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LOOK-OUT

Currie East Neighbourhood Watch

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Message from the Chair

Neil Dickson

Now the warmer days are upon us, although knowing the Scottish weather we can still be the subject of four seasons in a day and sometimes even in an hour, it's healthy to be out and about as best we can and enjoy the longer daylight hours.

We may observe the colourful flowers that have emerged from hibernation over the winter. However, we should also be alert to the re-emergence of the doorstep caller who has also come out of hibernation but with the intent to trick you on parting with some of your well-earned savings.

Save the Date - AGM 2022 & Special Presentation

AGM - Please note that the 2022 AGM is scheduled to take place at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 13th October 2022, venue to be confirmed in the next issue of Look-Out, to which all members are welcome.

Police Scotland - 101 (or 999 in an emergency)

Special Presentation - Is there any particular issue that is currently of concern to you or a family member or neighbour and you feel that a presentation on the topic would better inform and advise Watch members?

If so, please email chair@cenw.org.uk with the topic whereby the Committee will seek to source an appropriate speaker.

Annual Subscriptions and Wheelie-Bin Stickers

Subscriptions of £1.00 by members of the Watch are normally due at this time of the year and will be collected by your local Look-Out Distributors.

At the time of collection members should receive two wheelie-bin stickers with the updated blue and white Watch logo. The stickers should be applied to any side of the grey (waste) and green (recycling) bins. Stickers should not be applied to the brown (garden) bin as these bins already have a sticker (collection permit) as supplied by City of Edinburgh Council.

If you are not at home at the time of collection you will receive an envelope with a 'Sorry you were Out' note with contact details of your Distributor. Please place £ 1 in the envelope and return to your Distributor who will in return drop off your stickers.

What Happens with Annual Subscriptions

From subscriptions collected, over the next two or three years the Committee is looking to replace the numerous street lamp-post signs with the updated blue and white Watch logo. Subscriptions also cover the cost of the publication and distribution of Look-Out newsletter as well as some other running costs related to Watch matters.

Scam Alert

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland

In 2021, over **20,000** people reported falling victim to scams that involved fraudsters remotely connecting to their computer, with losses totalling over **£57m**. Police Scotland is working with City of London Police and TeamViewer to run a national campaign to raise awareness of these scams.

#RemoteAccessScams

**£57M LOST TO
REMOTE ACCESS
TOOL SCAMS IN 2021**

Only install software or grant remote access to your computer if you're asked by someone you know and trust, such as a friend or family member, and never as a result of an unsolicited call, browser pop up, or text message.

 POLICE SCOTLAND  CITY OF LONDON POLICE  TeamViewer

Scammers often pretend to be calling from an organisation you trust such as Microsoft, Amazon or your broadband provider. They may already have some of your personal details such as your email address.

They may ask you to

- download software to allow the caller to 'fix the problem' remotely
- visit a link to allow the caller to 'run a test' on your device
- visit a 'secure website' to download an upgrade
- download an app to your mobile phone to check your broadband speed

Action to take:

If you receive an unexpected call about a computer problem, hang up and don't provide any information. **Never follow instructions from an unsolicited caller or in a text message to download an app or software which would allow them to access your computer remotely.**

Contact your bank immediately if you think you may have made a payment to a scammer or if you are worried that a fraudulent transaction has been made from your account.

'Anti-scam' scams

This is a call from someone claiming to be from a charity supporting scam victims, a company selling anti-scam technology, or from someone demanding money to renew your Telephone Preference Service registration, which is actually free. Be alert to all of these scams.



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