

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick Buchlyvie Community Council

Reporting Period:

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Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

A report was received of threatening and abusive behaviour towards a local resident and damage was caused to their boundary wall. Enquiries are still ongoing.

Road Safety

3 persons have been reported to the procurator Fiscal for exceeding the speed limit on the A811.

Report received of a 3 vehicle road traffic collision occurred involving 3 motorcycles. Thankfully no major injuries sustained and the injured parties were conveyed and treated at Forth Valley Royal Hospital.

Thefts

There have been no reported thefts in the area since the last report. Please keep in mind that thefts of Motorcycles and chickens have been recorded in the nearby villages. Remember to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to Police.

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What basic steps can I take to protect my home?

Having your home broken into is not common. There are however many ways that you can help secure your home. They don't all cost money – some are common sense and good housekeeping.

First, think about basic good housekeeping routines that aren't expensive:

- Keep your home locked at all times
- Many thieves do not need to break in at all because a door or window has been left open or unlocked
- Don't leave keys on the inside of door locks, under mats or anywhere else they can be easily found
- If you have a 'thumb turn' lock on the inside of a door, ensure that it cannot be accessed from outside
- See details on letter-plates, glazing and adjacent windows advice below
- Don't put your name or room number on your keyring if you live in shared accommodation, if it is lost or stolen, the thief will have information that could direct them there
- Don't keep house keys and car keys on the same key ring
- Don't keep a lot of cash in the house
- Mark your property with a UV marker pen or Security DNA marking Kit - these can be bought online or in some stores
- Look for the Secured By Design accreditation on the product and register - you can place an invisible imprint of your postcode and house number on your possessions
- You can record and register details of your valuables, serial numbers and features or marks, on devices on the national mobile property register on [the immobilise website](#) - this includes mobile phones, cameras, laptops and tablets
- Don't leave valuables where they can be seen through a window - for example, around the tree at Christmas time
- If you have a wall calendar, avoid having it shown near a window from where appointments can be seen - people may see when there will be no one in.

What should I do when I go on holiday?

When you go on holiday there are a few steps you should take for security.

- Get to know your neighbours, if you trust them they might keep an eye on your home, draw curtains and remove mail from behind the door
- Consider using Royal Mail's Keepsafe service, they will keep your mail for up to 66 days
- Make sure you cancel any regular deliveries such as milk or newspapers
- Use timers on lights, make sure your alarm is set
- Don't post on social media that you're going on holiday - criminals can search for this kind of

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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.

PC's Graeme McNulty and Matt McCammon are the Ward Officers for the Forth and Endrick area. They are based at Balfroon 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

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