

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

February 2021 compiled by PC Steven Graham

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

There were reports of youths kicking doors in the Birch Rd area and throwing snowballs at houses near Killearn Primary School. Police attended however there was no trace of the youths on attendance.

There was a report of persons within a house breaching Covid Regulations. Police attended however no breach had been committed

Road Safety

One RTC on the A81 near Dumgoyne. No injury sustained and both parties exchanged details.

Police have periodically been at the area of Glengoyne Distillery moving persons away that had come from outwith the area.

The "Pop up Police Officer" has been in use in Killearn recently. A photo of this is shown later in the report. This will be used again as it seems to have the effect of slowing vehicles down. Personal speed checks will be carried out in the near future.

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Theft

Oakwood Garden Centre, in Killearn was broken into overnight on 13-14th February. Enquiries are continuing however should anyone have any information then please contact Police.

There were reports of a suspicious person and also a suspicious vehicle in the Killearn area. The vehicle was traced and all in order. A search was made in the area for the suspicious person reported however there was no trace on Police arrival. These reports are taken seriously and will be investigated. Please phone if you see anyone suspicious.

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Please remember to follow basic home security rules and help to make it make it harder for the thieves.

Please consider the following:

- Use timer switches on lights and radios to make it look as if your home is occupied.
- 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.
- If your house is fitted with an alarm then please use it. This is a good deterrent should thieves manage to force entry to your house.
- 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.

We always advise never leave bags or any valuables lying on the seats of your parked and unattended vehicles. It is so very quick and easy for thieves to smash a car window, reach in and take any valuables in an instant. If a thief observes a bag in a car, they may think the bag contains something valuable and will smash your window to get in, even if it contains absolutely nothing of value! Please take any bag and or valuables with you but if this is not possible, place the items in your boot or out of sight, but preferably, take all valuables with you.

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Covid 19 fraud

Criminals are using the Coronavirus as a cover story to trick you into parting with your money or information. Always take a moment to Stop, Challenge and Protect before making any payments.

It's important not to let the criminals rush or panic you into making a decision that you later come to regret and remain vigilant and guard against criminals using the publicity around Coronavirus as a chance to target you with fraudulent emails, phone calls, texts messages or social media posts.

With fake news articles on the internet and in the press promoting remedies, cures and false advice around coronavirus, it's also important to only share articles from trustworthy sources. If you are in any doubt, then visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus or www.who.int/ for updates and information.

Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police. They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment. Stop and think: it could protect you and your money.

If you receive an email, text or WhatsApp message purporting to be from the government, HMRC, the World Health Organisation (WHO) or a coronavirus-related charity, then take a moment to think before you part with your money or information.

Never click on links or download attachments as criminals may infect your devices with malware or ask you to enter your personal or financial information into fake websites. In some cases this can lead to your identity being stolen

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**Other Incidents /
Activity of note**

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 at the office, on 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 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

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Issues raised

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