

# Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



**Community Council:**

Forth and Endrick, Balfroun Community Council

**Reporting Period:**

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**Ward Plan Priorities**

**Antisocial Behaviour**

There was a report of a vehicle damaged whilst parked outside a residential address. Luckily there was no lasting damage.

A report to Police re a drunk male causing a disturbance in the street, Police attended and quelled any further issues.

Another report of a male causing a disturbance in the village at his home address. The male was arrested by local officers and is currently remanded in custody.

**Road Safety**

There was a road accident on the outskirts of the village, the persons within sustained minor injuries.

There were in fact numerous road accidents in the surrounding area during the brief snow spell we had a couple of few weeks ago. 2 persons were reported in relation to these in relation to various traffic offences.

Speed checks have been carried out in Buchanan Street, Balfroun by local officers with parking still being monitored as often as possible around the zebra crossing outside the Co-Op. Drivers have been warned in that area regarding not properly defrosting their windscreens in the cold conditions recently and the dangers this can cause to them and other drivers.

There were 2 deer struck in separate incidents by vehicles on surrounding villages. Please be careful on the roads as you never know what can be standing on the road around any corner.

There are obviously still ongoing issues in relation to the speed of vehicles passing through the village. Local officers and the Road Policing Unit and the Safety Camera Partnership vehicle are working together with us in relation to these issues.

**WINTER CHECKS**

Please check and maintain your vehicle for road worthiness. The winter weather causes roads and driving conditions to be hazardous. This includes ensuring that vehicle windscreens are defrosted and you have a full view of the road ahead prior to driving off. On that note, please do not defrost the windscreen by leaving your engine running unattended on the road or driveway.

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## FIRE

A report of a fire at the Pirn Inn, Bankers Brae. Fire Service attended and dealt with the situation and the fire was quickly extinguished.

## Theft

**A male was identified, traced and charged in relation to Theft by Shoplifting from Co-Op, Buchanan Street.**

There have been no new reports of Theft by Housebreakings in the village since the start of the year. As previously reported, a male was charged in relation to numerous offences which has hopefully gone some way to stopping these types of incidents.

There has been alarm activations at various residential properties. Police have attended on each activation and verified all in order, false alarms.

We always welcome any reports of suspicious persons or vehicles and these reports are always taken very seriously. We will always attend to these incidents as quickly as possible and they will be fully investigated.

## Police Message of Local Residents

We need your help to make it make it harder for the thieves so please consider the following:

- Use timer switches on lights and radios to make it look as if your home is occupied.
- Ensure all doors and windows are secure when you leave and when you go to bed.
- If possible use secure lighting at the front and back of your property.
- Make sure all garden tools and ladders are locked away when not being used. Don't give the thieves the tools to break into your house.
- Use a good quality lock on any garden sheds and outhouses.
- Make a note of all makes, models and serial numbers of expensive items in your home.
- create a FREE and secure inventory of all your personal property at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- If you note anything suspicious in your neighbourhood report it on 101.

If anyone would like further crime prevention advice, please contact PC Steven Graham or PC Gary Martin who will be happy to assist.

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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 Steven Graham and PC Gary Martin are the Ward Officers for the Forth and Endrick area. They are based at Balfour Police Office and can be contacted at the office, on 101, or at [ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk). It is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact.

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)

[www.twitter.com/stirlingpol](http://www.twitter.com/stirlingpol)

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## Other Incidents / Activity of note

### Rural Watch Scotland

"Rural Watch Scotland' is an extension of the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland movement and endorsed by the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) and Forth valley Rural Crime Group aimed specifically at the rural communities of Scotland and aims to bring all the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch to all rural communities irrespective of location, size or demographics.

Rural watch is an online community for any member of the public where appeals, crime prevention tips and safety alerts can be posted by those who subscribe which can be viewed by all members. Subscription is free and the sharing of information on the forum is a great example of real time crime prevention in action.

The objectives of Rural Watch Scotland are to:

- Reduce crime and the fear of crime by providing the right information, to the right people, at the right time.
- Encourage people to think about safety and security for themselves, their neighbours and their community.
- Improve community cohesion and well-being by supporting communities to develop 'their watch, their way'.
- Work in partnership with national and local service providers to develop more resilient communities that are better prepared against threats, intentional or unintentional, such as crime or extreme weather.

The experience of Neighbourhood Watch throughout Scotland and elsewhere across the world is that members of Rural Watch Scotland will be less likely than non-members in the rural community to be a victim of crime.

By joining the Rural Watch Scotland scheme members can receive alerts and advice by phone, text or email. By keeping members informed about crime and other threats in specific areas, Rural Watch Scotland can help prevent crime, keep communities and residents safe, and member's responses to these alerts can help catch criminals or be better prepared to deal with other threats to communities. To join Rural Watch Scotland simply:

- Log onto [www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk)
- Click the green JOIN button at the top of the page.
- Follow the on screen instructions."

### Neighbourhood Alert.

This is a community messaging system which sends alerts regarding crime, safety and resilience to communities. Ruralwatch is an information platform that has been set up by what was formerly Neighbourhood Watch, however the big difference being that any members of the local community can sign up to have the relevant alerts sent to them by various means including E-mail or Text message. To receive free alerts simply register at:

[www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

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Issues raised

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Feedback

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