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LOOK-OUT

Currie East Neighbourhood Watch

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Message from the Chair

Neil Dickson

As I am sure you will appreciate, Currie is a great place to live and work. It is important therefore as the nights get longer and temperatures drop that those of us who are reasonably mobile keep a *look-out* for fellow residents who at times may benefit from some assistance. Whilst time we may spend at the gym, shopping, watching tv or engaged on social media can generate a feelgood factor, personal satisfaction can also be achieved by small and regular acts of kindness in helping others and so make a positive contribution to this vibrant community of ours.

AGM & Special Event

Monday 22nd October 2018, Gibson Craig Halls

To coincide with the AGM there will be a special presentation as follows:

- “Your Watch, Your Way” by Brian Connel, Manager, Neighbourhood Watch Scotland
- Update on Local Policing Matters. by PC Euan Chancellor, Police Scotland

Entry from 7:15pm for 7:30pm start, with refreshments provided.

Giving Something back to the Local Community

If you are new to CENW area, retired with a bit of spare time or just feel that you would like to be more involved in the activities of the Watch then please see contact details at the bottom of this publication. Such activities cover fostering good relationships with fellow residents, local organisations and businesses and reducing crime and the fear of crime in the local community. Whether you would be interested in joining the Committee or participating in the distribution of the Look-Out newsletter in your street, any assistance would be greatly appreciated and would be tailored to suit your lifestyle.

Scam Alerts – for period ending August 2018

-Talk Talk bogus phone calls; - recently a Ratho resident was contacted by a person purporting to be from Talk Talk, advising of the need for a new router for connection to the internet. £200 was offered as compensation for this inconvenience. The resident was then advised that £7,000 had been accidentally transferred to the resident instead of the £200 and was subsequently tricked into paying £6,800 into a PayPal account.

-British Gas fake refund emails; - the links provided in the emails lead to genuine-looking British Gas phishing websites that are designed to steal the usernames and passwords for British Gas accounts.

-LinkedIn fake emails; - the emails claim that your LinkedIn profile has appeared in multiple searches and provide links that you can click on to get more details. These links lead to malicious websites designed to steal your personal and financial details.

-BT/Openreach bogus phone calls; - callers suggest there is an issue with the telephone line/internet connectivity or that the service may be withdrawn due to non-payment. The fraudsters then attempt to gain remote access to your computer by asking you to perform certain commands on the computer. These fraudsters may also ‘spool’ the number they are calling from so that if you dial 1471 you might see a fictitious number that masks the real destination number.

Preventative Action; - Please take utmost care when speaking to unknown persons on the phone in case it is a scam. Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information. Only provide personal/bank details when you are the one who has made the call, and you are certain of the identity of the person you are speaking to.

Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text. Never give a caller remote access to your computer, laptop or smartphone. For more information on how to stay secure online, visit the following links:

www.cyberaware.gov.uk

www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/identity-theft-fraud-and-scams



Police Report period ending July 2018

Housebreaking; - Lanark Road West and Blinkbonny Road but no entry gained on each occasion. - Currievale Park, pedal cycle stolen from garage after door forced open.

Thefts; - Riccarton Drive, Audi TT stolen with true key. - Oriam Gym at Heriot Watt Uni, theft of clothing and other items on a number of occasions. - Curriehill Road, new build tools and gas boiler stolen. - Scotmid, shoplifting of meat products. - Co-Op and Sainsburys, same suspect for whereby meat, washing powder and washing liquid stolen. - Chemists, Pentland View, cosmetics stolen. - Forthview Crescent and Riccarton Drive, two persons seen on three occasions trying house door handles with intent of gaining access. They have not been traced. - Stewart Avenue, theft of motor vehicle later found burnt out in Corstorphine, enquiries ongoing. - Hermiston Motor Co, opening of a lockfast place, twin passenger seat stolen from within van. - Riccarton Mains Road, nail gun stolen from building site. - Heriot Watt Uni, number plate stolen from car.

Anti-Social Behaviour; - Vandalism, Rowantree Avenue window smashed at property. - Lanark Road West, cars scratched on both sides.

Incidents of Note; - Crime recorded of someone flying a drone within 150 metres of residential property which is a breach of Aviation legislation.

Good News; - Following Thomson Drive, male arrested for smashing a window at a property believed to be attempted entry. - Heriot Watt Uni, male arrested for trying to steal pedal cycle (Police Scotland Operation Agora).

Contact details; - email at EdinburghPentlandHillsCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by telephoning the national non-emergency number **101**. You can also follow us on Twitter @PoliceScotland or locally @EdinburghPolice.

Police Surgery; – The surgery takes place at 5pm on every Wednesday, at Balerno Library.

The Importance of Locking Your Doors

A disturbing profile of attempted housebreakings has recently emerged, see Police Scotland Report, Thefts, above. In those instances, persons wearing hoodies and scarfs to hide their facial features have been observed during the night trying door handles of residential properties in Forthview Crescent and Riccarton Drive. A similar profile has emerged of such attempts the Balerno area.

It cannot be overstated the importance of keeping your front and rear doors locked at all times and to ensure that before you go to bed in the evening to double check that the doors are secure. By adopting such a routine, you should avoid the distress and financial loss associated with unforced entry into your home.

Neighbourhood Watch Street Signs

As you may be aware a number of the original orange and black street signs have become faded over the years due to weathering. The signs were provided free of charge by Edinburgh City Council. The Council also erected the signs with the cost paid for by CENW. A request had recently been made to the Council to replace the street signs with the offer that both the cost to supply and erect the signs would be met by CENW. However, the Council has advised that it does not have the financial resources to undertake such a task at this time and that the offer from CENW to do the work was declined. It is hoped that sometime in the future should the Council have a change of opinion then all of the street signs within CENW area will be replaced and changes to the new Neighbourhood Watch blue and white signage.



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