

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

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Ward Plan Priorities

Theft

Offences of attempted housebreaking with intent to steal and attempted theft were recorded in the village whereby two males appeared to try to gain entry to two residential properties. Officers are following a positive line of enquiry to identify these males.

A male was the victim of fraud whereby he was coerced into transferring money by a person pretending to be calling from his bank. This practice is becoming quite common. Please ensure you know who you are talking to on the telephone. If in doubt, terminate the call and call your bank's customer service department to enquire if any calls are genuine.

Antisocial Behaviour

Reports of persons hare coursing however no trace of suspect persons on Police arrival. This is a wildlife crime and any sightings of persons carrying out these pursuits should be reported to Police.

Road Safety

Police attended a road traffic collision whereby a vehicle struck a fallen tree and telegraph pole. The road was blocked and closed for a period of time however soon opened and fortunately there were no serious injuries.

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Winter road safety

Advice if you are out walking during winter:

- Dress for the weather by wearing reflective or bright-coloured clothing so other road users can see you when it's dark or visibility is poor
- If you are walking home late at night, make sure someone knows where you're going and when
- Vehicles can take up to ten times longer to stop on slippery road surfaces so take extra care crossing the road
- Stick to pedestrian crossings
- If there are no crossings nearby, find a place with a clear view and wait for long gaps in the traffic before crossing the road
- Don't cross the road between parked vehicles, unless it can't be avoided then take extra care (look out for vehicles that suddenly pull out or reverse)
- Never cross the road behind a bus
- If there is no pavement, keep to the right hand side of the road so you can see traffic coming towards.

Advice to consider if you are cycling during winter:

- Make sure your bike can be seen by people on the road
- Use a good set of front and rear lights (white at the front, red at the back)
- Wear clothes that help you be seen on your bike, such as bright and light reflective items
- Pay attention to road signs, markings and particularly red lights
- Do not cycle on the pavements, they may be slippery and can also endanger pedestrians
- Be mindful of the effects poor weather can have on other road users
- Make sure you know about the dangers around you
- Cars can take twice as long to stop in wet weather
- Braking can be unpredictable in ice and snow.

Advice for drivers during winter:

- Make sure your car is ready for winter
- Check that your tyres, brakes, windscreens, wiper blades and windows are free from defects and clean
- Drive to the road conditions. Road conditions can change without warning, stopping distances will be affected by the weather
- Make sure your windows are clean and aren't misted up
- Make sure there is no snow and ice on your windows before you drive
- When the roads are icy, drive at a slow speed in a high gear

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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's Graeme McNulty and Matt McCammon are the Ward Officers for the Forth and Endrick area. They are based at Balfron Police Office and can be contacted at the office, on 101, or at ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.police.uk. It is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact however this should not be used to report crimes.

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

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