

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

June 2019 compiled by PC Steven Graham

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

On 28th May there was a report of a male within a house. The male is local, had been drinking and appeared to be in the wrong house as a relative stays in a house nearby.

On 7th June a male was found to be in possession of cannabis within a vehicle at Lampson Rd, Killearn.

On 15th June a call was received re youths being noisy within Killearn Primary School. Police attended however there was no trace. We have been giving the area extra attention there and also at the Wellgreen area and we will continue to do so.

We attended and carried out traffic control at the 10K which appeared to be go ahead with no issues.

Reports have been received of youths in vehicles causing annoyance within the grounds of the old Killearn hospital. Youths were spoken to and checked out however extra attention will be given to the area.

Road Safety

Just a few calls (probably due to the poor weather recently) regarding parking at the Devil's Pulpit. Police attended and although vehicles were there none were causing any major issues.

On 10th June a 2 vehicle RTC occurred on the A81 between Killearn and Blanefield. There was no injuries as a result.

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Theft

On 28th May a local male was arrested for theft by shoplifting at the Co-op in Killearn. A quantity of wine and beer was stolen. He was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 31st May there was another reported theft from the Co-op. This was unconnected and two males from the Glasgow area were later identified as being responsible. They were traced in Skye doing the same thing and have been travelling all over the country stealing alcohol.

In the early hours of 30th May two houses were broken into in the Gartness area. Jewellery and also a vehicle was stolen from one of the houses. This vehicle was recovered within the village the next day bearing false plates.

In the early hours of 1st June there was a house broken into at Drumbeg Loan, Killearn. The alarm in the house went off which disturbed the perpetrators.

On the same night another house was attempted in Lampson Rd however no access was gained to the house.

Overnight on 20th June 2019 there was a Theft by housebreaking at Barclay Way, Killearn, one of the new builds off Station Rd. The house is yet to be completed and a quantity of tools were stolen.

Enquiries are still continuing with these however if anyone has any information re these or anything else then please contact the Police. Please remember and be security conscious with your home. Lock doors and windows and set alarms when leaving the house. It has become apparent in these enquiries that this is not always the case.

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We have again received reports of suspicious persons/vehicles around the village. On 2 occasions persons were traced and checked out and nothing untoward. On the other occasion the males weren't traced however there was nothing to suggest there was anything criminal. These calls are always appreciated and are taken seriously so please call at the time if you think you see 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. As a result of one of these road checks a male was found in possession of cannabis.

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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>.

PHISHING

The aim of this campaign is to raise awareness around Phishing attacks. Criminals and Organised Crime Groups launch Phishing attacks, targeting personal/business accounts either by email, social media, or text. They encourage users to click on malicious link/attachments which compromise their email or social media accounts, asking users to divulge banking information or access sensitive information.

The advice below describes how you can spot suspicious emails, and the steps you can take to ensure that you don't fall victim, both at work and home:

- Confirm details of the actual email address it came from, you can do this by hovering mouse over the senders email address.
- Many phishing emails have poor grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- Is the design and overall quality what would you'd expect from the organisation the email is supposed to come from?

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- Is it addressed to you by name, or does it refer to 'valued customer', or 'friend', or 'colleague'? This can be a sign that the sender does not actually know you, and that it is part of a phishing scam.
- Does the email contain a veiled threat that asks you to act urgently, or cause intrigue? Be suspicious of words like 'send these details within 24 hours' or 'you have been a victim of crime, click here immediately'.
- Look at the sender's name. Does it sound legitimate, or is it trying to mimic someone you know?
- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. It's most unlikely that someone will want to give you money, or give you access to a secret part of the Internet.
- Your bank, or any other official source, should never ask you to supply personal information from an email.

For more information on how you can stay safe and secure online, visit the following websites:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/keep-secure-online/>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/suspicious-email-actions>

<https://www.cpni.gov.uk/dont-take-bait>

<https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>

Issues raised

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