

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Balforn Community Council

Reporting Period:

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Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

There have been a report of various neighbour disputes culminating in one male being charged for a minor Breach of the Peace offence.

A male was warned in relation to a minor drug offence.

Two persons have been charged in relation to a Fire Raising whereby 'wheelie' bins and bin shelter were damaged.

Road Safety

There have been a number of minor Road Accidents in the surrounding area, no serious injuries.

There was a deer struck and killed on the outskirts of the village.

Hand held radar has been used in order to detect and deter speeding drivers.

I met with the Camera Safety Unit today re determining the positioning of their camera van in the various villages.

Speed checks and the zebra crossing checks have continued to be monitored and this will continue in the coming months.

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Theft

A theft by shoplifting was reported at Co-Op, Buchanan Street, male was traced and charged accordingly.

A report was made in relation to the theft of a jacket, enquiries still continuing regarding this incident.

Door Step Crime

Doorstep Crime affects some of the most vulnerable within our communities. It manifests in many forms including online and telephone scams, exploitation by persons known to the victim and the fraudulent activities of unscrupulous persons purporting to be bona fide tradespeople.

Police Scotland's national doorstep crime initiative has achieved significant results with regard to the detection of crime. It has been driven by effective partnership working which has resulted in a greater awareness of the issue.

There was a report of a possible bogus workman in neighbouring villages. Police attended immediately and traced the males. No crimes were committed on this occasion.

We always welcome all calls of this nature as some can be more serious and are of a criminal nature. We urge everyone to report any suspicious activity or persons and these incidents will be dealt with accordingly.

I have asked for and have been promised 'No Cold Caller' stickers.

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 Balfron Police Office and can be contacted at the office, on 101, or at 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

www.facebook.com/policescotland

www.twitter.com/stirlingpol

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Other Incidents / Activity of note

SHEEP WORRYING

This time of year presents the problem of sheep worrying. Dog owners are being warned their animal could be killed if it is found to be in the presence of sheep, even if it has not physically attacked them or chased them.

A dog attacking, chasing or even being at large in a field where sheep are kept can lead to significant injury and often leads to the sheep being killed or destroyed. Such attacks have a financial and emotional impact on the farmer and cause immense suffering to the animals and are avoidable if dog owners follow some simple steps.

The vast majority of livestock worrying incidents involve sheep and can occur when a dog attacks, chases or in the case of sheep, is at large (not on a lead or otherwise under close control) in a field where livestock is kept. The effects of a dog attack are evident and cannot be overstated but significant damage can also be caused by a dog simply being present in a field. Pregnant ewes can abort their lambs or lambs can be separated from their mothers.

The advice to dog owners who live in rural areas or anyone walking and exercising their dogs in the countryside is to ensure they are under control at all times and avoid going into fields where livestock is grazing. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code says dogs shouldn't be taken into fields where there are lambs or other young farm animals.

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

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Issues raised	
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