

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

February 2024 Compiled by PC Matt McCammon

Ward Plan Priorities

Crime

No crimes in Killearn have been reported to Police in the month of February 2024.

Road Safety

Reports have been received of vehicles speeding on Station Road Killearn, when Police arrived there was no trace of the vehicles.

Pc McCammon – I have heard of concerning reports of dangers driving / Speeding near to the Killearn Kids Hub. I would encourage members of the public who witness these matters to report them Police as soon as possible. It would be helpful if a note of the offending vehicle's registration number could be recorded (Aware this is not always possible) as this will give Police a line of enquiry with the registered keeper.

I return from annual leave on April 4th and will make efforts to carryout speed checks and monitor the situation.

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Winter road safety

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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What is stalking?

There is no legal definition of Stalking, however it can be described as:

“Two or more behaviours directed towards a victim which cause, are intended to cause, or where the perpetrator’s behaviour is reckless as to whether it causes, the victim to suffer fear and alarm.”

‘Fear and alarm’ is physical or psychological harm. It is also fear for your safety.

If you think you are being stalked or are suffering harassment, please report it to Police Scotland. You can do this at your local police station, by phoning 101, reporting online or calling 999 if it is an emergency.

You can access the [online Stalking Form](#)

(<https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/c3>)

to report an incident of stalking that has occurred within Scotland.

Stalking behaviours

Each stalking situation is unique and stalkers may have different motivations. The tactics they use are often very similar.

These include:

- Following someone
- Contacting or attempting to contact a person by any means
- Publishing material about someone without their consent
- Monitoring someone’s phone, internet, email or other form of communication
- Loitering in a public or private place
- Interfering with someone’s property
- Leaving unwanted gifts or notes for someone
- Watching or spying on someone

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Safety advice

There is some advice you can follow if you think you might be a victim.

- Report it to the police.
- Do not interact with the person stalking you.
- Take a mobile telephone with you when you go out.
- Have your keys ready for when you reach your front door.
- Fit a home alarm system or carry a personal attack alarm.
- Change your online passwords regularly, and look after your privacy settings. Do not share personal information with a stranger.
- Set a pin or password on your mobile devices.
- Turn off GPS and locating tagging on your mobile devices.
- If you think you are being followed, head to a public place, a shop or your nearest police station.

Dealing with unwanted calls

- Contact your service provider who can put in place additional measures to stop calls from withheld or unknown numbers
- When you answer the phone, answer by saying 'hello', not your name or number
- Make use of answer machines and caller identifications to screen calls - only talk to people you want to
- Try to keep calm and don't show emotion, certain callers will give up if they don't get a reaction from you
- Do not respond in any way to unwanted calls, letters, or conversations

If you know or find out who is stalking you

- Contact Police Scotland and report what has happened.
- Do not confront your stalker or try and talk to them.
- Do not agree to meet them.

How to contact Police Scotland

- Phone 101
- Phone 999 (in an emergency)
- Attend any police office.
- Submit an online form via the [Police Scotland website](#)

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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

www.twitter.com/stirlingpol

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