

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

May 2019 compiled by PC Steven Graham

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

On 5th May 2019 there was a report of a disturbance to a house in Buchanan Rd, Killearn. Police attended and it turned out to be a family dispute. No complaints were made and parties separated.

A report was received of youths on the roof of The Killearn Hotel. No trace of any youths on Police attendance and no further damage to property.

We have recently been made aware of youths hanging around and causing annoyance in the Wellgreen area. We will give this area extra attention in the evenings and at the weekends.

Road Safety

Parking problems are continuing at the Devil's Pulpit. We are aware of the issue, as are the council, and we are still liaising to try and find a solution.

We are also aware of parking issues continuing on the A81 near to the distillery. We will monitor this and deal with vehicles accordingly.

Hand held radar has been carried out within the village. This resulted in the issue of Fixed penalties but also one driver was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for driving at 55mph in a 30 mph limit.

We have had several reports of animals on carriageways around the area. A reminder to be aware of this and take care on the roads.

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Theft

Between 15th -16th April a van which was broken down and left parked on Balfron Rd, Killearn was stolen. Due to condition of the van, the perpetrators drove it to Ballochruin Rd where it was abandoned after breaking down again. This seems to be linked to thefts the same night in the Fintry area.

Overnight on the 20 – 21st April a housebreaking and an attempted housebreaking occurred at 2 houses in Lampson Rd, Killearn. Enquiries are still continuing however if anyone has any information re these or anything else then please contact the Police.

We have received reports of suspicious persons/vehicles around the village. These were investigated accordingly and no criminality was found. 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.

Lomond Mountain Rescue Team was called out in relation to assisting a male that could not get out of the Devil's Pulpit. Assistance given and he was found to be safe and well.

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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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