

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Community Council Police Report

Reporting Period:

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Ward Plan Priorities

News

PC Laura Newlands joins the Forth & Endrick ward community Policing Team. She comes with 6 years' response policing experience having spent the majority of her service within the Falkirk / Grangemouth area.

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 Matt McCammon PC Laura Newlands 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

www.twitter.com/stirlingpol

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Arnprior

Road Safety

4 motorists have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal by the Road Safety Camera Unit for Speeding on the A811 near to Arnprior.

Incidents of note

No Incidents of note reported to Police during this reporting period

Balfron

Vandalism

A vandalism has been recorded after a bridge within the curtilage of a property in the village has been damaged by unknown means. Unfortunate, there are no further lines of enquiry, and this remains undetected.

Incidents of note

No Incidents of note reported to Police during this reporting period

Buchlyvie

Theft

An older child received a Formal Juvenile warning in the presence of their parents after stealing 4 vapes from a local shop. The child appeared remorseful and offered to pay for the items.

Vandalism

A Vandalism has been recorded after a vehicle has been stashed by an unknown implement. There is no further line of enquiry, and this incident remains undetected.

Road Safety

Numerous vehicles, including a bus, came off the road during the heavy snow recently. Fortunately, no serious injury was sustained as a result. Please continue to take care when travelling in poor weather conditions.

A call was received from a member of the public regarding concerns they had for an elderly person driving a vehicle and their ability to do so. Police traced the driver, at their home address, and informed of the call. Contact has been made with the DVLA to assess this person's suitability to drive.

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Incidents of note

A call was received regarding a person leaving their home address and trying to cause harm to themselves. The person was traced prevented from doing any further harm to themselves. They were treated by paramedics and taken to FVRH for further treatment.

Croftamie

Road Safety

A report was received of minor damaged caused to an unattended parked vehicle within a carpark in the village. CCTV showed another vehicle reversing and making slight contact, It was likely driver was unaware of the contact they had made. The driver has subsequently been traced, and the matter is being dealt with by the respective insurance companies.

Drymen

Assault

A report of an assault was received whereby a member of the public was punched to the face. The victim suffered a minor injury. The following day a male was arrested, cautioned and charged and has been reported to the court.

Anti-Social behaviour

Police were contacted and concern raised for the welfare of a male. Officers attended at the address of the male to carry out a welfare check and during this time the male acted in an abusive manner towards Officers. As a result, the male was issued with a Recorded Police Warning for his conduct toward Officers.

Road Traffic

Enquiries are ongoing to trace the driver of a black Mazda which collided with another vehicle, causing damage, and left the scene without exchanging details or reporting the matter.

Enquiries are ongoing to trace the driver of a vehicle which collided with an unattended parked vehicle, causing damage to the front offside and wing mirror, and left the scene without exchanging details or reporting the matter.

Incident of note

A report was received of two males having fallen into the water while kayaking near to Torrinch Island. A friend had managed to alert Police and Luss Rescue were dispatched and all parties were returned to shore safe and well.

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Fintry

Road Safety

Road traffic accident on B818 Carron Valley, Vehicle slipped on ice. No one injured and no other persons involved.

Gargunnoch

Fraud

A fraud has been reported, whereby, A local business has paid for a shop awning. After money was paid to a company the awning never arrived. Enquiries are still ongoing.

Antisocial behaviour

2x vandalism has been recorded after two vehicles in the village have been scratched by a sharp implement or similar by unknown person(s). Enquires are still ongoing to trace those responsible.

Road Safety

A driver has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal service for speeding on the A811 near to Gargunnoch and failing to pay their fixed penalty.

Incidents of note

2 persons were seen taking pictures of vehicles in the village by a member of the public. The persons were confronted and quickly left the area. Please remain vigilant and continue to report suspicious activity.

Killearn

Theft

A House breaking with intent to steal has been recorded after attempts were made to force open a garage door. No entry was gained, and no items were taken. It is possible persons were disrobed by dogs within the adjacent dwelling. Please remember to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

A theft has been recorded after a quantity of stones were removed and taken from a wall of a property. Unfortunate, there are no further lines of enquiry, and this remains undetected.

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Killlearn (Cont)

Road Safety

A driver has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for causing serious injury by dangerous driving after turning on to the A81 and failing to check the roadway was clear before striking a motorcyclist. The Motorcyclist was taken to Queen Elizabeth hospital for treatment. Injuries are not believed to be life threatening.

Kippen

Breach of bail

Police attended an address where a male was not found to be within thus in breach of his bail conditions. The male has been reported to the court.

Road Safety

Reports received of sheep on the Road on the A811 near to Kippen Roundabout, However, there was no trace of this sheep upon Police attendance.

A number of vehicles came off the road and / or broke down in the period of heavy snow. Please take care when travelling in poor weather conditions and only when necessary.

Strathblane

Fraud

A fraud has been recorded after a member of the public attempted to pay for car parking via QR code and was redirected by a fraudulent google advert to a payment site for a free tail gym membership. The victim believed this was for payment of carparking and entered his payment details and unknowingly signed up for a free trail membership overseas. Once free membership lapsed victim was charged for membership fees. Fortunately, the victim's bank has reimbursed the money lost.

Another fraud has been recorded after a resident attempted to buy a kitten online. The victim was then contacted by telephone and pay a deposit. Further phone calls were made asking for further money to be sent for vaccination. The victim has made payments totalling £300 before contact was with suspect was stopped. Due to the suspect residing overseas no further lines of enquiry exist.

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Strathblane (Cont)

House Breaking with Intent

A resident reported that they returned home to find their front door ajar with the spare key they keep hidden in the garden within the flock of the front door. They also noticed their shed door to also be open. No persons were found within, and no items have been taken. Enquiries are still ongoing. Please remember to lock and secure your house and don't leave spare keys in obvious places.

Antisocial behaviour

A person has been arrested and charged with engaging in an abusive and controlling course of conduct towards their partner. The person was released with conditions not to approach or contact their partner and to attend Court at a later date.

Road Safety

A driver has been taken to hospital as a precautionary measure after colliding with a tractor.

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Where to Report Scams

Scams

In Scotland, report all scams to **Advice Direct Scotland** by calling **0808 164 6000** (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) or online at www.consumeradvice.scot

Fraud

If you have been the victim of fraud, report it to **Police Scotland** on **101** or **999** in an emergency.

Suspicious Emails

You can forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk and send links from websites which you think are trying to scam the public to the **National Cyber Security Centre's** scam website reporting service at www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/about-this-website/report-scam-website

Suspicious Text Messages

If you receive a suspicious text message you can forward it to **7726**. The free-of-charge '7726' service enables your provider to investigate and take action if malicious content is found.



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Scams and Fraud advice

Phishing

Warning signs:

- E-mail that uses generic terms like 'Dear account holder'
- E-mail is threatening and states that urgent action is required
- E-mail has a link you don't recognise
- Spelling errors in the e-mail
- E-mail address is different from trusted company's website
- Unexpected e-mails from a company you have no business with
- No padlock sign on website and no 'https://' at the beginning of web address.
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Keep yourself safe:

- Keep your browser software up-to-date
- Avoid risky sites, including supposed investment sites
- Never click on a link in an e-mail from an unknown person
- Use spam filters if you can
- Never give out your personal details, passwords or security codes via e-mail
- Don't leave personal documents lying around for anyone else to see
- If you're throwing away correspondence, remember to shred it first.

Fraudulent transactions and identity fraud

Purchases made without the person's consent is one of the most reported forms of cyber-enabled fraud.

This is when a fraudster gets access to their victim's accounts or uses their payment details to take money or buy things.

These offences use different phishing techniques to get a victim's account details. The fraudster also uses the victim's debit/credit card or phone. They then use these to carry out transactions online.

Access can also be gained through remote access to a victim's devices. The fraudster then gets access to their accounts.

If any transactions on your account are suspicious, contact your bank/credit card company as soon as possible. You should report this and allow them to carry out an investigation.