

Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Community Council Police Report

Reporting Period:

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# Ward Plan Priorities

# **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 PC Laura Newlands 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;

# ARNPRIOR

# **Road Traffic**

Reports of a damaged fence were received involving a property on the B8034 near to Arnprior where it appears a vehicle struck the fence and then drove off. A vehicle number plate was left at the scene, and investigations are ongoing with efforts being made to trace the owner of the vehicle.



# **Potential Poaching**

Police received a report of two males apparently poaching at Loch Kameron situated just off the B822 between Kippen and Arnprior. Information has been disseminated for extra attention to be provided in the area.

## **BALFRON**

# Theft

Four thefts of fuel have been reported from the local petrol station whereby the drivers failed to make payment for fuel taken. Efforts to trace the drivers are ongoing.

A theft has been reported after the keys to a tractor were taken from the driver. The suspect accused the farmer of damaging a sign and later returned the keys to him. Enquiries are still ongoing.

### **Incidents**

Police were called to attend an injured deer on the A875 road coming into Balfron from Killearn. Police attended and arrangements were made for a local vet to attend and euthanize the animal.

### Road Traffic

Police received a call regarding a two-vehicle road traffic accident where one vehicle had left the road and was down a ditch. Thankfully, all occupants were safe and well. Arrangements were made for both vehicles to be recovered. Stirling Council were informed that a bollard at the scene was damaged and would require repair.

A report was received of a two-vehicle collision on the B818 close to Balfron. The vehicles had been travelling towards each other on a narrow, single-track part of the road when they collided, having had little time to see each other or react to avoid the collision. Fortunately, there were no injuries, insurances details were exchanged and one of the vehicles that had sustained significant damage, was recovered.

# **BUCHLYVIE**

## Road Traffic

Police attended after a report was received regarding a lorry that was being driven east along the A811 carrying wood that had not been properly secured was landing on the road and hitting other vehicles. The lorry was stopped, weighed and whilst found not to be overweight, the driver was charged with carrying a dangerous load.



A driver, who pulled out of the junction and collided with another vehicle at the junction on the A875 onto the A811, was given a fine and penalty points on their license.

Another driver, who had hit the car in front on the same stretch of road, was issued with the same penalty after driving without due care and attention and failing to notice the cars in front had slowed down.

# **CROFTAMIE**

Incident

A report was received regarding a diesel spillage from a broken-down caravan on the road at Croftamie. The caller was concerned that other vehicles on the road may skid on the diesel and cause a collision. Stirling Council was contacted, and plans were made for the road to be cleaned and appropriate signage put in place to warn drivers of the potential danger.

## **DRYMEN**

Crime

An attempted theft of two quad bikes occurred at farm within the Drymen area during the reporting period. This incident remains undetected at time of writing. Anyone with a quad bike or similar is reminded to take precautions such as high-quality lock and chains, removing keys, ground anchors, secure storage, immobilisers, GPS tracking devices etc. to make these vehicles as secure as possible.

Several vehicles were vandalised when their tyres were slashed, and a paddleboard was also damaged by being punctured with a sharp object at Millarochy car park on Loch Lomond. Investigations are ongoing.

# Road Traffic

A driver was arrested and held as a custody for taking and driving a vehicle without permission whilst under the influence of alcohol and driving without insurance.

## Incidents

Police were contacted by the coastguard after a father had reported concern for his son who had not returned after taking his paddleboard out near Balmaha on Loch Lomond. After liaison with Luss Rescue and the National Park Boat, the male was traced safe after losing track of time out on the water.

FINTRY	Crime



A theft was reported from an unlocked outbuilding near to a residential property whereby various items were stolen. Enquiries were conducted however no suspect was identified. This would appear to be an opportunistic crime and residents are reminded to ensure that their properties are secured using appropriate measures.

The owner of a motorcycle contacted Police after it had been stolen from the Loup of Fintry Waterfalls car park. The owner locked and secured the motorcycle and left it for a short period and on his return the motorcycle had been taken. Unfortunately, there are no further lines of enquiry at this time and the theft remains undetected.

Having advertised a vehicle for sale on Autotrader the owner became the victim of a fraud. The suspects attended at the home address of the owner and took the vehicle for a number of test drives. Following these the suspect's began to haggle at the price due to their perceived mechanical issues with the vehicle. Once a price was agreed the suspects paid some cash to the owner with the rest paid via bank transfer. This transfer was not made and before the owner could question this further the suspects made off in the vehicle. The vehicle has since been recovered however enquiries are ongoing to identify the suspects.

# GARGUNNOCK

Anti-social behaviour

A vandalism has been recorded after a vehicle parked unattended within the village was scratched by a sharp implement, unfortunately the person(s) has net been identified and there are no further lines of enquiry

Road Traffic

A driver has been charged with dangerous driving and failing to stop and report after causing an accident after pulling out of a junction onto the A811 and into the path of an oncoming vehicle. This vehicle took evasive action and was able to avoid a collision however, mounted the verge and struck a hedge. Fortunately, no injury was caused as a result.

### **KILLEARN**

Road Traffic

Police are looking to trace the driver of a high-performance vehicle after in it overtook another vehicle and crossed onto the opposing carriageway and into a blind bend. Fortunately, no collision happened as a result.



### Incidents

Police received information regarding what appeared to be an abandoned vehicle on Gartness Road in Killearn. The car was badly damaged and left with the door insecure. The car was taxed and had an MOT but no insurance and it had been sold on from the listed keeper. Efforts to trace the new owner were unsuccessful and arrangements were made for the vehicle to be uplifted by a local garage.

Police were requested to attend at Finnich Glen (the Devil's Pulpit) in response to a call from the fire service after reports of a person having fallen down the cliff into the glen. Police attended and closed the B801 and the A809 at the locus to clear the road for the Mountain Rescue and ambulance services. Thankfully, the individual was rescued unharmed.

Reports were also received regarding cars parking on double yellow lines at Finnich Glen with drivers disregarding safety for themselves and others by leaving car doors open onto the road. However, on police arrival, whilst there were some cars parked on the verge, there were none causing obstructions on the road.

# **KIPPEN**

## **Crime**

Police were contacted when a vehicle was observed on the A811 being driven with an insecure load – wood was being shed on to the carriageway. The vehicle was traced and stopped by Police, escorted to the nearest weighbridge where it was weighed and found to be within the permitted weight range however the load was not deemed to be suitably secured. The driver was informed a report will be submitted to the court.

A report was received following a youth assaulting another youth causing slight injury. The youth was traced, cautioned and charged and a joint report will be submitted to the Court and Children's reporter.

### STRATHBLANE

# Theft

An attempted housebreaking has been recorded after unknown persons attempted to force open a Garage door with a jemmy or similar before leaving empty handed. Enquiries are still ongoing. Please continue to report any suspicious activity in the area.

### Fraud

A fraud is currently being investigated following the victim booking a hotel room for several nights stay with advance payment being made,



upon arrival, they were taken to a substandard out-house. The victim is currently seeking a refund, and this may be more of a civil issue.

### **Vandalism**

A vandalism has been recorded after an unknown object was thrown at the front door of a property causing damage. Unfortunately, there are no further lines of enquiry and this remains undetected.

### **Road Traffic**

A driver failed to stop and report a road traffic collision after their vehicle collided with another damaging the wingmirror. Unfortunately, there are no further lines of enquiry and his remains undetected.

Enquiries are ongoing to trace the driver of a vehicle driving on the A809 and preformed a dangerous overtake by entering the opposing carriageway and into a blind bend into oncoming traffic.

Reports received of fallen trees in the area blocking the carriageway please continue to be careful when driving on rural roads.