

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Killearn

Reporting Period:

October 2014

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

You are concerned about antisocial behaviour including drunken behaviour.

In the past month there have been no reports of any anti-social behaviour.

Road Safety

A report of collision involving motorcyclist near to Killearn Lodge

You are concerned about speeding, dangerous driving and indiscriminate parking

In the past month officers have been out with Hand held Radar, with one local caught speeding.

We are still receiving reports of farm animals on the road which can pose a danger to road user if struck. Officers attend on each occasion and deal appropriately with each incident. Local land-owners are requested to check their fences and gates regularly to make sure their boundaries are secure.

Theft

You are concerned about homes being broken into and travelling criminals.

In the past month there have been no crimes of any type reported in Killearn!

The Scottish National launch of the Police scheme to distribute Smartwater in communities was held in Killearn on 29 September. Since then, your local officers have been visiting houses in the area.

Not in Killearn, but in Callander, a householder was defrauded out of a sum of money by a male offering to 'tar the drive' for free. He then demanded payment for the very poor work carried out. We would urge all householders to refuse any such offers and phone the Police at the time on 101 if they are offered cheap/cash in hand work. Those involved in this type of crime travel freely.

Remember that if a deal seems too good to be true, it is!

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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

In the last month Officers have been in Killearn regularly on foot and on mobile patrol. We have had additional patrols from the Central Motorcycle Unit based in Glasgow.

As nights get progressively dark earlier, we would encourage everyone to consider:

Checking their vehicle is road worthy, especially lights and tyres.

Check their house looks occupied at night, leave a light on, make sure your security lights are working

Avoid dark clothing if you are walking at night in areas without street lights.

Other Incidents / Activity of note

Community members can access SMARTWATER at a reduced one-off payment of £25, with no annual subscription, via the SMARTWATER website www.smartwater.com

Issues raised Community Council Feedback

KCC meeting 15/10/14. The only issues raised were the problems with inappropriate speed in Birch Rd near the school and in Beech Dr.

Paul Roose was extremely helpful – he listened to local concerns and, in answering these, gave a clear insight into the way in which the new policing arrangements work. He said that, where possible, officers would keep an eye out for the problems identified. We are pursuing the matter of 20mph signs with the Council and hope that you will be able to support us if you are asked for information. We stressed the need for residents to contact you if they see anything untoward. We realise that the problems in Beech Dr are partially a function of road layout (the chicanes) and that we will probably have to take this up with the Council.

Smartwater seems to be going well – good feedback.

The feedback about Paul after the meeting was very positive – full marks for his communication skills.

On a further positive note, one of our members returned at 5am to find a police car patrolling the area – so now we believe that you really are out there. MB