

# ***LOOK-OUT***

## **Currie East Neighbourhood Watch**

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### *Chairman's Corner*

*Tim Shepherd*

To promote that we live in a Neighbourhood Watch area the CENW Committee are keen to extend the coverage of Wheelie Bin stickers across the Neighbourhood Watch area.

As I reported in the last edition of Lookout, CENW have now procured 500 Wheelie Bin stickers. At the moment, the purchase of these stickers is entirely funded by subscriptions. The committee are embarking on a phased rollout of the stickers, primarily targeting key areas of CENW such as entrances to the estate and main thoroughfares.

If you live in one of these areas you will have received with this Lookout a new sticker and I would encourage you to stick this to your wheelie bin, after ensuring that the face you are sticking it to is both clean and dry! Do not to stick it on the front face which might be rubbed against the collection vehicle.

The committee are keen to ensure that all members have stickers in the future and ask for your forbearance if you have not received one this time.

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### *Assault on a CENW Member*

It is with regret, and with the victim's permission, that we report an assault on one of our Neighbourhood Watch street distributors. In January he was assaulted by a youth in Curriehill Road and suffered a cut to the cheek from a punch.

But for the intervention of a passing motorist, this crime could have been more severe.

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### **POLICE TELEPHONE NUMBER**

**Balerno Police Station: 449-5991**

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***Mobile phones.***

The general Emergency Number for Mobiles is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112. Your mobile will search any available network to establish the emergency number for you. Interestingly, this number can be dialled if the keypad is locked, you have no credit or even (in some places) no SIM card.

If you lose your mobile phone, report this to your service provider at once. They will then be able to block your handset so that even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you will know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody did this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

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***More scams?***

A tale has been circulating about a woman who had her handbag stolen. She went to a Police Station to report the theft. She was distressed and the police suggested contacting someone. They rang her husband. When she explained to him what had happened, he said "But I have just answered your text."

He had received a text from his 'wife' saying she was in town shopping and had forgotten her PIN. He texted the PIN to her. When the police checked, her bank account had been cleaned out, in just over 20 minutes! Thieves scan the directory of a stolen phone to look for a likely number. NEVER, under any circumstances, text your PIN to anyone, not even your spouse.

Another story tells of a woman stopping at a filling station to refuel. When she went into the office to pay for her petrol, someone entered the back of her car and hid. Always lock your car when you leave it.

These may well be apocryphal but they seem worth repeating as warnings.

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**Recycling**

Campbell Clark, Recycling Advisory Officer

It is the City of Edinburgh Council's continuing aim to ensure that recycling is easily accessible. Residents who use the kerbside box recycling service may now pick up replacement rain caps for their kerbside boxes, blue bags for paper recycling and Salvation Army bags for clothes recycling from their local library. If you require any further information, ring 0131 529 3030.

Edinburgh's fourth Community Recycling Centre is now open at Bankhead Avenue, Sighthill. For full details on the internet, go to:

<http://www.edinburghguide.com/communityrecyclingcentres>

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***Summary of Minutes of Committee Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.***

Tim Shepherd in the Chair. 15 other Committee members present.  
Treasurer reported a bank balance of £1367.  
Look-out to be restricted to single sheet and distribution list re-organised.  
Andrew Craigie congratulated on new website.  
More wheelie-bin stickers to be purchased.  
NW signs had been surveyed. Sub-committee formed to ascertain costs of replacement of missing/defective signs.  
Distributors' meeting to be held in first two weeks of April.  
School Watch and its relevance to Neighbourhood Watch discussed.  
Member of CENW attacked near his home.  
Numbers of Learner drivers considered to be CCC matter rather than NW.  
CCC have asked CENW to have a member attend their meetings.  
Committee reminded of "Bottle in Fridge" scheme (Safelink).  
Window stickers are available from Gordon Laing.  
Distributor name boxes in Look-out to be highlighted.  
40 mph signs in Riccarton Mains Road being ignored by a minority.  
Next Meeting: Currie Kirk Meeting House on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm.**

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***Safelink - Emergency Information Project***

The Committee was reminded by Brian Latto of the "Safelink" scheme.

If a carer (or caring neighbour) finds someone at home lying unconscious or unable to communicate, they would usually call out the Ambulance Service. A medic would want to know something about the medical history of the patient but might have difficulty in getting sufficient detail to enable safe treatment to be started. A few people, who have conditions such as diabetes or who have a pacemaker fitted, may well wear an emergency bracelet to give all the information needed. The vast majority of us do not have such a thing.

Under the Safelink scheme, you would be supplied, free of charge, with a small plastic cylinder into which you would put a completed form listing details, such as medical conditions, medication, person to be notified etc. This cylinder would be placed in the fridge, not because it needs to be kept cold but simply as a common storage point. A small sticker (a white cross on a green background) would be placed on the front door and another on the fridge door to alert the emergency services to its existence.

Anyone interested in this project should contact Brian Latto. (449 2831)

***Police Report – January to March, 2008*****Theft:**

- 09/01 Thomson Crescent – Attempted theft of motor vehicle.  
 24/01 Riccarton Mains Road – Jacket stolen.  
 15/02 Thomson Road – Mobile phone stolen from house.  
 04/03 Corslet Road – Mountain bike stolen from rear garden.  
 08/03 Thomson Grove – Insecure garage entered – alcohol stolen.

**Vandalism:**

- 01/01 Riccarton Avenue – Car damaged.  
 02/01 Riccarton Avenue – Garage windows smashed.  
 01/02 Corslet Road – vehicle damaged.  
 02/02 Riccarton Mains Road – Car damaged.  
 11/02 Nether Currie Road – Property damaged.  
 26/02 Corslet Place – Window smashed.

**Breaking and Entering:**

- 01/02 Riccarton Mains Road – Car entered – nothing stolen.

**Miscellaneous:**

- 22/02 Riccarton Avenue – Suspected ‘Peeping Tom’ seen.

The Police report a ‘significant rise’ in the number of cases of vandalism in March but no details have been given.

**Look-out**

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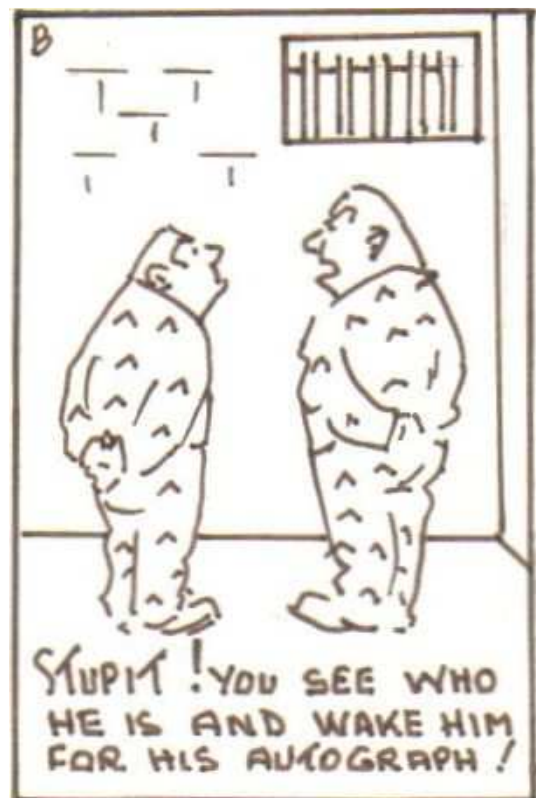
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