

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Police records

All records of police forces covering the Falkirk Council area have been transferred to Stirling Council Archives by agreement with Central Scotland Police. For access to these records, researchers should contact Stirling Council Archives, 5 Borrowmeadow Rd. Stirling, FK7 7UW;

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Please note that some police records are restricted under the Data Protection Act.

Police in Scotland

Policing in Scotland developed from guards and watchmen in burghs and counties. In the nineteenth century burghs and counties obtained salaried police forces by individual local acts of parliament, and, latterly, by general police acts. From the late-nineteenth century onwards there were many amalgamations of county and burgh constabularies. In 1975 all county, burgh and amalgamated constabularies were replaced by eight police forces (Strathclyde, Lothian & Borders, Grampian, Tayside, Fife, Central, Northern, and Dumfries and Galloway), supervised by regional council police committees. In 1996 these eight forces continued in existence although the local government boundaries changed and therefore the composition of the supervisory committees changed.

Stirlingshire

Stirlingshire Constabulary was created in 1850 and was succeeded by Stirling and Clackmannan Police Force in 1949. It was called Stirling County Police from 1938 to 1949. It was abolished in 1975 and replaced by Central Scotland Police.

Falkirk

Falkirk Police Force was provided and operated by Stirlingshire Constabulary.

Grangemouth

Grangemouth policing was provided by Stirlingshire Constabulary

Bo'ness

Bo'ness Burgh Police was provided by Linlithgowshire Police, formed in 1840 and replaced in 1950 by the Lothian and Peebles Police Force. In 1975 policing of the Bo'ness area became the responsibility of Central Scotland Police.