

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

September 2019 compiled by PC Gary Martin

Ward Plan Priorities

It has been a busy period over the summer months in the Forth and Endrick area for the local and community officers. We have been dealing with a varied selection of incidents from Mountain Rescues, road traffic collisions, intruder alarms, suspicious vehicles, housebreaking incidents, vandalism, theft, anti-social behaviour, parking issues etc, etc.

Antisocial Behaviour

Persons have been searched and have been found in possession of cannabis. Some of the cannabis was recovered during static road check we carry out in the village plus regular visits to car parks on the outskirts of the village.

There was damage caused to a parked motor vehicle, no trace of the persons responsible.

Road Safety

There have been road accidents at Finnich Toll, one was particularly serious with a driver sustaining multiple broken bones.

There have been a substantial amount of calls over the summer months in relation to parking at Finnich Toll. Obviously we are all aware this is an ongoing issue.

Numerous reports of sheep, cows and fallen trees on the roadway surrounding the village so please be vigilant on your travels.

In relation to the vehicle that had crashed into the hedge on Station Road, it was verified there were no injuries sustained during this this accident.

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Theft

There have been theft by housebreaking incidents in the neighbouring villages over the summer months.

These have included theft at residential properties in the village with jewellery, cash, mountain bikes, reported to have been stolen.

A male has been reported to The Procurator Fiscal in relation to a number of these incidents.

Extra attention has been provided in the village by local officers through the evening and nights.

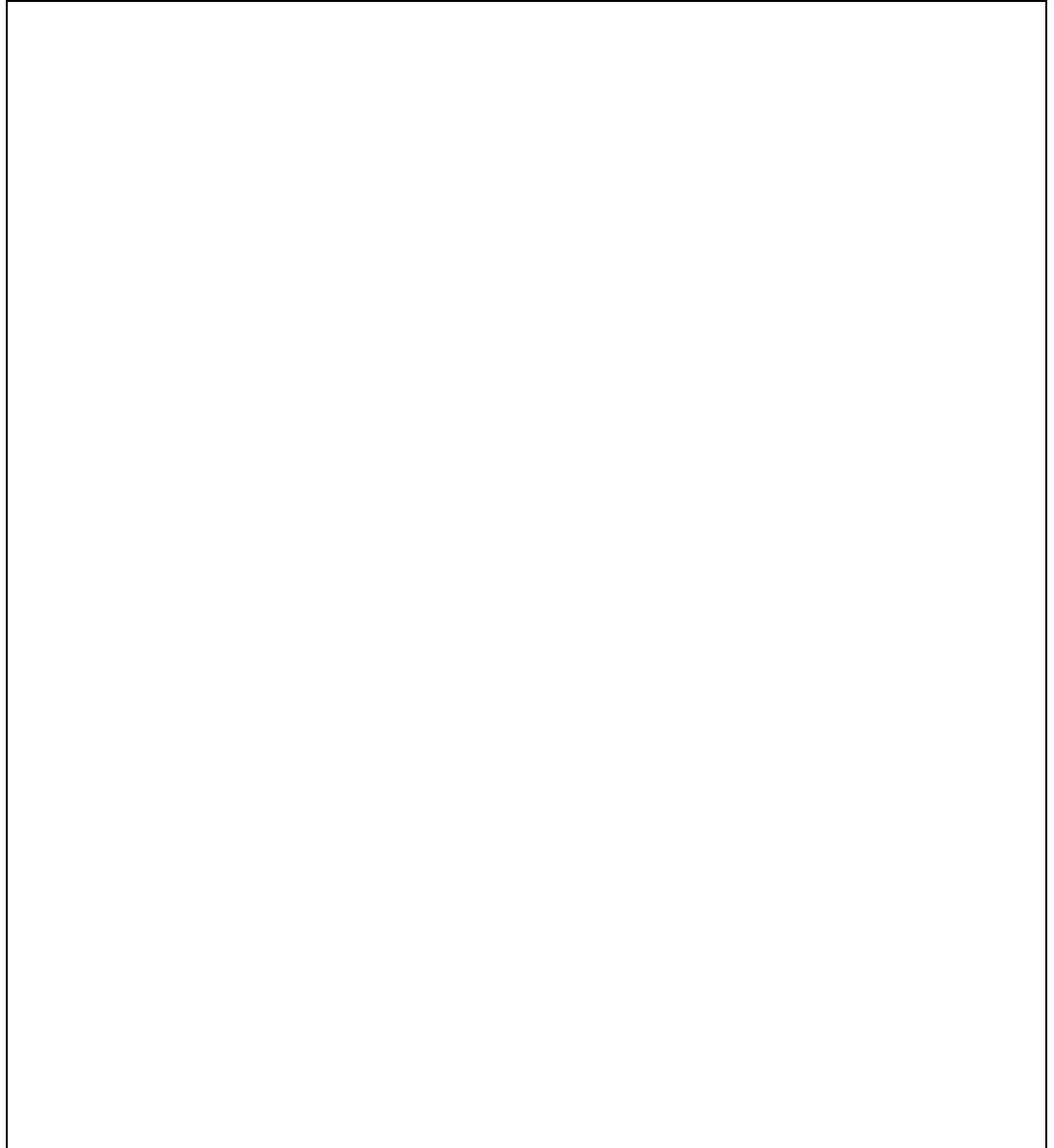
We have been continuing to carry out static road checks in the villages in an attempt to disrupt travelling criminals but also to detect any drink drivers etc in the area.

Alarm activations have been attended to immediately by local officers in the village with all being verified in order.

All incidents in relation to suspicious persons or vehicles are welcomed and Police have and will attend to all these incidents immediately. There were 3 separate incidents reported in relation to suspicious vehicles in the village, Police attended immediately and. On one occasion the vehicle was in fact a milk van but this a very easy mistake to make and all calls are very welcomed as stated.

I have submitted information in relation to anti-snap locks at the end of the report which is one particular safety measure few can take to make our property safe.

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Prevention is the cure –

Are you considering upgrading the locks on your external doors?

Europrofile cylinders tested and certificated to the following standards should be considered:

- a) Door Hardware Federation Technical Standard 007 (DHF TS 007) - 3-Star rating,
- b) DHF TS 007 1-star cylinder may be utilised if accompanied by DHF TS 007 2-star external hardware (handle set or secure escutcheon) or cylinder protection.
- c) Sold Secure SS312 (Diamond) standard cylinders;

How do I know if I have anti snap locks ?

Essentially there are two ways you can ensure the euro cylinder locks on your doors are anti-snap proof.

1. The lock is an SS312 Diamond Approved Cylinder (as below)SS312 Diamond is the highest level of approval for a euro cylinder lock.

2. Look out for the 3 Star Kitemark Logo

If your lock has the 3-Star Kitemark Logo on it, this indicates the lock is tested against snapping.



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Other
Incidents /
Activity of
note

For further information on enhanced security products including doors, windows, glass and locking mechanism please go to

www.securedbydesign.com and

www.policescotland.co.uk



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 Balforn 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 Balforn Police Office should there be any issues that require addressed.

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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>.

Issues raised

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