

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick Balforn Community Council

Reporting Period:

October 2023 – Compiled by PC McCammon

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial behaviour

Report received regarding a male shouting and swearing on Buchanan Street, Balforn this has been recorded as Section 38 of the Criminal Justice & Licencing (Scotland) Act 2010. Enquiries are still ongoing.

Fraud

A local resident transferred a large sum of money to an unknown person in an attempt to purchase an item over Facebook market place. The item never arrived and the seller subsequently blocked the victim and relisted the item for sale. Enquiries are still ongoing.

Theft

There have been no reported thefts for this reporting period.

Incidents of note

Report received regarding antisocial behaviour occurring in and around the old Strathendrick care home, Balforn, whereby persons were gaining access via an insecure fire door. The council have now secured the door and placed additional locks / fencing which appears to have acted as a further deterrent and no further reports have been received.

Officers have patrolled this area and no further issues have been noted. Please continue to report any antisocial behaviour in the area.

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Online shopping/action frauds

Fraudulent sales and purchases is one of the most common forms of cyber-fraud.

Fraudster either advertise products that do not exist or agree to buy items and then not paying for them. This is done on sites such as eBay, Gumtree, Depop and Schpock.

The most common items in these scams are electronics and vehicles. Tickets are also advertised at prices below regular market prices.

When making fake purchases, fraudsters will send fake confirmations of payment to the victim of the scam. This could be a fake PayPal email.

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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

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