

LOOK-OUT

Currie East Neighbourhood Watch

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Chairman's Corner

Bob Kerr

It is that time again for me to apply pen to paper, or whatever the phrase is for keyboard manipulation.

In May the Committee set up a stand on Neighbourhood Watch activities at the Muir Wood Park Summer Event. The event was well attended and we received many expressions of interest in the activities of the Watch. It was pleasing to see the amount of work put in by the Friends of Muir Wood Park Group, to improve the amenity for all the local residents.

I have accepted an invitation on behalf of the Watch to attend the Association of Scottish Neighbourhood Watches (AoSNW) AGM & Awards Luncheon at the Caledonian Hotel on Friday 10th September 2010. This should prove an interesting experience on how other Watches operate.

Please note the date of the forthcoming AGM, to which all residents are invited...

AGM

Monday 25th October 2010

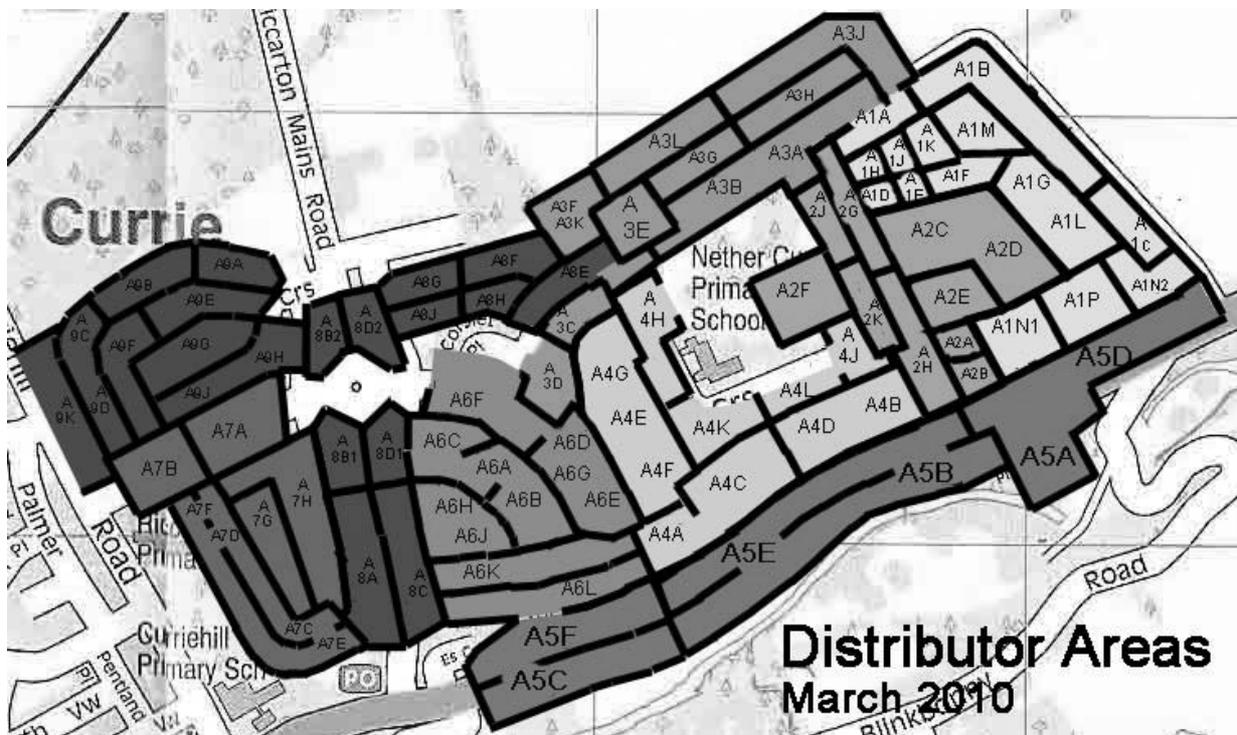
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Lookout Distribution Network

Tim Shepherd

This newsletter is one of the main methods that keeps you in touch with CENW. Its distribution is undertaken by a group of volunteers that distribute over 1200 copies three times a year. Over the last 12 months we have completed a recruitment drive for more volunteers which has proved extremely successful. This has allowed us to reorganise our distribution network in order to involve more residents and assist our existing distributors. The map below shows the extensive distribution network for our Watch area.



Street Signs

Tim Shepherd

One of the main initiatives that your CENW committee has been progressing over the last two years is the replacement of the Neighbourhood Watch street signs. We recognised that some of the signs were so faded that they were just blank and needed to be replaced. This led to a long negotiation with City of Edinburgh Council concerning the number of signs that we could install within the watch area. We are pleased to report that our efforts have now resulted in new street signs being installed in agreed key locations. This was funded with the assistance of a grant from HBOS.

Rubbish

Is Scotland a Rubbish Nation? Certainly our football team is not one of the top teams of World Cup status and our national cricket and rugby teams can only be described as “trying”. But is there another sense in which we are a “Rubbish Nation”?

Walking from the bus stop down the lane from Lanark Road West to Nether Currie Road – especially on a Saturday morning – this part of Currie can, at times, look like “a bit of a tip”. Empty cigarette packets, unwanted take-away packaging, empty drink cans and discarded bottles. Clearly there are people who think Scotland should be a Rubbish Nation. Despite a rubbish bin for their convenience at the entrance to the lane, they ignore it. Come on Currie, where is your pride? Keep our neighbourhood clean and tidy!

Twenty’s plenty

Most people realise that the speed limit in Currie is now 20mph, and the speed bumps are there as speed reducing measures and not a ramp for “flying” purposes. However, there are a minority who disregard this limit and show a lack of consideration for others.

There are children about, people walking dogs, cyclists and vehicles exiting their drives. The reduced speed limit is there to reduce the potential for accidents and make our neighbourhood a safer place to live.

Please drive carefully and show consideration at all times, whether you are driving a car, motorbike or scooter or even riding a bicycle.

Be a good neighbour

A wheelie bin sitting on the pavement out-with the normal collection day may be an indication that the householder is not at home. Neighbours can help by putting bins away once collection has taken place. If you are going away, you may wish to ask your neighbours to do this for you.

The *Highway Code* is quite clear regarding parking, under RTA Sect 22. Think before you park. Do not park your vehicle where it would endanger

or inconvenience pedestrians or other road users. Examples include within 10 metres of a junction, in front of the entrance to a property, on a footpath or pavement, opposite a traffic island or another parked vehicle.

ACT - National Security Initiative for Edinburgh

Earlier this year CENW was represented on a Lothian & Borders Police seminar – “ACT NOW” - which was developed in response to the threat of terrorism. ACT NOW is designed to encourage interaction between people from different communities, cultures and faiths. You may be wondering why your quiet neighbourhood should be interested in such matters, but remember Currie is only some 7 miles away from Edinburgh airport and the nearby headquarters of RBS, both potential targets for extreme groups.

The attempted bombing of Glasgow airport was undertaken by tenants of rented accommodation in a nearby suburb. In keeping the wider community safe there is always a need to be vigilant and report any unusual activity, for example strangers taking photographs of seemingly uninteresting areas, or any other suspicious behaviour.

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Articles for inclusion in the Newsletter are welcomed.

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