

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Balfon Community Council

Reporting Period:

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Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

Neighbour disputes are still happening within the village as they are in every village. A consequence of one of these is that one male was cautioned and charged with a contravention of Section 38 of the Criminal Justice and Licencing (Scotland) Act 2010. Essentially this is a statutory breach of the peace charge. Liaison is still being carried out with all parties and Stirling Council to try and resolve them.

On 13th June 2019 there was a complaint regarding workmen playing loud music on Buchanan Street. Foreman spoken to and music was turned down.

On 27th June 2019 there was a domestic incident at a house in Buchanan St. Domestic incidents are treated very seriously and as a result of this one a male and a female were arrested and held in custody for appearance at Stirling Sheriff Court the following day.

On 13th July 2019 there was a house fire in Cotton St, Balfon whereby Police and fire service attended. The house was extensively damaged however no injuries were sustained by any party.

On 29th July 2019 there was an incident in South Lomond Terr which culminated in a male being cautioned and charged with a contravention of Section 38 of the Criminal Justice and Licencing (Scotland) Act 2010.

Road Safety

On 7th June 2019 a cyclist came off his bike in Spokers Loan, Balfon He suffered a cut to hi head and scratched to the face as a result.

Further reports of sheep on the road so bear this in mind when driving.

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

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Theft

There have been no thefts reported since the last meeting however there have been further Theft by Housebreakings reported in neighbouring villages so we continue to urge people to be ever vigilant and contact the Police should anyone see anything suspicious.

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

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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."

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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

Shut out scammers

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.

There is a campaign started called "Shut Out Scammers" which is raising awareness of offenders who cold-call people at their homes and scam them out of money. Doorstep criminals may offer to carry out work at a reduced rate, asking you to hand over cash straight away and often in advance of any repairs being carried out. We have visited local businesses handing out leaflets and posters to highlight this issue.

There is no specific look to a bogus caller or rogue trader. If you have any concerns at all, do not allow an individual entry to your home, or provide them with any form of payment and do not hesitate to phone the police immediately. Always ask for ID and only let callers in if they have an appointment and you know that they are genuine.

If you would like to receive any of our advice and guidance on preventing crime then you can visit your local police station, call 101 or visit our dedicated webpage at

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/Shut-Out-Scammers>.

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