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LOOK-OUT

Currie East Neighbourhood Watch

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Message from the Chair

Neil Dickson

A warm thankyou to all residents in the Currie East area who have chosen to renew their membership of the Watch this year. With over 1,000 residents choosing to do so is testament to the value placed on being neighbourly and on receiving regular issues of Look-Out with the advice and information contained therein.

It is also pleasing to see the bright new wheelie bin stickers on display throughout the neighbourhood on waste and recycling pickup days. Should you have a brown 'garden waste' bin with the old logo and would like to replace it with a new sticker please email committee@cenw.org.uk to receive a further sticker.

AGM & Special Event

AGM - the AGM will take place on Thursday 13th October 2022. The meeting will be held in Gibson Craig Halls. Entry is from 7.15pm for 7.30 pm start, with refreshments provided.

Police Scotland - 101 (or 999 in an emergency)



Special Event - Following matters related to the AGM there will be a special presentation by PC Sonja Kaiser-Ferris, Crime Prevention Officer, Prevention, Intervention and Partnerships, Police Scotland.

The presentation will be on the subject of ‘Crime and the Prevention of Crime’. The presentation will cover action to take to safeguard your belongings and more importantly your wellbeing against the threat of crime and the emotional impact of crime.

With an increase in crime post covid, advice given at the presentation will be of interest to yourself, wider family members and neighbours unable to attend on the evening.

Vehicle Crime Warning

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland

We have recently been made aware of increased reports of this particular type of vehicle crime across Scotland.

How it works

Each of the thieves carries a ‘relay box’ – a device that relays the signal from the car key to the car

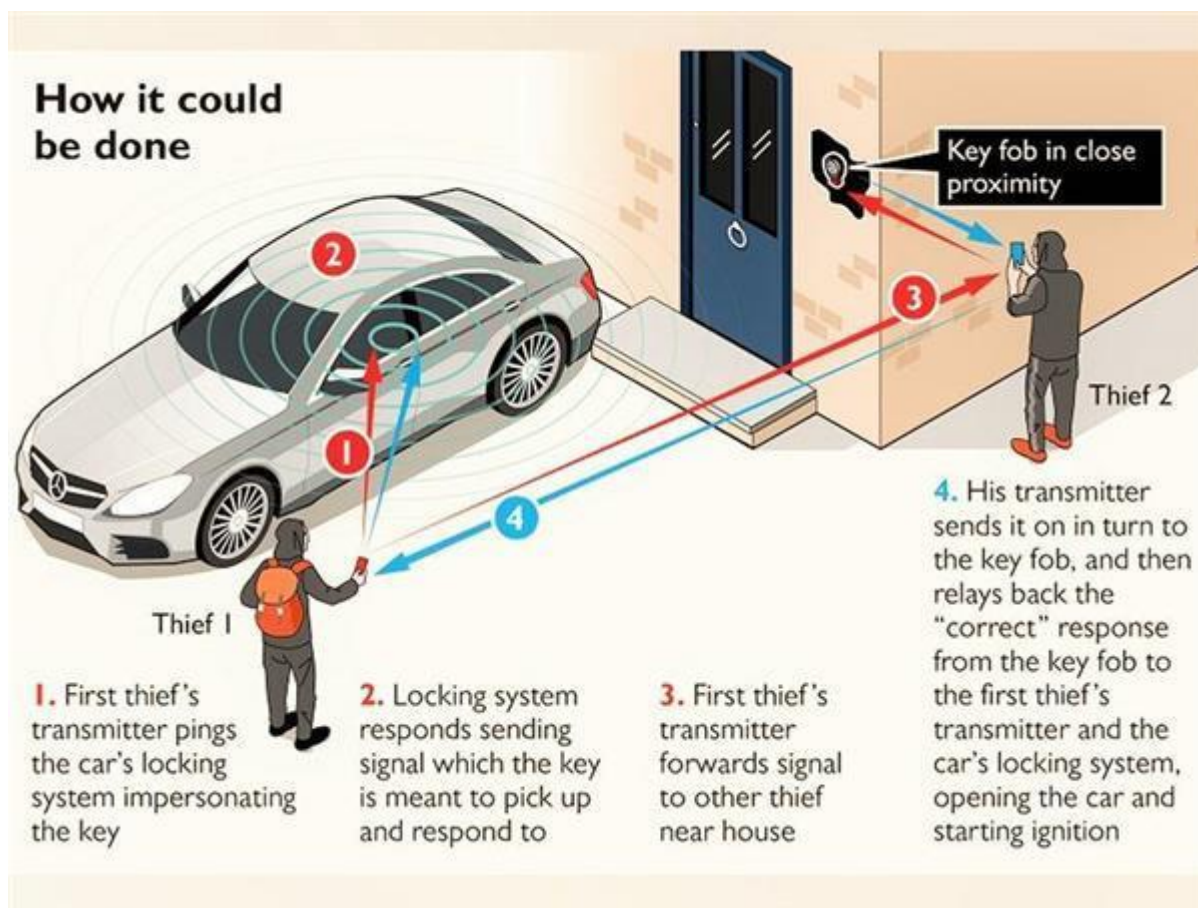
One thief gets near enough to the key (in the house) to pick up the signal, relays it to the second box carried by the second thief who’s near enough to the car for the signal to be transmitted to it and trigger the unlocking. The criminals can then drive away in the stolen car.

Here are a few steps you can take to prevent this type of crime:

- Keep your key device in a ‘Faraday pouch’ (signal blocker) which has a lining that prevents the items

inside from receiving or transmitting radio frequency signals. Look for a type which is **Secure By Design** approved.

- Check vehicle doors are locked before walking away
- Listen for the central lock engaging and watch for indicators flashing when locking the car
- Do not store keys near windows or doors
- If you buy a second-hand keyless car, get the key reprogrammed
- Make sure the key and any spares are stored securely and safely
- Use a steering wheel lock



Find out more - <https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/road-safety/protecting-your-car/>

Help for carers looking after a loved one

Age Scotland

If you are looking after someone such as your spouse, partner, parent or other relative, you are a carer even if you don't think of yourself as one because you are 'just helping your family'.

Caring for someone can be rewarding, but it can also be exhausting and frustrating and many carers do not receive the help they are entitled to.

In Scotland, the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 defines a carer as someone who 'provides or intends to provide care for another individual'. The law gives you the right to support from your local council in your caring role and also support to help you improve and maintain your health and wellbeing.

Contact www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland for further information.

Look-Out Distributors Needed

First of all, an apology to anyone who has sought to contact CENW via the email address of chair@cenw.org.uk as it has recently come to light that there may be a problem linked to the address. We are working to resolve the issue and, in the meantime, could you resend any comments via the email addresses at the bottom of this page.

If you would like to help with the distribution of Look-Out newsletter three times per year, we would like to hear from you. Please note Distributors will no longer be expected to ring door bells in the collection of annual subscriptions as they will have the option to deliver a self-addressed envelope for collection of subscriptions.

Whether you could do a few doors or a little more, all would be of a great help. A list of streets is as follows; Bryce Road; Bryce Crescent; Corslet Road; Easter Currie Crescent; Lanark Road West; Langwill Place; Riccarton Mains Road; Riccarton Drive; Thomson Road; Tweedie Lane and Weaversknowe Crescent.

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