

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Balfour Community Council

Reporting Period:

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Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

On 9/2 a report of noisy music coming from a house was received. Police attended and warned the householder however this warning was not heeded and police later had to return for same reason. Male was cautioned and charged and issued with a fixed penalty ticket.

On 14/2 a window was smashed at a house in Dunkeld Court. Enquiries are continuing with a view to tracing suspect.

On 23/2 a male was assaulted in Donaldson Way. One male has been cautioned and charged with the assault.

Road Safety

There was 2 RTCs on the A875 Kecipulloch Rd. One driver reported for careless driving and another one was taken to hospital as a precaution and the drink driving procedure carried out. Results of this are unknown at this time.

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

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.

Whilst carrying out the checks in the village we had cause to stop and warn drivers in relation to not defrosting their windows properly, advised of the dangers this causes to them and other road users.

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Theft

There have been no thefts reported since the last meeting.

On 5/3 there was a report of a suspicious male at Balfron Station. Police attended. There was no evidence to substantiate any crime however we welcome these reports and they are always taken seriously

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

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
- 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

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Hate Crime 2019

This year's hate crime campaign focuses on people who work in the night time economy, for example taxi and private hire drivers, those working in late night retail stores and takeaways.

Research shows that these individuals are more likely to be victims of hate crime, and we aim to raise awareness of the problem and encourage reporting of incidents to police.

A hate crime is "any crime which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated (wholly or partly) by malice and ill-will towards a social group". Perpetrators of hate crime focus on targeting individuals on the basis of actual or presumed:

- Disability
- Race
- Religion/Belief
- Sexual Orientation
- Transgender Identity

Issues raised

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