

# 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 was issued with a recorded Police warning after they assaulted a colleague by striking them to the head, fortunately no injury was sustained.

### **Vandalism**

A vandalism has been recorded after lead flashing and roof tiles had been removed and set to the side of the roof allowing for ingress of water to the apartment below. This appears to now be a civil matter with contractors and no further criminal inquiries taking place.

### **Theft**

Unknown persons gained entry to an old stand-alone garage; this has been recorded as a housebreaking with intent to steal. Two pogo stick and 2 bikes were taken but found close by and undamaged. No suspects have been identified; it is believed that children have opened the old garage door and played with the toys inside before leaving them nearby.

A vehicle was broken into while parked unattended near to Finnoch Glen The rear window was smashed and items taken from within. Enquiries are still ongoing with a positive line of enquiry.

### **Road Safety**

A driver was issued with a vehicle defect rectification (VREC) ticket after it was found driving during the hours of darkness with a defective front head light.

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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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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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## Road Safety

### Advice for pedestrians

#### 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 for cyclists

#### 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.

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## Advice for drivers

### 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
- Accelerate and brake very gently
- Driving distracted (for example, using a Sat Nav) can cause additional stress. It is dangerous to yourself, passengers and other road users.

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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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/forthvalleypolicedivision)

[www.facebook.com/policescotland](http://www.facebook.com/policescotland)

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