

# 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**

A young male was arrested after causing a disturbance within a domestic dwelling in the Balforn area. He was acting violently and damaging property. Male is being reported to the PF for their consideration.

Two calls were received in relation to a male acting in a concerning manner. Male traced and officers ensured he was safe and thereafter returned him home to ensure he could be looked after accordingly.

Reports of two girls fighting in the street in Balforn. Both traced and dealt with accordingly. No serious injuries recorded.

**Road Safety**

Call received from a member of the community reporting a potential drunk driver. Unfortunately the incorrect vehicle registration mark (VRM) was provided and there was no trace from officers on patrol. Please continue to report suspicious of drunk drivers taking care to record the correct VRM.

**Thefts**

Reporters of theft of plant machinery in the Killearn area near the beginning of the month. With lighter nights and many agricultural areas around the village, please remain vigilant and report any persons acting in a suspicious manner to Police.

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## Staying safe outdoors

Spending time outdoors has become more important than ever before. Everyone wants to see our countryside and enjoy our waterways and coastline.

Remember, any area of water, including reservoirs and canals, can hold hidden dangers. Scotland has more than 37,000 separate stretches of inland water and over 11,500 miles of coastline when including both mainland and island coast.

With many stretches located in remote areas, help will often be some considerable time away, so take responsibility for your own actions and make sensible decisions to stay safe around waterways.

Be responsible and enjoy a safe summer by:

- Being aware of the dangers when out hillwalking, cycling or near areas of water. Think about the risks and plan to minimise them.
- Never underestimating the current, temperature or depth when in water.
- Never get into the water alone and don't go swimming after drinking alcohol.
- If you get in trouble in water, float to live.

You can find out more about inland water safety from our partners [Scottish Water](#).

To get more information about how to enjoy sea sports and Scotland's coastline safely, get advice from the [Royal National Lifeboat Institution \(RNLI\)](#) and [HM Coastguard](#), and general advice about water safety is also available from the [Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents \(RoSPA\)](#).

If you see someone in difficulty or at risk at sea or along the coast always dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

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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](mailto: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;

[www.facebook.com/forthvalleypolicedivision](http://www.facebook.com/forthvalleypolicedivision)

[www.facebook.com/policescotland](http://www.facebook.com/policescotland)

[www.twitter.com/stirlingpol](http://www.twitter.com/stirlingpol)

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