

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick Ward Community Council

Reporting Period:

April 2023 – Compiled by PC Graeme McNulty

Ward Plan Priorities

PC Steven Graham has now retired from Police Scotland and as such has left the role as Ward Officer for the Forth and Endrick Ward. He spent the vast majority of his Police service working in this area and will be missed by many. PC Graeme McNulty is now the only ward officer until a replacement for Steven is appointed.

In the interim this new look ward report replaces the individual community council reports previously submitted. I will try to include the most serious of incidents or ones which will have the greatest wider community impact in these reports.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Reports of a Domestic aggravated incidents in the Kippen and Strathblane areas. All incidents of a Domestic nature are treated very seriously by Police. The male offenders for each incident were arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal in respect of their actions.

A male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal having acted in an aggressive manner towards staff at a local caravan park within the bar area on 8 April 2023. Drunken acts of disorder within licensed premises will not be tolerated.

There were several reports of Vandalism received in respect of damage to property in the Balfron area on the weekend of 7 and 8 April 2023 including a smashed window of a licensed premises, a damaged car wing mirror and a school window was smashed. Enquiries continue.

Reports of an adult male purchasing alcohol for children in Balfron on 21 April 2023. Male suspect has been identified and will be charged when traced.

Theft/ Crimes of Dishonesty

A theft and theft of motor vehicle occurred in the early hours of 3 April 2023 in the Kippen area. These crimes occurred at two separate domestic dwelling properties and it appears that the perpetrators gained access to the houses via insecure doors. Please remember to secure your own property as thieves appear to be operating in this area.

Several victims have been deceived into paying for goods online via Facebook Marketplace which were never delivered. Be sure when buying online that you have seen the goods advertised and if possible meet the seller prior to transferring any payments. These incidents all formed part of a fraudulent scheme whereby the suspect had advertised a hot tub for sale.

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Three local males have been reported having been caught poaching for fish at Muir Park Reservoir, Drymen on 15 April 2023.

Further fraudulent scheme whereby victim was deceived into making online payment to purchase a gaming account.

A victim paid a sum of money as a deposit for a car that was advertised for sale on Facebook Marketplace. The suspect ceased contact with the complainer after the deposit was paid.

Theft of motor vehicle from the Netherblane area of Strathblane whereby suspects gained access to domestic dwelling before stealing true keys.

On 21 April 2023, PC McNulty attended the Netherblane area of Strathblane to meet with local residents after several recent thefts. This was a good turnout and suitable home security advice was offered,

Road Safety

A local male has been reported for the offence of Careless driving on 14 April 2023 in the Balforn and Killearn areas. It appears the suspect driver became frustrated at the driver of the vehicle in front of him sticking to the 20mph speed limit and thereafter began to follow at a very close distance, flash his headlights and make gestures with his hands.

A male has been reported for Careless Driving after a collision near the Devil's Pulpit on 24 April 2023.

Reports of a Dangerous Driving offence on 24 April 2023 after a vehicle was seen to drive at speed through the temporary traffic light (when showing red) near to Buchlyvie. Enquiries continue.

Other incidents of Note

A casualty was assisted off Conic Hill on 12 April 2023 having injured their ankle. Multi agency operation involving Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service and Lomond Mountain Rescue Team.

Three paddle boarders got into difficulty at Loch Lomond on 19 April 2023. Luss rescue boat was dispatched however persons were assisted by another passing boat. Please always have suitable safety equipment and remember your own limitations. Fortunately no serious injuries occurred on this instance.

Large grass fire near to Queen's View, Blanefield on 22 April 2023. Several fire appliances attended and this resulted in a temporary but lengthy road closure. No suspicious circumstances meantime.

Several reports of livestock on roads throughout the ward. Please remember this is a rural area and drive accordingly.

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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 Graeme McNulty is the Ward Officer for the Forth and Endrick area. He is based at Balfron Police Office and can be contacted at the office, on 101, or at ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.police.uk. It is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact however this should not be used to report crimes.

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;

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