

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

One of the neighbour disputes mentioned in the last report is still happening. Further charges with regard to contravention of Section 38 of the Criminal Justice and Licencing (Scotland) Act 2010 have been carried out and liaison with Stirling Council is ongoing to try and resolve it.

On 2nd August a report of loud music coming from a house in South Lomond Terrace, Balfroun was made. No music on Police arrival and no reply to door. No further calls were received.

On 3rd August 2019 a report was received of a disturbance outside a house in Hillhead Brae. Police attended however there was nothing ongoing.

Later a call was received of loud music from the same house. The music was not excessive and occupier made aware of complaint

On 4th August damage was made to a vehicle in South Lomond Terr, Balfroun. On 21st August 2019 a complaint was made with regards to a male being threatened. These are probably linked and enquiries are continuing.

In the early hours of 6th August noisy music was reported coming from a house in Buchanan Street, Balfroun. Police attended. Music was excessive and occupier turned it down at request of Police.

On 12th August 2019 a male was found to be in possession of cannabis in Buchanan Street, Balfroun

On 24th August 2019 there was a report of a disturbance in White Yett's Brae, Balfroun. Police attended and persons left the area. No complaints made.

Road Safety

On 31st August 2019 there was an RTC in Buchanan Street, Balfroun whereby a vehicle crashed into a wall. No injury however the driver was arrested for drink driving.

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Theft

On 14th August 2019 a theft by Housebreaking was reported to Balfron Golf Club. Money and a quantity of alcohol was stolen.

A shed belonging to an address in Indiansdorp was broken into on 2 separate occasions with property stolen each time.

Between 14-21st August 2019 there was a theft from a stable block at a house in Station Rd, Balfron. A quantity of tools were stolen.

On 26th August 2019 a theft of tools was reported from property under renovation in Buchanan St, Balfron.

We have had a couple of suspicious males being reported. There was no trace on arrival of Police however please continue to report these as they are always taken seriously and investigated.

Thefts have also been reported in neighbouring villages. Enquiries are still ongoing with a positive line of enquiry being pursued however should anyone have any information then please contact Police.

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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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>.

Prevention is the cure –

Are you considering upgrading the locks on your external doors?

Europrofile cylinders tested and certificated to the following standards should be considered:

- a) Door Hardware Federation Technical Standard 007 (DHF TS 007) - 3-Star rating,
- b) DHF TS 007 1-star cylinder may be utilised if accompanied by DHF TS 007 2-star external hardware (handle set or secure escutcheon) or cylinder protection.
- c) Sold Secure SS312 (Diamond) standard cylinders;

How do I know if I have anti snap locks?

Essentially there are two ways you can ensure the euro cylinder locks on your doors are anti-snap proof.

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1. The lock is an SS312 Diamond Approved Cylinder (as below)SS312 Diamond is the highest level of approval for a euro cylinder lock.
2. Look out for the 3 Star Kitemark Logo

If your lock has the 3-Star Kitemark Logo on it, this indicates the lock is tested against snapping.



For further information on enhanced security products including doors, windows, glass and locking mechanism please go to

www.securedbydesign.com and www.policescotland.co.uk



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