

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

January 2019 compiled by PC Gary Martin

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

Report of a number of youths allegedly damaging a bus shelter. Police attended immediately and confirmed no damage, youths nearby were warned and dispersed.

Further calls re youth issues within the grounds of the Primary School causing a noise disturbance at the weekends. Myself and Steven spent weekend evenings walking in the area and advised/warned a number of youths of problems they are causing for the community and the Primary School. Again, they were all well-mannered when speaking with them. There were no issues this weekend that I am aware of so hopefully this continues. If it does not, we will continue to attend through the weekends again when we are on duty in an attempt to put a stop to the issue.

A report of offensive remarks made via Facebook - enquiries continuing.

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Road Safety

Local Balfron Officers have been out with the Speed Radar Gun. There were 3 warnings issued this weekend.

As previously stated - it is still our intention to attend with the Speed Gun 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.

There were 2 separate reports of dogs having been struck by passing vehicles, no serious injuries.

A report of a vehicle in a ditch on the outskirts of the village - again no serious injuries.

Numerous reports of sheep on the roads on the outskirts of the village, Police attended and made safe as required. Please take extra care at this time of the year.

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 cold callers in the village collecting for charities. There were in fact charities collecting through December in the area however cold callers can obviously be annoying plus sometimes worrying.

We will attempt to obtain 'No cold caller stickers' for residential properties in the area.

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

As per previous intimation - There were reports in the surrounding area and other village's re commercial/residential properties have been broken into. A male was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for the vast majority of these.

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

There was a report of a possible break in to a property on the outskirts of the village. Police attended immediately, confirmed it was in fact a drunk male who was lost, no attempt to break in.

Report of a suspicious vehicle containing a number of youths. Police attended, traced vehicle and confirmed the persons were in fact from the village, waiting for a friend.

We continue welcome any calls regarding any suspicious vehicles or persons so please phone in and the vehicle/persons will be enquired into.

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.

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- 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

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. 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
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

Issues raised

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