

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



**Community
Council:**

Forth and Endrick, Killearn Community Council

**Reporting
Period:**

October 2018 compiled by PC Scott Craigie

**Ward Plan
Priorities**

Antisocial Behaviour

There have been issues with youths congregating within the Primary School grounds late evening at weekends. Local officers will continue to monitor this.

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Road Safety

There have been no road accidents reported to police in the area since the last report.

There have been further calls regarding fallen trees on the roadways surrounding the village since the last report. Once again this is as a result of the recent high winds.

Local officers have continued to carry out high visibility patrols in the area. Traffic Officers have also been in the villages and carrying out both high visibility unmarked patrols in the area.

DEVIL'S PULPIT -

The issues in relation to vehicles parked on the A809 near to the Devil's Pulpit are still ongoing. Officers will continue to monitor this area on a daily basis.

The new bollards placed on both roadways have, in our opinion, assisted greatly with the issue of inconsiderate parking on both roadways.

As per our previous report, there have been a number of meetings and conversations held involving all or some of the various parties, who find themselves involved in the issues at this location. From a policing point of view, vehicles parked dangerously or causing an obstruction have been issued with Fixed Penalty tickets.

It is coming the end of 'high season' at this location when we have over the past couple of years seen a drop in visitor number and the parking problem resolves itself.

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Theft

There has been a further Housebreaking reported from a local business.

Again, we would remind residents to make sure their premises are secure, even when they are home. Please make sure valuables, car keys and house keys are not easily accessible.

As a result of the high number of police patrols that are presently taking place in the area a local resident has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal at Stirling following an incident of Drink Driving. Another person has also been issued with a formal Police warning as a result of being found in possession of a small amount of 'personal use' illegal drugs.

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Community Engagement and Reassurance

PC Scott Craigie is leaving the role of ward officer and taking up a position in response policing at Balforn Police Office. PC Gary Martin will then be working with PC Steven Graham they will both be based at Balforn Police Office and can be contacted at the police office, on 101, or at ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk. They have access to this email address mailbox, and it is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact.

Please contact us at Balforn Police Office should there be any issues that require addressed.

Social Media

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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Other Incidents / Activity of note

Rural Watch Scotland

'Rural Watch Scotland' is an extension of the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland movement and endorsed by the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) and Forth valley Rural Crime Group aimed specifically at the rural communities of Scotland and aims to bring all the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch to all rural communities irrespective of location, size or demographics.

Rural watch is an online community for any member of the public where appeals, crime prevention tips and safety alerts can be posted by those who subscribe which can be viewed by all members. Subscription is free and the sharing of information on the forum is a great example of real time crime prevention in action.

The objectives of Rural Watch Scotland are to:

- Reduce crime and the fear of crime by providing the right information, to the right people, at the right time.
- Encourage people to think about safety and security for themselves, their neighbours and their community.
- Improve community cohesion and well-being by supporting communities to develop 'their watch, their way'.
- Work in partnership with national and local service providers to develop more resilient communities that are better prepared against threats, intentional or unintentional, such as crime or extreme weather.

The experience of Neighbourhood Watch throughout Scotland and elsewhere across the world is that members of Rural Watch Scotland will be less likely than non-members in the rural community to be a victim of crime.

By joining the Rural Watch Scotland scheme members can receive alerts and advice by phone, text or email. By keeping members informed about crime and other threats in specific areas, Rural Watch Scotland can help prevent crime, keep communities and residents safe, and members responses to these alerts can help catch criminals or be better prepared to deal with other threats to communities. To join Rural Watch Scotland simply:

- Log onto www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk
- Click the green JOIN button at the top of the page.
- Follow the on screen instructions."

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Neighbourhood Alert.

This is a community messaging system which sends alerts regarding crime, safety and resilience to communities. Ruralwatch is an information platform that has been set up by what was formerly Neighbourhood Watch, however the big difference being that any members of the local community can sign up to have the relevant alerts sent to them by various means including E-mail or Text message. To receive free alerts simply register at:

www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

INTERNET SAFETY

It has been brought to my attention that internet messages are being received within the village from an unknown source. The message suggests that the recipient has been caught in a compromising position in their web cam and demands money or the images will be shared with all the recipients' internet contacts. This is a nation wide scam and anyone receiving this message should just delete it.

Issues raised

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Feedback