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

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| **Reporting Period**: | March 2020 - Compiled by PC Gary Martin |

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| **Ward Plan Priorities** | **It has been a fairly quiet month in the village which is obviously good news for Police and residents. Police have however dealt with incidents ranging from drunk drivers to suspicious persons, from fires to road traffic collisions.**  **Antisocial Behaviour**  There was a report a small shed/dog kennel set on fire on the outskirts of the village. No serious damage and no further complaint or action required. |
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|  | **Road Safety**  There was a serious road accident on the A811 between Kippen and Arnprior. This involved a large oil tanker and a motor vehicle which very sadly and tragically resulted in the driver of the motor vehicle being killed. Traffic Officers from Police Scotland were in attendance and are dealing with the incident.  The Central Scotland Safety Camera Partnership have continued to operate on the A811 near to Kippen. One vehicle in particular was found to be driving at 75mph in a vehicle restricted to 50mph and the driver was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.  A drunk driver was arrested leaving the village and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to this incident.  Local officers have and will continue to carry out high visibility patrols to improve road safety. |

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|  | **Theft**  There has been no thefts since the last meeting which is of course good news for Police and residents alike.  There was a report of possible suspicious persons in the village. Police attended immediately to the relevant area however there was no trace. There were no further calls.  There have however been a number of thefts from shops in the surrounding villages. The incidents involved 4 males entering the relevant village stores and carrying out a debit card scam/fraud. They have managed to leave the stores with hundreds of pounds worth of goods. Enquiries are still ongoing in relation to these incidents.  Look out for your neighbours!! On many occasions housebreakers are immediately apprehended due to a neighbour acting quickly in relation to something they may have witnessed from their address. There is no issue if anyone contacts Police and it turns out to be a false alarm. Also, if you do see a crime being committed, contact us on 999, it is quicker than the 101.  All incidents in relation to suspicious persons or vehicles are welcomed and Police will attend to all these incidents immediately. We urge people to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious.  • 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.  **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.    **Public Consultation**  Police Scotland is asking the public for their views on how to serve our communities in the future. This is on the Police Scotland website and the link to the survey is found below:  https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/policingforscotland/ |
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|  | **SHEEP WORRYING**  In a neighbouring village a sheep suffered bite marks to its rear legs. This was possibly caused by a dog out of control in a field which contained a large number of sheep. No one has yet been identified as being responsible.  It is an offence to allow a dog to worry sheep. Worrying includes attacking or chasing sheep and, in some circumstances, farmers are legally entitled to shoot dogs if they are endangering their sheep. Find out more below in the ‘Staying legal’ sections below. It is vital that you keep your dog on the lead around livestock, even if you can usually trust it to come to call. If you live in or near a farming area, you must make sure that your dog cannot escape from your property, as it may find its way onto land containing sheep.  If a dog worries sheep on agricultural land, the person in charge of the dog is guilty of an offence. The Act considers sheep worrying to include attacking sheep, chasing them in a way that may cause injury suffering, abortion or loss of produce or being at large (not on a lead or otherwise under close control) in a field or enclosure in which there are sheep.  **The Scottish Outdoor Access Code**  The Scottish Outdoor Access Code (SOAC) offers guidance for people enjoying the countryside with their dogs and says: “In exercising access rights, you must keep your dog(s) under proper control. You must also ensure that your dog does not worry livestock.”  The Scottish Outdoor Access Code says ‘proper control’ means different things in different situations, but when around sheep you should:-  •Not take your dog into a field where there are lambs. Go into a neighbouring field or onto adjacent land. In open country, keep your dog on a short lead (2 metres or shorter) when there are lambs around and keep away from them.  •Keep your dog on a short lead or under close control if you need to go into a field where there are sheep. The SOAC defines ‘under close control’ as close at heel and responsive to your commands. Stay distant from the sheep.  •Keep your dog under close control in more open country where there are sheep and stay away from them.  •The SOAC reminds dog owners that in some cases a farmer has the right to shoot a dog that is attacking their livestock.  •If you are handling a group of dogs, make sure that they do not cause alarm to livestock. |

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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.

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