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Message from the Chair

Andrew Munro

For the majority of us as the country comes out of lockdown we will be looking to the new normal and how to reshape our lives going forward. We are fortunate to live in a rural setting with easy access to the open air and the many walks and trails on our doorstep. We may have enjoyed, or endured regular exercise in walking round Currie and other neighbourhoods, with only a casual glance and opinion at the décor and layout of other people's properties. A thought may have been given to the opportunity to have resurrected Currie-in-Bloom competition!

For others, the new normal will be same as the old normal with little if any change as the feeling of loneliness and isolation is part of the daily routine. So, spare a thought to all those who feel that way. If, like many residents in the neighbourhood, you have taken the time to say 'hello' to total strangers as you have managed self-distancing whilst navigating your way when outside. Then keep up that welcomed gesture so that we all come out of this feeling better.

Save the Date - AGM 2021 & Special Event

AGM - Please note that the 2021 AGM is scheduled to take place at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 11 October 2021 at the Gibson Craig Halls to which all members are welcome.

Police Scotland - 101 (or 999 in an emergency)



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At the Meeting there will be a presentation on the legal requirement for all homeowners and landlords to install an integrated heat, smoke and carbon monoxide alarm system. Such work must be completed by 1st February 2022.

Police Scotland - 101 (or 999 in an emergency)

Annual Subscriptions

Subscriptions of a £ 1.00 are normally due at this time of the year. In light of Covid-19 related issues, CENW Committee has taken the decision that it is too early in the suppression of the virus to recommence doorstep collection of subscriptions. Therefore, as happened last year, annual subscriptions will be suspended for the current year 2021.

Wheelie-Bin Stickers

It is anticipated that all being well collection of subscription will be reinstated next year, 2022. At the time of collection members should receive wheelie-bin stickers with the updated blue and white logo, see front page top right corner for logo image.

Scam Alert

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland

The infographic below shows some of the most frequently reported doorstep scams in Scotland:

Shut out Scammers
Common Doorstep Scams:

Trading Standards Scotland

SCAM	"We're offering a special deal on driveways - it's only available today"	SCAM	"We've noticed that you need some urgent work carried out on your property."
SCAM	"I work for an energy company - we're offering grants for new boilers."	SCAM	"We've just completed similar work at other houses in the local area"
SCAM	"It looks like your solar panels need to be replaced - they're not safe."	SCAM	"We have some gardening materials left over from a job - we can offer them at a discount"

Report any suspicious behaviour to Police Scotland on 101, or 999 in an emergency.
Report scams to Advice Direct Scotland on 0808 164 6000 or at www.consumeradvice.scot.
Sign up to the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Alert system at www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

The most common types of work that doorstep scammers carry out are roofing, driveways, gardening and services such as gutter cleaning or pressure washing. They may tell you that:

- They are offering a special deal on driveways / gardening / roofing / maintenance. The deal is only available today.
- They have noticed that your roof or property exterior needs urgent repair work done to it - they are available to start work on it straight away and can offer you a good price.
- They have just completed similar work at other houses in the local area.
- They have building or gardening materials left over from another job and can offer them to you at a discount.

Please be alert when approached at the doorstep with any such offers and best to politely decline the offer.

Currie Community Council – Post Office Facilities



An outreach Post Office has been established in the Scout Hall, Lanark Road West, next to Sainsbury's garage. It will be open every Wednesday between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. You will be able to do anything there that you would be able to do at a main post office. The facilities are being operated by Linlithgow Main Post Office.

Benefits of Volunteering

Fed up with the mundane of lockdown and realise that you may have a bit of time to spare? Then you may be interested to know that it has been said that there are personal benefits to volunteering;

- connects you to others
- is good for your wellbeing
- can look good on your cv
- brings an element of fulfilment to your life

If you have any opinions, good or otherwise, as to what subjects and articles should appear in Look-Out and or know how to format the newsletter – that would be great!

If you know how to update a membership listing – fantastic!

If you are a reasonably organised person then overseeing the distribution of Look-Out would be a great help!

If any of the above applies to you then CENW would welcome your help in support of our activities in the neighbourhood. All that we would ask of you is to give, approximately every three months, an hour of your time in the evening to contribute to meetings so that you help in making sure that we keep on the right track in respect of our contribution to the community.

To find out more, without making a formal commitment to join the Committee, please contact chair@cenw.org.uk and thank you for considering volunteering.



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