

LOOK-OUT

Currie East Neighbourhood Watch

A. G. M.

**The Annual General Meeting
of the CENW**

will be held at 7.30 pm on

Monday, 27th October, 2008

in the

Gibson Craig Halls

(Note new venue)

Please try to attend to support your committee

Balerno Police Station 449-5991

CENW Website - www.cenw.org.uk

Chairman's Corner

It's good to see a vast number of Wheelie Bins proclaiming that this is a Neighbourhood Watch area. I hope that this will act as a reminder to those who received one in the last Lookout and have not yet got round to attaching it to their bin. Displaying such signs does promote that we are an active Neighbourhood Watch and can reduce criminal activity.

Your committee is now purchasing additional Wheelie Bin stickers which means that all members of the Watch should have a 'stickered' Wheelie Bin. It is hoped to distribute these in November.

We are now turning our attention to lamppost signs. Although we have a good coverage of Neighbourhood Watch signs in the area we have two issues to address – badly weathered signs and missing signs. We are looking to replace the weathered signs – some of which are unreadable.

We have also identified that there are up to 10 signs missing from the Muir Wood end of the Watch. These were 'stolen' when the lampposts were replaced. The Council has now agreed to replace them free of charge.

.... and finally: a reminder that, as we approach the end of our all too brief summer and the longer autumn nights, it's time to review our home security by making sure that external security lights work, and that garden sheds, doors and windows are suitably secured.

In Case of Emergency

A campaign is under way to encourage people to store certain personal details on their mobile phones.

Accident victims and the sick are often unable to communicate with the emergency services who attend them. These rescuers frequently sift through the victim's mobile phone to try to identify the individual and to contact members of their family. One British paramedic reasoned that, since this was a very hit-and-miss action, it would be a good idea for mobile owners to have an identifiable contact listed on their phones under a uniform heading. The present aim is to encourage everyone to store a contact number under ICE (**I**n **C**ase of **E**mergency) to enable the emergency services to identify you and to advise your relatives.

This concept has spread as far as the USA and Australia. Mobile phone manufacturers are being urged to add ICE headings to their phones.

Summary of main points of Committee Meeting on 6th May, 2008

Present: Tim Shepherd, Chairman, 14 Committee members and 1 member.

Treasurer: Cash in Bank £931.53. Approx. half of subscriptions collected.

Website: Andrew advised only 44 non-Committee hits and 1 subscriber.

Distributors: A meeting with distributors was held with 40 present. Tim gave a presentation about the Watch and its tasks. Mike Smith, our Community Police Officer spoke about policing in our area. A consensus agreed there should be an annual Distributors' meeting.

Look-out: To be produced at end of March, August and November.

School Watch: Request from Nether Currie Primary School to speak to older pupils about our Watch.

Wheelie Bin Stickers: A phased issue will be undertaken.

Street Signs: See Chairman's Corner, page 2.

Bottle In Fridge and Personal Attack Alarms: Brian Latto holds stocks.

NW Booklets: Introductory pack for those new to the area to be considered.

Summary of main points of Committee Meeting on 1st September, 2008

Present: Tim Shepherd, Chairman. 14 members attended.

A G M: Gibson-Craig Hall booked for Monday, 27th October, 2008. Notices have been sent for inclusion in the C & B News and "The Burgh".

Treasurer's Report: Subscriptions have been collected.

Distributors: An appeal for more Distributors resulted in only 3 new names. More are required as some streets have no one.

Wheelie Bin Stickers: Order to complete the area to be placed.

Street Signs: See Chairman's Corner on page 2.

Subscriptions: Agreed to maintain these at £1 per household.

Committee Meetings: To continue in Currie Kirk Meeting House.

Funding: David McLetchie had said that funding was available to not-for-profit organisations. Iain Proudfoot to pursue.

Currie Fair 2009: Agreed not to take part as a Watch. Any member wishing to assist can attend a meeting in Kirk House on 25th September at 7.30.

Resignation: Hamish Sutherland has resigned from the Committee.

Kinleith Development: Treetops has gone into liquidation. The Planning Application has been withdrawn but Planning Permission is still in place. The access bridge is still closed. The decision to re-open it lies with the liquidator and the Edinburgh Council.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting which will be held in the Gibson-Craig Hall on Monday, 27th October at 7.30.

Police Report – April to July, 2008**Vandalism:**

- 10/04 Riccarton Drive – Motor vehicle damaged.
 22/04 Thomson Crescent – Window smashed.
 16/05 Bryce Road – Damage to vehicle.
 17/05 Bryce Road – Graffiti.
 26/05 Muir Wood Road – Damage to premises.
 02/06 Lanark Road West – Damage to property.
 03/07 Easter Currie Court – Damage to motor vehicle.
 18/07 Muir Wood Road – Someone ran over car causing damage.
 27/07 Curriehill Road – Window smashed.

Theft:

- 03/05 Riccarton Mains Road – Garage entered and tools stolen.
 08/05 Bryce Road – Children's outdoor items stolen from porch.
 19/06 Theft of petrol from local station.

Assault:

- 11/05 Curriehill Road – Two 23 year old males charged.
 03/07 Curriehill Road – 17 year old male assaulted.

Breach of the Peace:

- 13/05 Lanark Road West – 41 year old Male charged with 2 counts of Breach of the Peace and carrying a knife.

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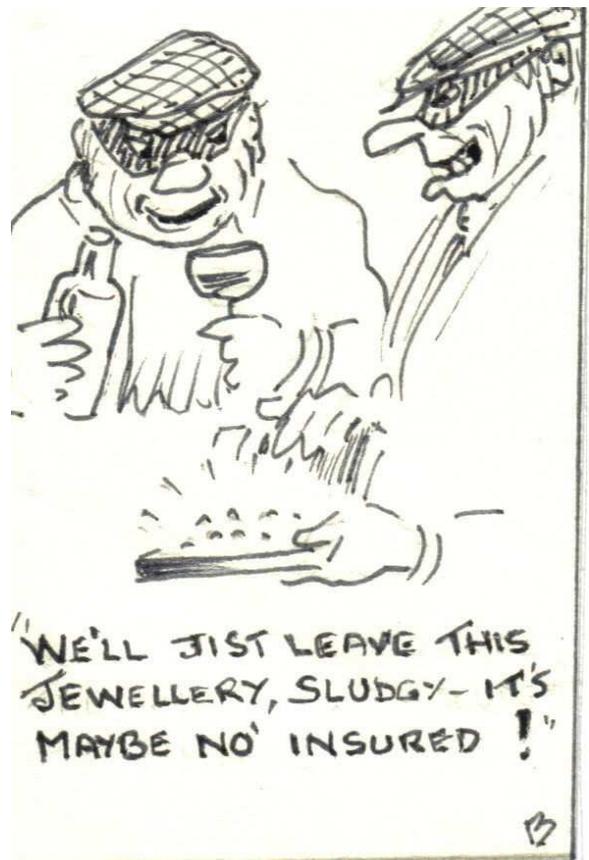
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