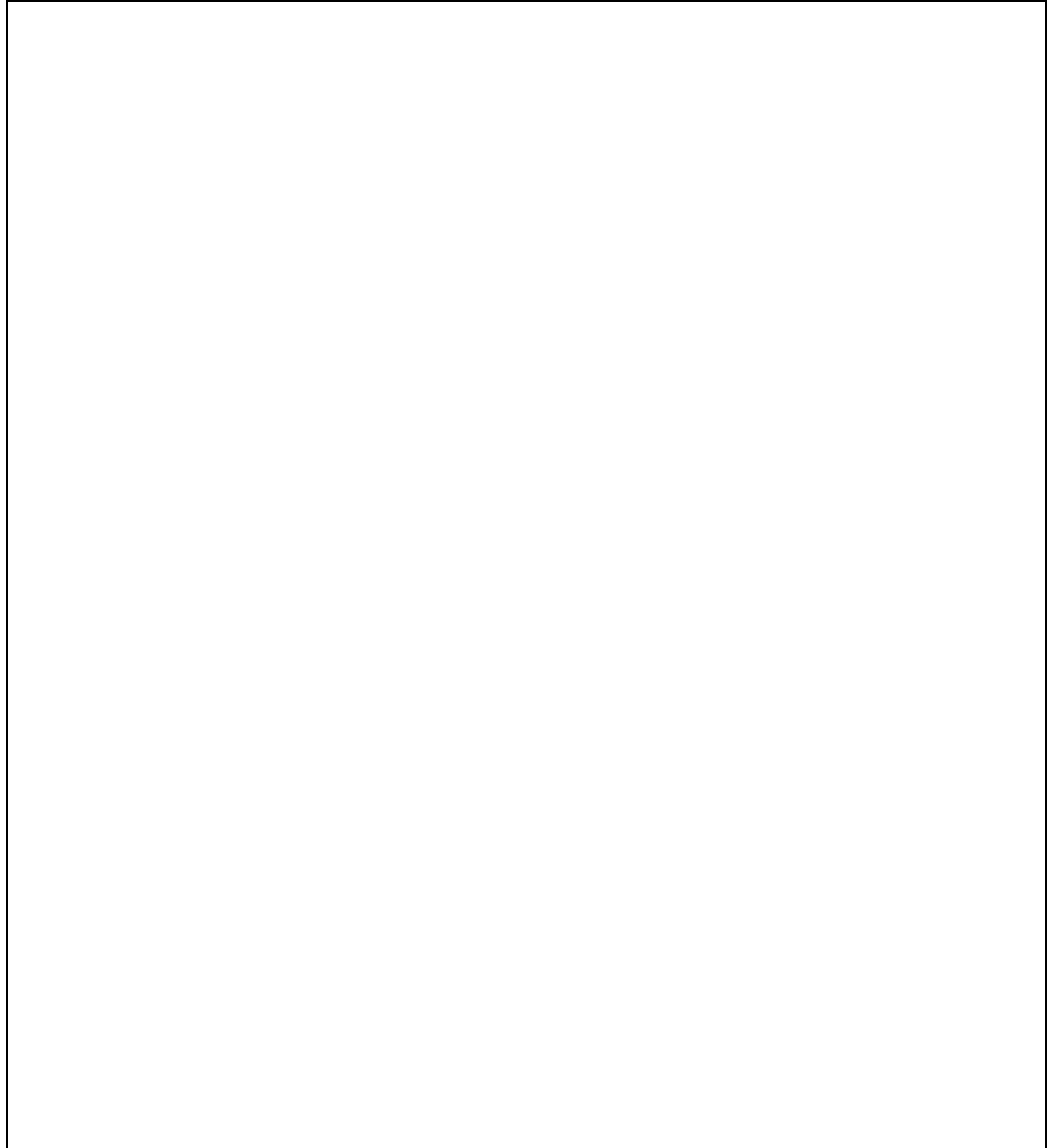
## Police Message of Local Residents

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](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 Balfon 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 Balfon 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."

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**Issues raised**

**Community  
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