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## Community Council Report



**Community Council:**

Forth and Endrick, Community Council Police Report

**Reporting Period:**

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**Ward Plan Priorities**

### 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 and PC Darren Gibson are the Ward Officers for the Forth and Endrick area. They are based at Balfour Police Office and can be contacted at the office, by calling 101, or by email at [Forthvalleycommunitypolice@scotland.police.uk](mailto:Forthvalleycommunitypolice@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:

<https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotlandForthValley>

<https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland>

X - [@PSOSForthValley](https://twitter.com/PSOSForthValley)

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### **NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT**

Your local Community Police Officers and Rural Crime Officers regularly send alerts via Neighbourhood Alert.

Our messages provide information on current scams, crimes, community issues as well as advice and reassurance.

Registered users can choose interest groups, what message types they wish to receive and from whom. Users also have the

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ability to rate, reply and share messages, contribute information and answer surveys.

You can also, if you wish, join your local Neighbourhood Watch or set one up at the link below:



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| ARNPRIOR | <p><b>Crime</b></p> <p><b>Extortion</b></p> <p>A resident in the village has become a victim of extortion, after they engaged in a conversation with an anonymous account over social media. The conversation became sexualised with the suspect requesting naked images of the victim, who thereafter obliged. The suspect then threatened to share the images with friends and family if they did not send untraceable digital apple vouchers to them. After sending the apple vouchers, the suspect kept asking for more, realising this would not stop they contacted Police. Enquiries are ongoing.</p> |
| BALFRON  | <p><b>Crime</b></p> <p><b>Offensive weapon</b></p> <p>A young person has been charged with carrying an offensive weapon to Balfron High school. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|  | <p><b>Vandalism</b></p> <p>The rear window of a parked car was smashed within the village and comments scratched into the bonnet. Unfortunately, there are no further lines of enquiry, and this remains undetected. Please continues to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.</p> <p>Enquiries are ongoing to trace a driver that filled their car up with fuel and thereafter fail to pay for said fuel.</p> <p><b>Road Safety</b></p> <p>A driver was arrested and charged for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. The driver was released on Police undertaking with the condition that they do not drive a motor vehicle. A report has been submitted to the procurator Fiscal for consideration.</p> <p>Another driver was arrested and charged for failing to provide a specimen of breath for a breath test. The driver was also charged with driving with no insurance, no MOT and carrying a knife. A report has been submitted to the procurator Fiscal.</p> |
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| <b>BUCHLYVIE</b> | <p><b>Crime</b></p> <p><b>Theft</b></p> <p>A report was received in relation to a theft of scrap metal within the grounds of a property in the village. Unfortunately, there are no further lines of enquiry, and this remains undetected. Please continue to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity.</p> <p><b>Road Traffic</b></p> <p>The driver of a van has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for exceeding the speed limit near to the Village.</p> |
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|  | A lorry clipped the wingmirror of another passing vehicle and then failed to stop and exchange details with the driver. There are no further lines of enquiry, and this remains undetected. |
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| <b>CROFTAMIE</b> | <p><b>Crime</b></p> <p>A person was arrested and held as a custody after staff from a local B&amp;B contacted Police reporting they were being drunk and abusive towards staff and other guests. The person was arrested for threatening behaviour and was also wanted on warrant.</p> |
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| <b>DRYMEN</b> | <p><b>Crime</b></p> <p><b>Fraud / Theft</b></p> <p>Enquires are ongoing after a local business contracted accompany to install a ventilation system. The work had been completed and payment was made. The company thereafter went out of business, and it appears a subcontractor has removed the ventilation system due to not being paid. Enquires are ongoing.</p> <p><b>Theft of Motor vehicle</b></p> <p>A quad bike was taken from a local farm and left in a remote area (presumably to see if the Quad had a tracker) Fortunately, a dog walker discovered the quadbike and contacted Police arranged recovery.</p> <p><b>Road Safety</b></p> <p>A van collided with another vehicle, causing minor damage and failed to stop and exchange details. Unfortunately, there are no lines of enquiry.</p> |
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|  | Police were contact to report a dangerous driver. Unfortunately, due to the late reporting of the incident, Police were unable to pursue the matter further. |
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| <b>FINTRY</b> | <p><b>Crime</b></p> <p><b>Theft and attempted thefts of motor vehicles (Quadbikes)</b></p> <p>Enquiries are ongoing into the theft of a quadbike and the attempted theft of another vehicle from a local Farm.</p> <p>Another crime of intended theft has been recorded after unknown persons entered the curtilage of another farm in the area.</p> <p>It appears these crimes along with theft of quadbikes are related and enquiries are ongoing to bring those responsible to justice.</p> <p>In the meantime, please continue to report any suspicious activity in the area. Advice regarding home / vehicle security can be found at <a href="http://www.scotland.police.uk/advice">www.scotland.police.uk/advice</a></p> |
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| <b>GARGUNNOCK</b> | <p><b>Crime</b></p> <p><b>Anti-social behaviour</b></p> <p>A person has been arrested and charged and released with undertaking conditions for issuing threats to someone by telephone. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.</p> <p><b>Poaching</b></p> <p>Two persons have been charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to Hare coursing in the area.</p> <p><b>Road safety</b></p> |
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|  | <p>Enquires are ongoing to trace the driver of a vehicle after pulling out of a junction, colliding with another vehicle's wingmirror and left the scene without exchanging their details with the other driver.</p> <p>Another driver has been charged and reported for careless driving after pulling out of a junction and colliding with another oncoming vehicle. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured as a result.</p> |
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| <b>KILLEARN</b> | <p><b>Crime</b></p> <p>No Crimes have been reported.</p> |
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| <b>KIPPEN</b> | <p><b>Road Traffic</b></p> <p>An attempted theft occurred whereby persons attempted to break into a secure storage container, however, were unsuccessful. They did however damage CCTV cameras covering the area. Enquiries are ongoing.</p> |
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| <b>STRATHBLANE</b> | <p><b>Crime</b></p> <p>A vandalism has been recorded following extensive damage caused to the interior of an Air B&amp;B in the village by persons renting the property. Enquires are still ongoing.</p> <p><b>Assault</b></p> <p>A person was arrested, cautioned and charged after they punched the victim to the head and presented a knife towards while staying within a hotel in the area. All persons involved were known to each</p> |
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|  | <p>other. The offended was held as a custody to appear at Court the next day.</p> <p>A crime under the computer misuse act has been recorded after a local resident replied to a spam email purporting to be from Outlook requesting the victim sends his emails address and password, with they did. The suspect thereafter emailed all the victims contacts asking them to send digital gift cards. Fortunately, no persons sent any money, and the victim has been provided with suitable security advice.</p> |
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