

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

Reporting Period:

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Ward Plan Priorities

Anti-Social Behaviour

A vandalism has been recorded after a brick was thrown through a living room window of a property. Enquiries are ongoing.

Fraud

A fraud is being investigated after money was paid to a company for refitting a church with an audio / visual system and thereafter fail to provide the equipment or return the money. Enquiries are still ongoing.

An attempted fraud has been recorded after a resident was contacted by an unknown suspect purporting to work for RED driving school via Facebook messenger and offered to be their driving instructor and requested 3 upfront payments. Fortunately, the resident recognised this as a scam and refused to send money.

An older member of the community was contacted via text message by someone purporting to be her son and asked her to help him pay a bill due to their phone being 'broken'. Unfortunately, the victim provided her bank details to the suspect and £439.96 was taken from her bank account. The suspect made attempt to withdraw further money, however this was blocked by her bank. Fortunately, her bank has reimbursed the stolen funds.

Theft

A charity tin and bicycle camera were stolen from the Oakwood Garden Centre. Police traced the suspect and recovered the stolen good. The suspect was charged with the offence and a report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

A person was arrested and charged with theft by housebreaking after entering a dwelling via a window. He was disturbed by the homeowner and fled the scene. He was traced shortly after by police and arrested. The male was subsequently charged with theft by housebreaking and failing to provide his name to police when required to do so. He was held in police custody to appear at Court the next day.

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Road Safety

Police are currently making efforts to trace a driver of a vehicle that failed to stop and report after having a road traffic collision with another vehicle. Fortunately, there were no injuries and only minor damage sustained. Enquiries are still ongoing.

A driver has been charged and reported for dangerous driving on the A875, Dumgoyne after overtaking another vehicle onto ongoing traffic and collide with another vehicle. Fortunately, only minor injuries were sustained.

A driver was arrested for refusing the roadside breath test and thereafter refusing to provide a specimen of breath at the custody suit. The driver was charged with the offence and held in custody to appear at Court the next day.

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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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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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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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