

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

September 2021 compiled by PC Steven Graham

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

A road rage incident occurred at Finnich Toll whereby a male shouted and swore at another male and thereafter spat on the other driver. Enquiries continue to trace the offender.

Road Safety

There was an RTC on the A875 near to the distillery. Only one vehicle involved who crashed into a tree and the driver suffered minor injuries.

A delivery driver's vehicle was struck from behind by a dirt bike whilst parked in Drumore Rd. The rider of the bike rode off without stopping and was not showing a registration plate. Enquires are continuing to trace bike and rider.

Calls received regarding vehicles parked at the Devil's Pulpit. Police have attended and moved vehicles and the Council enforcement Officers have been out issuing tickets.

I carried out speed checks in Killearn, at Station Rd and Balfron Rd. I will be doing them again in the near future as I am aware there are complaints regarding speeding vehicles at these locations.

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Theft

Theft of alcohol occurred at the Co-op again. Enquiries are continuing.

There was a vehicle stolen from a house in Lampson Rd. It would appear to have been stolen by way of a cloned key or similar.

A report of suspicious males looking at gardens was received. The vehicle was traced and occupants checked out. There were no issues identified.

There has been sheds attempted in Strathblane recently.

Further frauds have been reported in other villages. One of these frauds involved receiving a call from what he thought was from Microsoft. He allowed the caller access to his computer however access was gained to customer's online banking. No money was obtained as a result of this. The other fraud was when a male purchased a Go Pro from Facebook Marketplace however no goods were received.

Enquiries are still ongoing however please see below advice re fraud as it is very common and many are being caught out.

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Fraud

Fraudsters can make contact with you by phone. The caller might pretend to be from your bank and ask for personal information such as bank details or they might be someone offering you a deal or a prize. Other calls have been made by persons purporting to be from HMRC stating that there was a warrant out for the receiver of the call and was asked to contact the number that was given. This is clearly a false call so please heed the below advise:

- Consider making your phone number ex-directory.
- Don't give out any personal information unless you are the one who made the call and you are certain of the identity of the person you are speaking to.
- Don't give out your credit card or bank card details to strangers on the telephone.
- NEVER tell somebody your bank PIN number, even if they claim to be the bank or police. If the caller is genuine they will never ask for this information.
- Don't give out information which may infer that you live alone, are older or vulnerable.
- Never send money to anyone who claims to have a prize for you.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Contact local trading standards – they may be able to use approved 'call blocking' technology.

Fuel theft campaign

A recent campaign was initiated by Police Scotland with regards to theft of fuel. Please see below in relation to security.

<https://ukifda.org/consumers/oil-tank-security/>

Prevention Products to consider

The Oil Defender by Fuel Alarms Ltd – with SBD Accreditation (securedbydesign.com)

Watchman Alarm | Oil Tank Alarm | Kingspan | Great Britain

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Bike theft

More than 500,000 bikes are stolen in the UK each year because they're poorly secured or not secured at all. More than half of all bikes stolen are taken from the owner's property. Due to the lockdown bikes have become more popular and thus have become more of a target for theft. Help protect your bike by following these guidelines:

What can I do before I set off?

- Photograph your bike and record all of your bike's details and distinguishing features and keep in a safe place. The serial number can be found on the bottom bracket.
- Register your bicycle securely online at the National Cycle Database, www.bikeregister.com. Doing this may help to recover your bike if it goes missing. On registering, you can also download a bike logbook where you can record your bike's details to keep at hand.
- Security mark your bike's frame with a UV pen or other method - the mark should include your home postcode and house number.
- Insure your bike, either on contents insurance or separately if required.

How can I secure my bike if it's kept in common close or stairwell?

- Always keep your bike out of sight as best you can.
- Lock your bike with two locks to a secure banister or ground anchor.

What if I store my bicycle in a garage or a shed?

- For tips on garage and shed security see here

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-garden-outbuildings/>

- Lock your bike with two locks to a ground anchor.

How should I secure my bike and its accessories when out and about?

- Lock your bike up every time you leave it using secure locks (i.e. D-locks or thick cable locks).
- Ideally, use two different types of lock - a thief will need more tools to steal it.
- Locks are considered more vulnerable when close to the ground, so keep them off the floor.
- Fasten your bike through the frame and wheel to a fixed object.
- Lock your bike in a busy, well-lit place, in view of people or CCTV cameras.

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- Lock the bike closely to the object it's attached to so it is difficult to manoeuvre.
- Lock the wheels and remove small parts / accessories that cannot be readily secured, such as lights, pumps, water bottles, saddles etc
- Vary your routine - lock up your bike in different ways & place.

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Pedal and motorbike identification forms

The downloadable forms at the bottom of this page are a handy guide for you to record information about your bike or motorbike. These forms can be used as your own personal record about your property for the duration of time you own it. Every bike or motorbike will be unique to its owner through the serial/chassis/VIN numbers but these are not the only ways to identify your property. Modifications, stickers, repairs, damage also can be used to help identify your bike and the more information you record about your property throughout its time with you, the greater possible chance we have of reuniting you with your property if unfortunately lost or stolen. If you keep these forms up to date and in a place you remember, if you ever have to report your bike lost or stolen, you will have the perfect reference tool for making your report.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/d4jlfj4i/pedal-cycle-identification-form.pdf>

We also have bike marking kits so if anyone wishes their bike marked in order to try and identify it if it gets stolen then please get in touch.

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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 is 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

www.facebook.com/forthvalleypolicedivision www.facebook.com/policescotland

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Other Incidents /
Activity of note

Issues raised

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