

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick Balfroun Community Council

Reporting Period:

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Ward Plan Priorities

PC Matt McCammon

On 14 August 2023 PC Matt McCammon joined the Community Policing team at Balfroun Police Office for the Forth and Endrick ward. Matt arrives in his new post with nine years Policing Service, having previously worked in the Callander and Stirling areas.

Antisocial Behaviour

Three young person's charged and reported for assaulting a fellow pupil for what appears to be a sustained attack at a bus stop on Buchanan Street. The victim suffered minor injuries as a result

Two young persons reported and charged for assaulting another young person in Balfroun. The victim suffered minor injuries from the attack.

One young person reported for assault with an offensive weapon on another young person in Balfroun. Enquiries are still ongoing and we would encourage anyone with any information of the incident to contact Police. The victim suffered minor injuries as a result.

Disturbance reported outside the Pirn Inn, Balfroun police attended and persons dispersed. No complaints made to Police.

Road Safety

There was a road traffic collision involving one vehicle colliding with a tree near to Ballat Cross Roads fortunately no serious injuries were sustained.

Report received of person allegedly driving while under the influence. Vehicle remains untraced. Please continue to report any careless / dangerous driving.

One call received in relation to cows on the road. This appeared to be resolved prior to Police attendance.

Report received of a campervan having rolled down section of Buchanan Street. Fortunately this does not appear to have been the cause of any collisions.

Thefts

No thefts reported in the month of August in the Balfroun area, however, there have been numerous reports of thefts of hens and motorcycles in the surrounding villages. It is important members of the public remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to Police.

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What basic steps can I take to protect my home?

Having your home broken into is not common. There are however many ways that you can help secure your home. They don't all cost money – some are common sense and good housekeeping.

First, think about basic good housekeeping routines that aren't expensive:

- Keep your home locked at all times
- Many thieves do not need to break in at all because a door or window has been left open or unlocked
- Don't leave keys on the inside of door locks, under mats or anywhere else they can be easily found
- If you have a 'thumb turn' lock on the inside of a door, ensure that it cannot be accessed from outside
- See details on letter-plates, glazing and adjacent windows advice below
- Don't put your name or room number on your keyring if you live in shared accommodation, if it is lost or stolen, the thief will have information that could direct them there
- Don't keep house keys and car keys on the same key ring
- Don't keep a lot of cash in the house
- Mark your property with a UV marker pen or Security DNA marking Kit - these can be bought online or in some stores
- Look for the Secured By Design accreditation on the product and register - you can place an invisible imprint of your postcode and house number on your possessions
- You can record and register details of your valuables, serial numbers and features or marks, on devices on the national mobile property register on [the immobilise website](#) - this includes mobile phones, cameras, laptops and tablets
- Don't leave valuables where they can be seen through a window - for example, around the tree at Christmas time
- If you have a wall calendar, avoid having it shown near a window from where appointments can be seen - people may see when there will be no one in.

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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's Graeme McNulty and Matt McCammon 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.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

www.facebook.com/policescotland

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