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Community Council:	Forth and Endrick, Community Council Police Report
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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:

https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotlandForthValley
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ADVICE/REASSURANCE

Ways to prevent a break-in

Use alarms, CCTV, and security lights

There are many alarms, CCTV, and security lights at different prices, so you can choose the best one for your budget.

Your insurance might be cheaper if you get alarms, CCTV, and security lights.

When buying alarms and CCTV, make sure:

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it meets British Standards (PD6662)

the person or company setting it up has National Security Inspectorate (NSI) or Security System and Alarms Inspection Board (SSAIB) certifications

Alarms

When choosing an alarm, you can choose between:

monitored: the alarm company tells you the alarm triggered before calling the police

unmonitored: the alarm triggers but no-one is automatically told (you or a neighbour will have to see what happened and call the police)

auto-dialler: you'll get a text or phone call if your alarm is triggered
You can also get:

magnetic sensors that trigger an alarm if a door or window is opened

glass break (vibration) sensors that trigger an alarm if your windows or any glass in your doors is broken

get motion sensors (PIR sensors) near your windows and doors, these can come with or without a CCTV camera

CCTV

When choosing CCTV, you could get:

a camera that films in high quality (for example, 4K)

a camera that records 12 to 25 frames per second in original, uncompressed format

cameras inside your house as well as outside

When using CCTV, you should:

put the camera 3 metres above the ground (it's more likely to record faces and stops thieves from breaking the camera)

put the camera somewhere where nothing blocks its view

cut or move any plants that block the CCTV view

put the camera where it can film all the ways into your house (such as doors, garages, driveways, windows)

make sure your camera does not film areas that are not your property, or you blur areas that are not your property

put signs up that say you use CCTV

Lights

When choosing security lights, you can:

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get dusk-to-dawn or timer-activated lights (they turn on automatically when it's dark and stay on until it's light)

use LED bulbs (they're brighter and last longer than sodium bulbs)

have a light near ways into your property and home (including any gardens, driveways, garages, and doors)

put the lights 3 metres above the ground (to stop thieves from breaking them)

Secure your windows and doors

To secure your windows and doors, you should:

shut and lock your doors and windows at night, when you're not at home, and when you're not using them (including patio and garage doors)

never leave keys in locks

regularly check the frames, locks, and hinges are not broken

repair them as soon as you can if they're broken (or tell your landlord or factor)

If you're buying new windows and doors, you should:

buy ones certified by Secure by Design

look for "PAS24" doors and windows because they're harder to break

make sure any glass is laminated

Windows

To make your windows more secure, you can:

add safety film or get a specialist to apply it (it makes it harder to break and makes more noise if broken)

use ventilation locks, restrictors, or sash stops on open windows to stop someone opening them wide enough to climb through

Doors

To make sure your doors are secure, you should:

never leave the door on the latch or held open

avoid letting people inside a shared door if you do not know them

make sure people do not follow you inside before the door shuts (this is called "tailgating")

if someone tries to follow you inside you can challenge them (if you feel safe to)

not let in contractors unless you confirm their identity and reason for entry

think about keeping a personal alarm near your door that you can trigger if you feel worried about someone at your door

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never share codes for locks or alarms with delivery people

never leave keys in easy to find places for contractors

To make your doors more secure, you can:

hang a cup on your inside door handle so it will fall and smash if someone tries to open the door

get a door handle alarm on the inside of your door that will trigger if someone tries to open the door

use door chains, restrictors, peepholes, or a camera doorbell to see who's at your door without opening it fully

use a security bar or a "patlock" on closed double doors to make it harder to break open

add drop bolts to your doors to make them harder to break open

change your locks to a "euro-cylinder barrel TS 007 3-star lock" or Sold Secure "Diamond Standard" lock (they're harder to break)

change your door hardware such as the handle and escutcheons to ones that meet the Domestic Buildings Gold standard (they're harder to break)

fit a letter box guard to stop someone reaching in to try and open the door

add an anti-lift device onto any patio doors to stop someone removing them to break in

Keep valuables safe

Thieves are less likely to break into your garden or house if they cannot see anything worth stealing or if they think valuables are hard to get to.

To help keep any valuables safe, you can:

keep them out of sigh

keep any keys away from the doors leading outside, windows, and letterboxes

consider getting a key safe that meets the Sold Secure gold standard (and keep it out of sight)

keep contactless car keys or key fobs in a faraday pouch

keep house keys and car keys on different keyrings

avoid putting your address on your keys

avoid telling other people what valuables you have

avoid posting photos of your valuables on social media

join your local Neighbourhood Watch and sign up for alerts

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after buying large expensive items break the boxes before putting them by your bin or take them to a recycling centre

Before leaving your house

Before you leave your house, you should:

make sure all your doors and windows work

shut and lock your doors and windows

take the keys out of your locks and put them somewhere out of sight

set any alarms you have

lock valuables away or hide them out of sight

If you're leaving home for a few days

Thieves are less likely to break in if they do not know the house is empty. To help it look like you're still at home, you can:

make sure any camera doorbells are charged and has enough storage to record while you're away

use any timers on your lights to turn them on and off

cancel any deliveries due while you're away (for example, milk deliveries)

use Royal Mail's Keepsafe service to stop your post going to your house

mow the lawn before you leave

avoid posting about the holiday or being away on social media

If you have someone you trust, you can also ask them to:

check your house and garden

open and close your curtains and turn lights on and off

move your post out of sight

put your bins out and put them back

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ARNPRIOR	**Crime:** No Crimes Recorded. **Incidents of Note:** The driver of a motor vehicle has now been charged with Dangerous Driving and reported to the Procurator Fiscal following being observed by your local community officers PC McCammon and PC Gibson whilst they were conducting speed enforcement within Arnprior. The driver was captured at 58 miles per hour in the 20 mile per hour zone.

BALFRON	**Crime:** On 23/10/2026, a firework was set off in a public street in Balfron. A suspect has been identified and charged for various offences. It is an offence to have 'adult' fireworks in a public place such as streets or parks. They can only be used on private property between the hours of 18:00 and 23:00 hours with some exceptions such as Bonfire Night, when the cut-off is midnight and New Year's Eve, the night of Chinese New Year and Diwali when the cut-off is 01:00 hours. More details, such as on Firework Control Zones, can be found online. On 23/10/2026, a male paid for goods but failed to pay for fuel that he had put into his vehicle at Shearers Garage in Balfron. Enquires are ongoing. **Incidents of Note:** There were several reports of trees down

BUCHLYVIE	**Crime:** On 21/10/2026, police received a 999 call in relation to a person having been injured and abducted, both of which transpired to be

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	false. A female has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal and summoned to attend court. **Incidents of Note:** No Incidents of note.

CROFTAMIE	**Crime:** No Crimes Recorded. **Incidents of Note:** No Incidents of note.

DRYMEN	**Crime** On 09/10/2026, a bus driver reported his bus been hit by a vehicle travelling in the opposite direction that had taken the bend too wide on the A81, two miles from Ballat Crossroads This had resulted in the bus being damaged but, thankfully, there were no injuries. Unfortunately, there are no lines of inquiry, and this remains undetected. **Incidents of Note:** 2 search and rescue calls to Conic hill and 1 to the west highland way. Due to the help of Lomond MRT and SAS these there resolved. An aircraft crashed off the Old Drymen Road which resulting in fatal injuries being sustained by two persons within. Enquiries are believed to be ongoing to establish the cause.

FINTRY	**Crime:**

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	On 04/10/2026, a vehicle collided with stationary vehicle on Main Road, Fintry, resulting in damage to the wing mirror. The driver of the vehicle failed to stop at the scene. Enquiries are ongoing. **Incidents of Note:** No Incidents of note.

GARGUNNOCK	**Crime:** No Crimes Recorded. **Incidents of Note:** No Incidents of note.

KILLEARN	**Crime:** On 08/10/2026, a male was contacted by two different banks to say that applications had been made on his behalf for credit. The male informed the bank that no such application had been made and asked for the application to be removed. As there are no further lines of enquiry, this remains undetected. **Incidents of Note:** No Incidents of note.

KIPPEN	**Crime:** On 03/10/2026, two white vans were seen to drive away from a farm on the outskirts of Kippen. Shortly after, the farmer noted that a quantity of drums of cabling that had been lying next to

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	containers, had been removed. Unfortunately, there are no lines of inquiry, and this remains undetected. **Incidents of Note:** No Incidents of note.

STRATHBLANE	**Crime:** On 09/10/2026 a driver travelling southbound on the Stockiemuir Road, was forced to take evasive action due to an oncoming vehicle driving on the wrong side of the road. The driver of this vehicle failed to stop and enquiries are ongoing. **Incidents of Note:** No Incidents of note.