

# Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



**Community Council:**

Forth and Endrick Balforn Community Council

**Reporting Period:**

September 2023 – Compiled by PC McCammon

**Ward Plan Priorities**

**PC Matt McCammon**

On 14 August 2023 PC Matt McCammon joined the Community Policing team at Balforn 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**

One female was issued a recorded Police Warning in relation to threatening and abusive behaviour in Balforn.

A further two reports received in relation to threatening and abusive behaviour in the Village. Efforts are ongoing to trace the suspect for this.

A report was received whereby a side window of a vehicle was smashed. This has been recorded as a Vandalism. Enquiries are still ongoing.

**Thefts**

There have been no reported thefts in the area since last report.

Please note 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.

**Road Safety**

Reports of a two car road traffic collision. Two persons taken to Forth Valley Royal Hospital for treatment of their minor injuries.

Report of a motorcycle and car road traffic collision. Relevant details exchanged and thankfully no injuries.

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## Is your motorcycle a target for thieves?

Motorcycles and scooters are an easy target for thieves but theft does not have to be inevitable, a few simple steps could reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

### Security tips when out and about

- Ensure your bike is fitted with a combined alarm and immobiliser
- Fit a tracker
- Attach a combination of chain, disc lock and U-lock. Do not rely on one device, the more security placed on your bike, the less attractive it is to a thief. The longer it takes to overcome the security, the more of a deterrent it is
- Try to park under street lights
- When applying your locks, ensure they are secured to a solid anchor point or a permanent piece of street furniture. Keep the lock off the ground where possible as this makes it difficult to cut off.
- Cover your motorcycle and ensure the cover is attached to the security device
- If possible use Thatcham, Sold Secure or Secured By Design approved devices. These have been industry tested and are generally agreed to be amongst the most robust security devices available.
- Ensure you always activate the steering lock
- Do not leave your helmet or other possessions on the motorcycle or in luggage space or panniers.
- Look out for car parks that are accredited to the Parkmark scheme, as they are safer places to park vehicles. Log onto [parkmark.co.uk](http://parkmark.co.uk) for a list of car parks on your area
- Be vigilant, ensure that you are not being followed home and check for suspicious items attached to your motorcycle or transporting vehicle/trailer that could be used to track your whereabouts

### Security Tips at Home

If you have a garage, shed or storage area consider securing your motorcycle there.

- Fit a hasp and padlock with dome headed, non-return screws to prevent tampering. Consider Sold Secure [soldsecure.com](http://soldsecure.com) or Secured by Design [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com) products
- Secure windows and don't enable people to see inside with curtains or opaque film. Fit grills, heavy mesh or reinforced glass
- If you have a house alarm consider extending it to cover, garages and out buildings
- If your garage adjoins your home and there is a through door it should be external quality and kept lock

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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](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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