

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

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Ward Plan Priorities

Assault

A person has been reported for warrant in relation to a number of offenses, including assault x 2, Taking a vehicle and driving away, Drive with no Licence or insurance. They were part of a group visiting the area and staying in holiday accommodation.

3 persons were issued with recorded police warnings in relation to Section 38 of the Criminal Justice & Licencing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Threatening and abusive behaviour) after being involved in a fight within a campsite.

Fraud

A fraud has been recorded after victim was contacted by email by someone purporting to be their financial advisor and providing them false bank account details. Unfortunately, the victim transferred a large sum of money to this account. Enquiries are still ongoing.

Road Safety

A report was received of a vehicle failing to stop at the scene of an accident and exchange their details after colliding with another vehicle. The driver thereafter failed to report the accident to Police. Fortunately, only minor damage was sustained. The driver remains untraced.

Reports of livestock encroaching on our roadways. Fortunately, these did not result in an collisions. Please take care when driving on the roads.

2 reports received of inconsiderate driving in the village. One reporter failed to engage further and the other did not wish to provide statements / potentially attend court. One of the drivers were traced and spoken to in regard to their driving manner.

Incidents of note

Unfortunately, a large number of rubbish bags appear to have been thrown over the bridge and into the gorge at Finnich Glen. The landowner and SEPA have been made aware.

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Where to Report Scams

Scams

In Scotland, report all scams to **Advice Direct Scotland** by calling **0808 164 6000** (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) or online at www.consumeradvice.scot

Fraud

If you have been the victim of fraud, report it to **Police Scotland** on **101** or **999** in an emergency.

Suspicious Emails

You can forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk and send links from websites which you think are trying to scam the public to the **National Cyber Security Centre's** scam website reporting service at www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/about-this-website/report-scam-website

Suspicious Text Messages

If you receive a suspicious text message you can forward it to **7726**. The free-of-charge '7726' service enables your provider to investigate and take action if malicious content is found.

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Business email compromise

Business email compromise is one of the biggest frauds in Scotland and throughout the world.

These frauds can have a devastating impact on victims. They threaten businesses and can take many forms.

Invoice Fraud is where fraudsters use a compromised business email account to send a doctored invoice for services. They request that the payment is sent to an email account controlled by them.

Wage diversion is where fraudsters use an employee's compromised email to contact a company's HR or finance department. They request a change of bank details so they can take that person's wage payments.

CEO fraud is where fraudsters pretend to be the CEO or a high ranking executive in a company. They request that an employee pays them money.

Solicitor/accountant – Fraudsters can also pretend to be a solicitor or accountant and get their clients to transfer money to them.

Individuals and organisations should make every effort to protect themselves by keeping their firewalls/internet security up to date.

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Phishing

Warning signs:

- E-mail that uses generic terms like 'Dear account holder'
- E-mail is threatening and states that urgent action is required
- E-mail has a link you don't recognise
- Spelling errors in the e-mail
- E-mail address is different from trusted company's website
- Unexpected e-mails from a company you have no business with
- No padlock sign on website and no 'https://' at the beginning of web address.

Keep yourself safe:

- Keep your browser software up-to-date
- Avoid risky sites, including supposed investment sites
- Never click on a link in an e-mail from an unknown person
- Use spam filters if you can
- Never give out your personal details, passwords or security codes via e-mail
- Don't leave personal documents lying around for anyone else to see
- If you're throwing away correspondence, remember to shred it first.

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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 Matt McCammon is the Ward Officer for the Forth and Endrick area. He is 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

www.facebook.com/policescotland

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