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# ***LOOK-OUT***

**Currie East Neighbourhood Watch**

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## *Message from the Chair*

*Neil Dickson*

There is an old saying that the month of March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Well the Beast from the East certainly arrived and brought with it heavy snowfall together with an arctic chill that lingered on too long for many of us! During that period there were many examples of residents who were out and about clearing pathways to local shops. In addition, it was heartening to observe those who did venture out keeping fellow residents informed about which shops were open and what provisions were still available. Commendable neighbourhood spirit indeed.

## *Free Neighbourhood Watch Scotland & No Cold Caller window stickers*

As a member of Currie East Neighbourhood Watch please find enclosed your new Neighbourhood Watch Scotland window sticker, with the new logo, and as requested by multiple members a No Cold Callers window sticker.

## *Annual Subscriptions*

Subscriptions are now due and have been maintained at £ 1 per household. It is hoped that you feel this modest amount offers good value for money in respect of the activities undertaken by Currie East Neighbourhood Watch including the regular production and distribution of Look-Out Newsletter.

## ***Security Checklist***

Here's a quick list of some of the things you can do to improve the security around your home.

- If you are replacing new doors or windows, get ones that are certified to British Standard PAS24 (doors and windows). When buying a new patio door, ask for the sliding section to be on the inside and for anti-lift blocks. Existing patio doors can be fitted with additional security bolts to stop lifting or forced entry.
- Fit five-lever mortise deadlocks (British Standard BS3621) to all external wooden doors, or multi-point locks (minimum 3 points) to uPVC doors, and locks to all downstairs windows or windows which are easy to reach.
- Fit an intruder alarm, but make sure it is installed properly and works.
- Prevent easy access to the back and sides of your home by installing locked gates, fencing or walls at a minimum height of 2 metres. Trellis topping also makes climbing difficult.
- Security lighting should make offenders feel vulnerable and observed, should illuminate high-risk areas and allow occupiers to see persons approaching.
- Fit strong padlocks and hardware to shed and garage doors, making sure that the doors are solid enough not to be kicked in; fit locks or bars to windows, and keep tools and ladders secure and out of sight.

Trim back any hedges or plants that could hide a person behind.

Make sure you have up-to-date insurance.

## ***If Your Property Is Broken Into...***

Good security will reduce the chance of your home being broken into, but in case the worst happens, think about how you would deal with the situation. If you arrive home and notice the signs of a break-in:

- Don't go in and shout as the housebreaker could still be inside.
- Use a mobile phone or go to a neighbour's to call the police. If you think the thief is still inside, let the police know.
- - Don't touch anything, you could destroy valuable evidence.

If you are in the house and you hear a housebreaker, how you react will be a personal choice and might depend on the situation.



## ***Police Report period ending March 2018***

Housebreaking;- Thieves ran off when disturbed by householder, Riccarton Mains Road. Theft from garage, bike stolen, Corslet Road. Intent to steal from garage, Muirwood Road and from Curriehill Road. Theft from garage, Riccarton Crescent – bike stolen but later recovered nearby

Driving Offences;- Driver arrested in Dolphin Gardens West after colliding with numerous parked vehicles and found to be 5 times the drink drive limit. Driver arrested in Pentland Avenue after driving erratically and found to be 2.5 times over the drink drive limit

Thefts;- Theft Shoplifting, Corslet Place - suspect identified and charged Theft of wing mirrors, Hermiston. Numerous theft of mountain bikes and of a pedal cycle over a period from Herriot Watt University-enquiries ongoing with one bike recovered nearby. Theft of remote camera, Kirkgate, Currie – 3<sup>rd</sup> occasion, images captured of suspect. Theft of items from changing room in Heriot Watt. Theft drive off from Sainsburys Petrol Station and theft of bar bell and weights from garden, Cherry Tree Place

Anti-Social Behaviour; Vandalism, a number of incidents have occurred involving motor vehicles at Hermiston Park & Ride, Palmer Road, Muirwood Road, Riccarton Avenue (vehicle scratched), Corslet Place and Corslet Road (“LM” scratched in to vehicle on both incidents). Vandalism, Kirkgate -damage to a field, hopefully not a wildlife crime

Assault;- incident in Dolphin Road, two persons have been arrested and charged with the offence. Minor assault in local public house

**Good News**;- Following on from diligent work by PC Chancellor regarding male sought by police in connection with theft from properties at Nether Currie Crescent on 13/08/2017, PC Chancellor successfully identified, arrested and interviewed the male responsible and charged him for numerous offences.

## ***Scam Alert - issued by Neighbourhood Watch Scotland;-***

The following scam was reported to Neighbourhood Watch Scotland by a CENW member. It reads:

TV Licensing Refund Notification! TV Licensing refund of 72.48 GBP - Still Pending  
“After the last annual calculation we have determined that you are eligible to receive a TV Licensing refund of 72.48 GBP. Due to invalid account details records, we were unable to credit your account. Please submit the TV Licensing refund request and allow us 5-10 working days to be credited your account. Click "Refund Me Now" and follow the steps in order to have process your request. NOTE: for security reasons we will record your IP address, the date and time. Deliberate wrong inputs are criminally pursued.”

### ***Advice on Protecting Your Personal Data***

In almost all cases, opening or reading an email or message is fine. To avoid a fraudulent act, you must not click on any link or take any other action requested. Ultimately, common sense is your best defence. If an email or message seems odd, suspicious, or too good to be true, then the likelihood is that the communication is a malicious attack with the purpose of convincing you to share personal information such as your password or credit card details.



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