

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

March 2019 compiled by PC Steven Graham

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

A report was received of youths drinking in the grounds of Killearn Primary School. There was no trace of anyone on Police attendance. Extra attention in the evenings has been carried out and this will continue to be the case.

A report of dogs worrying sheep was reported to Police near to Finnich Toll. No evidence to charge anyone however a couple were seen coming out of the field with dogs not on a lead.

A male was found to be in possession of cannabis in Main St, Killearn.

Road Safety

A complaint was received regarding inappropriate driving at Killearn Primary School at drop off time. This has been monitored recently and we will continue to do that.

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

Overnight between 18th – 19th March a house was broken into in Gartness. This is the first reported in any of the villages in the Forth an Endrick area for a wee while. Enquiries are at an early stage however should anyone have any information regarding this please contact the Police.

A report was made to Police re a suspicious male in Lampson Road. There was no evidence of any crime being committed however as mentioned before we always welcome these reports. On this occasion the report was made the morning after so the male was not traced. It is always better to phone at the time and get any vehicle details if possible.

There was possible bogus workmen touting for business in Drumbeg Loan. They had left prior to Police arrival however no crimes were established.

We have carried out static road checks in the village to disrupt travelling criminals but also to detect any drink drivers in the area and provide reassurance.

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

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The vast majority of livestock worrying incidents involve sheep and can occur when a dog attacks, chases or in the case of sheep, is at large (not on a lead or otherwise under close control) in a field where livestock is kept. The effects of a dog attack are evident and cannot be overstated but significant damage can also be caused by a dog simply being present in a field. Pregnant ewes can abort their lambs or lambs can be separated from their mothers.

The advice to dog owners who live in rural areas or anyone walking and exercising their dogs in the countryside is to ensure they are under control at all times and avoid going into fields where livestock is grazing. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code says dogs shouldn't be taken into fields where there are lambs or other young farm animals.

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.

#StopItNow

A new campaign, #StopItNow, aims to prevent the online grooming of children and young people in preparation for contact offences by directing offenders and potential perpetrators to Stop It Now! Scotland.

During April 2018 and February 2019 nearly 1600 crimes were recorded where an individual communicated with a child for sexual purposes, this resulted in nearly 70 per cent of the perpetrators being arrested and charged. Working with Stop It Now! Scotland, we have developed a campaign that taps into the biggest fear of perpetrators, that their families will find out and that they will face public exposure for their offences.

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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
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