

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick Ward, Buchanan Community Council

Reporting Period:

May 2017 - Compiled by PC Steven Graham

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

On 18th March 2017 a report was received of 2 males illegally camping near to the Waterfort Lodges, Balmaha. Both males oved on by Police.

On 26th March 2017 2 males were found to be in possession of cannabis within a layby between Balmaha and Rowardennan.

On 2nd April 2017 a report of males camping near to Buchanan Castle Golf club. Males left not long after call was received.

Other reports of illegal campers have bene received. None of these involved anti-social behaviour and were dealt with by National Park Rangers.

On 6th April 2017 several reports were made to the National Park staff who in turn contacted Police about a female walking with a bow and arrows along the West Highland Way. A search was carried out for the female however there was no trace. A duck was later found to have an arrow in its side. Enquiries are continuing to trace this female. The duck was later put down by staff from the SSPCA.

Several mountain rescues have been carried out, mainly from the Rowardennan area. All parties were safely traced. The most serious injury involved a male with a broken ankle.

On 22nd April 2017 a search was carried out for a female under the influence of alcohol and reported missing at Cashel Campsite. Female was later traced safe and well by Luss rescue boat having fallen down an embankment.

On 22nd April 2017 a male was found to be in possession of cannabis at Balmaha Car Park.

Road Safety

On 25th March 2017 parking issues were reported at Balmaha. Police could not attend immediately due to dealing with a serious Road Traffic Collision and a mountain rescue. When Police did attend there were no vehicles causing any issues.

On 2nd April 2017 a Road Traffic Collision occurred between a motorcycle and a motor vehicle. The rider of the motor cycle sustained cuts to his legs as a result of the collision.

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On 17th April 2017 there were reports received of vehicles causing parking issues at Balmaha. Police attended and issued fixed penalty tickets.

On 22nd April 2017 a vehicle was found to have struck a lamp post in Buchanan Smithy. A male was later cautioned and charged with a Road Traffic offence.

Local officers have carried out regular high visibility patrols in the Buchanan Community Council area to improve road safety in the area.

Theft

On 23rd April 2017 money was stolen from a purse in the staff area of a local licenced premises. Enquiries are continuing into this theft however if anyone has any information then please report it to Crimestoppers or any Police officer.

PC Murphy

On 24th April 2017 PC Murphy left his post as ward officer and moved to Greenock to commence duties in the Road Policing Unit. PC Murphy has enjoyed working with the community in Forth and Endrick area. PC Craigie will be replacing Ray in mid-May.

Community Engagement and Reassurance

PC Steven Graham is based at Balfron Police Office and can be contacted at the office, on 101, or at ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk. It is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact.

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."

PARKING DECRIMINALISATION

From 3rd May 2017, Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) came into force. The responsibility for parking enforcement is now transferred from Police Scotland to Stirling Council. The council have displayed several notices to inform the public of this change in responsibility. Any vehicle found to be in breach of a parking restriction will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) for £60. Should this be paid within 14 days, it will be reduced by 50% and if ignored, will increase to £90.

Details are contained on the Stirling Council website under the link

<http://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/transport-and-streets/parking-and-car-parks/parking-fines>

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Issues raised

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