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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 and PC Darren Gibson are the Ward Officers for the Forth and Endrick area. They are based at Balfron Police Office and can be contacted at the office, by calling 101, or by email at Forthvalleycommunitypolicestirling@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:

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ADVICE/REASSURANCE

We have encountered a number of dishonesty offences within the Forth and Endrick area this month with Quad Bikes, Fuel and various tools being the targets.

TO KEEP YOUR PROPERTY SAFE YOU CAN:

- keep front hedges, walls, and fences low and rear fences and walls high
- grow plants that have natural spikes and are hard to climb

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- add security lights such as motion sensor or timer-activated lights
- consider using CCTV to check and record activity on your property
- make sure bins are not left where they can be used to climb on
- lock away tools and garden valuables
- make sure gates can be locked

TO KEEP YOUR HOME/OUTBUILDINGS SAFE YOU CAN:

- lock your doors and windows or fit extra locks
- use a security bar for your door
- use security items certified by Secured By Design or Sold Secure
- put your keys somewhere safe
- avoid putting your address or room number on your keys
- install a security alarm
- add security lights such as motion sensor or timer-activated lights
- consider using CCTV to check and record activity on your property
- add window grills or heavy wire mesh
- lock valuable tools/equipment/machinery in outbuildings

ARNPRIOR	<p>Crime:</p> <p>Police received a report of theft of fuel and fuel containers a from a container near Arnprior. Enquiries have been exhausted and no suspect identified.</p> <p>Police received a report of theft of fuel and electric tools from a container near Arnprior. Enquiries have been exhausted and no suspect identified.</p> <p>Incidents of Note:</p> <p>No incidents of note.</p>
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BALFRON	Crime:
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	<p>Police received a report of an assault within a public park. Enquiries were conducted and one youth charged.</p> <p>Police stopped and searched a male youth on Buchanan Street, Balfron who was found to be in possession of an offensive weapon. The male was arrested and taken into Police custody and charged. He will be subject of a report to the Crown Office.</p> <p>Incidents of Note:</p> <p>Police were alerted to a female screaming in distress. Officers attended and established that the female had a water leak within her property. Officers assisted the female in turning off the mains water via the stop cock and requesting assistance from a plumber.</p> <p>A report was made regarding wildlife crime whereby an allegation was made that ongoing construction works were disturbing active birds nests and hedgehog burrows. Officers attended the location provided and found no evidence of such and due to lack of engagement from the original reporter no further action was taken.</p>
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BUCHLYVIE	<p>Crime:</p> <p>Police received a report of a theft of a motor vehicle from an unlocked shed. Enquiries are still ongoing to identify a suspect.</p> <p>Police received a report of three persons having used cutting equipment to force entry to a locked container and attempt steal items from within. Enquiry conducted and no offenders as yet identified.</p> <p>A resident in the village has become victim of extortion, after they engaged in conversation with an account on a dating application. The conversation became sexual and the suspect account requested naked images from the victim, who obliged. The suspect thereafter threatened to publish these images if a monetary ransom was not paid. An initial amount was paid, however the suspect continued to ask for more. Police were contacted at this stage. Enquiry was conducted and the beneficiary account being</p>
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	<p>identified as being international, therefore no further lines of enquiry exist.</p> <p>Two speeding offences detected on the A811 near Buchlyvie by the Safety Camera Unit. The highest speed recorded being 61 mph (Vehicle Restricted to 50mph).</p> <p>Incidents of Note:</p> <p>No incidents of note.</p>
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CROFTAMIE	<p>Crime:</p> <p>Police Officers responded to a report of a vehicle having left the road after causing damage to a fence. Officers attended the registered keepers address and required said keeper to identify the driver of the vehicle to which the registered keeper refused. The registered keeper was charged and reported for summons for failing to identify the driver of a motor vehicle.</p> <p>Incidents of Note:</p> <p>No incidents of note.</p>
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DRYMEN	<p>Crime:</p> <p>Police responded to reported of a Road Traffic Collision on A811 near Drymen. Enquiry established that the vehicle had travelled at excessive speed for the road conditions and thereafter leaving the road surface colliding with street furniture and trees. Enquiry remains ongoing to trace the driver of said vehicle as they failed to remain at the scene.</p> <p>Your local community officers PC's McCammon and Gibson acting on information provided by the local community stopped a motor car on B858, Drymen. The driver of the vehicle was found to possess a provisional drivers licence only, and was uninsured for</p>
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	<p>the vehicle. The driver was charged and the vehicle seized for no insurance.</p> <p>Police received a report of a vehicle having been broken into and tools stolen from within. Enquiries have been exhausted and no suspect identified.</p> <p>Police investigated several reports of threatening and abusive behaviour/vandalism and assault involving males from the village. One male was charged and reported for making threatening gestures towards another and enquiry is still ongoing into the Assault and Vandalism.</p> <p>Incidents of Note:</p> <p>Police received a call to attend Ben Lomond in relation to a person who fainted. Lomond Mountain Rescue attended and extracted the casualty from the hill. The casualty required no forward medical assistance.</p> <p>Police received a report of a missing person believed to be camping in the Garadhban Forest near Drymen. Police officers attended supported by Police dog handler and search the area as best as could be done in day light. Searches went on for two days before the missing person arrived at a Police Office in Inverness.</p> <p>Police received a call to attend Loch Lomond in relation to a vessel in distress. Luss Rescue Boat was launched and found the casualty boat to have run out of fuel in stormy weather. All parties safely recovered.</p>
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FINTRY	<p>Crime:</p> <p>Police received a report of an attempt theft of fuel from a working farm. The would be thieves were disturbed whilst attempting to steal jerry cans containing fuel. Enquiries ongoing to identify offenders.</p> <p>Police received a report of an attempt theft from a shed on a working farm. An attempt was made to overcome the security of</p>
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	<p>the shed using bolt cutters without success. Enquiries ongoing to identify offenders.</p> <p>Incidents of Note:</p> <p>Police received a report of a wildlife crime whereby construction work is alleged to have disturbed a heron's nest. Enquiries are still ongoing in relation to this to establish if a crime under the Wildlife and Countryside Act has been committed.</p> <p>A search and rescue operation was launched on The Campsie Fells as a hillwalker went over on their ankle resulting in them being unable to bare weight. Lomond Mountain Rescue attended and extracted the casualty from the hill.</p>
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GARGUNNOCK	<p>Crime:</p> <p>A resident within the community has reported being victim of stalking whereby the victim has received repeated unwanted phone calls, texts, voicemails and visits to the home address. A suspect has been identified, and efforts are being made to arrest and interview.</p> <p>Incidents of Note:</p> <p>No incidents of note.</p>
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KILLEARN	<p>Crime:</p> <p>Police have been alerted to the vandalism of a motor vehicle near the village, whereby the vehicles locks were glued preventing the owner from entering same. Enquiry has been exhausted and no suspect identified.</p> <p>Your local Police officers on mobile patrol stopped a motor car in Killearn and found the driver to have no insurance, the vehicle</p>
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	<p>being notified off road. The driver was further charged with Attempting to Pervert the Course of Justice as they provided false details to Police and failing to update their address on their driving licence.</p> <p>Police were alerted a report from concerned members of the public in relation to a vehicles manner of driving as it was driving erratically being on the wrong side of the road. Officers attended and traced the vehicle and the driver was subject to Road Traffic Procedures. The driver was found to be 1.5x the legal limit for alcohol on the breath. The driver was arrested and taken into Police custody where they were held until sober. They were released from custody to be summoned to court at a later date.</p> <p>A local resident has become victim of fraud whereby the victim contacted a telephone number from a google search they believed to be a telephone company. A person purporting to be from that company took details in order to add a new sim card to an existing package. Afterwards the victim received notification a new phone had been ordered. Then the victim questioned this they were contacted on WhatsApp by a person purporting to be from the telephone company giving clear instruction on how to return the phone. After the phone was returned and contact ceased the victim contacted the telephone company on a different number and found out they had been victim of fraud. Enquiry ongoing to identify offender.</p> <p>Incidents of Note:</p> <p>Police attended a Road Traffic Collision on B818 whereby a vehicle had left the road and struck a BT pole. No injuries recorded and the collision occurred due to driver error.</p>
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KIPPEN	<p>Crime:</p> <p>Two speeding offences detected on the A811 near Kippen by the Safety Camera Unit. The highest speed recorded being 70 mph.</p>
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	<p>Police received a report of a driver having collided with an Ambulance on A811 near Kippen. Officers attended the scene and it was established the driver failed to give way at a junction. Driver was offered a Fixed Penalty Notice for Careless Driving.</p> <p>Police received a report of a theft of fuel from a digger which was sited in a field near Kippen. No suspect has yet been identified however enquires are still ongoing.</p> <p>Police received a report of a male acting in an aggressive manner toward a member of the public. Enquiries conducted to establish identity of the male were unsuccessful therefore manner filed.</p> <p>Incidents of Note:</p> <p>No incidents of note.</p>
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STRATHBLANE	<p>Crime:</p> <p>Police have been informed of a vandalism to access gates on the outskirts of the village. It is proposed that a tow rope has been attached to the gate posts and removed with the strength of a vehicle of some description. Enquiries have been exhausted and no suspect identified.</p> <p>Incidents of Note:</p> <p>Police attended a report of a four car Road Traffic Collision near to Glengoyne Distillery. Officers attended and carried out road traffic procedures with all drivers involved. The causation factor for the collision was recorded as ice on the road surface.</p> <p>Police attended a report of a concern for person near to Craigallian Loch and found a male deceased within a tent. Enquiries established the male was rough sleeping by choice. His family have been traced; there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death and a report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.</p>
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	<p>A Road Traffic Collision occurred on Milngavie Road where there was a report that the driver was intoxicated. Officers attended and traced three persons who were uninjured as a result of the collision. Road Traffic procedures were carried out, and no persons were found to be over the prescribed limit.</p>
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