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| **Community Council**: | Forth and Endrick, Kippen Community Council |

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| **Reporting Period**: | December 2019 Compiled by PC Gary Martin |

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| **Ward Plan Priorities** | Once again it has been a fairly quiet period in the village in relation to calls over the last month which of course is good news for residents and Police alike.  **Antisocial Behaviour**  Report received in relation to an alleged assault in the village. Police attended and after obtaining relevant statements, it was established that there was no assault and the person reporting was subsequently charged for Wasting Police Time. |
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|  | **Road Safety**  Heavy rain today, 10/12/19, on the Forth and Endrick area. On the A811 just outside Kippen, a lorry was blown over into a ditch due to the extremely high winds. No injuries.  Reports of sheep on the roads on surrounding roadways, please take care when driving during these dark, wet nights.  A careless driver was reported to Police on the outskirts of Kippen. Vehicle traced and it was confirmed it was a delivery driver who appeared to be lost. Warned re his driving and of the complaint.  The Central Scotland Safety Camera Partnership have continued to operate on the A811 near to Kippen.  Local officers have and will continue to carry out high visibility patrols to improve road safety.  **Drink Drive Campaign**  We are having a Festive drink/drive campaign running through December and into January. Please be aware that you may be still over the legal limit of alcohol to drive the next day so be careful after any Christmas night outs planned. If in doubt, don’t drive. |

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|  | **Theft**  There have been no reported theft in Kippen since the last report.  There have been reports in relation to suspicious vehicles and persons in other various local villages. Police will always attend to these incidents with the surrounding areas been checked thoroughly with a negative result.  As always stated previously, the reporting of these incidents are always welcomed and will be dealt with immediately.  The evenings are getting darker earlier and it is a time where traditionally housebreakings can occur. Please consider the following:  • Use timer switches on lights and radios to make it look as if your home is occupied.  • Ensure all doors and windows are secure when you leave and when you go to bed.  • If possible use secure lighting at the front and back of your property.  • Make sure all garden tools and ladders are locked away when not being used. Don’t give the thieves the tools to break into your house.  • Use a good quality lock on any garden sheds and outhouses.  • Make a note of all makes, models and serial numbers of expensive items in your home.  • If your house is fitted with an alarm then please use it. This is a good deterrent should thieves manage to force entry to your house.  • create a FREE and secure inventory of all your personal property at www.immobilise.com  • If you note anything suspicious in your neighbourhood report it on 101.  A 999 call was received from a mobile phone. A check confirmed it was coming from somewhere in the Kippen area. It was later established that 999 had been pressed on a mobile phone in a bag from a female tourist. All in order.  ADVICE FOR DRIVERS:  Prepare for the winter by keeping your vehicle well maintained before you take to the road.  Take special care that brakes, tyres, lights, batteries, windscreens and wiper blades are in good condition. In addition, washer bottles need to contain an additive to stop the water from freezing.  Tyres should also be checked weekly to ensure they are legal and at the correct pressure (consult your vehicle handbook). The minimum legal tread depth for cars is 1.6mm across the centre 3/4 of the breadth of the tread around the entire circumference. They should also be checked for bulges, cuts or tears which weaken the tyre. Failure to maintain your tyres could lead to a maximum of £2,500 fine and 3 penalty points per tyre.  Make sure your windows are clean, properly demisted and clear of snow and ice before you drive. Also make sure that your roof is clear of snow as this affects drivers behind you and can also cause obstructions on your windscreen when braking. Be careful with low sun as it can make it difficult to see and a dirty, greasy or damaged windscreen can make this worse.  All lights must be kept clean and clear and be in good working order, including registration plate lights. Use the help of someone to check that all of your lights are working. Consider keeping an emergency kit in your car for severe weather, this should at least include:  •An ice scraper and de-icer  •A shovel for snow  •A torch and spare batteries  •Warm clothes, boots and a blanket  •Some food and a warm drink in a flask  •A first aid kit  •Battery jump leads  •A map or device with offline maps for any unplanned diversions.  Be mindful of the road conditions when you drive; bad weather is often blamed for causing accidents however the real cause is often inappropriate driving for the conditions that exist.  In wet weather, stopping distances will be at least double those required for stopping on dry roads. Aquaplaning can be a frightening experience; this is where a wedge of water builds up between the front tyres and the road surface. If this happens, the safest solution is to remove pressure from the accelerator, allowing the vehicle to lose speed which will help the tyres regain their grip.  Ice and snow can increase stopping distanced by up to ten times so keep well back from the vehicle in front. Anticipate when you will need to be stopping and be alert to other road users. When the roads are icy, drive at a slow speed in as high a gear as possible; accelerate and brake very gently. |
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|  | **Shut out scammers**  Doorstep Crime affects some of the most vulnerable within our communities. It manifests in many forms including online and telephone scams, exploitation by persons known to the victim and the fraudulent activities of unscrupulous persons purporting to be bona fide tradespeople.    There is a campaign started called “Shut Out Scammers” which is raising awareness of offenders who cold-call people at their homes and scam them out of money. Doorstep criminals may offer to carry out work at a reduced rate, asking you to hand over cash straight away and often in advance of any repairs being carried out. We have visited local businesses handing out leaflets and posters to highlight this issue.  There is no specific look to a bogus caller or rogue trader. If you have any concerns at all, do not allow an individual entry to your home, or provide them with any form of payment and do not hesitate to phone the police immediately. Always ask for ID and only let callers in if they have an appointment and you know that they are genuine.  If you would like to receive any of our advice and guidance on preventing crime then you can visit your local police station, call 101 or visit our dedicated webpage at  https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/Shut-Out-Scammers. |

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| **Issues Raised** |  |

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| **Community Council Feedback** |  |

**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 Steven Graham and PC Gary Martin are 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

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