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# ***LOOK-OUT***

**Currie East Neighbourhood Watch**

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## *Message from the Chair*

*Andrew Munroe*

It's been a good and, compared to some recent years, a long hot summer. However, we now observe a drop in temperature as we enter the winter with its short days and long dark nights. So, it's time to be a bit more aware of our neighbours and any difficulties they may incur should the weather take a turn for the worse. Your assistance could be warmly welcomed with such tasks as to stock up on grit to de-ice paths and pavements, to check that a working torch is handy and, as an annual health check, batteries for smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are replaced. So why not at this season of goodwill take action to help other residents to get through this cold period.

## *AGM & Special Event – Report*

A very healthy number of members attended this year's AGM considering the wintry conditions that evening. The main points of the meeting are noted below.

### **Election of Office Bearers**

Neil Dickson stood down as Chair and was replaced by Andrew Munro.

### **Membership Level**

Membership is robust at circa 1,100 members.



### **Annual Membership Subscription**

It was agreed that the subscription should remain unchanged at £ 1.00 and would apply to the year 2019/20.

### **Collection of Subscriptions**

Following feedback from members, 'Sorry You Were Out' notes and envelopes will be redesigned for 2019.

### **Street Co-ordinators and Distributors Volunteers 2019 Thank You and Feedback Event**

Volunteers to be invited to attend a session in early 2019 to seek comment on how to improve distribution of Look-Out newsletter.

Feedback on 'Sorry You Were Out' notes and envelopes for Distributors collecting subscriptions has led to a re-vamp for 2019 to further assist our volunteers.

### **Lamppost Signs**

Unfortunately CENW are unable to replace old Neighbourhood Watch lamppost signs, as Edinburgh Council is unable to undertake the work for existing signs.

### **Community Contacts on Matters of Concern**

A point was raised at the meeting on who to contact to have a face-to-face discussion on any appropriate matters of concern within the neighbourhood? Some local points of contact are listed below.

### **Currie Community Council**

The Council meets at the Gibson Craig Hall at 7.30 p.m. on second Monday of each month, except during school holidays. The Council encourages local residents and businesses to attend meetings to learn more about what is happening within the community and to voice any concerns that they may have in respect of appropriate issues, e.g. anti-social behaviour, planning issues and repairs to pavements or pot holes. Regular attendees include elected Councillors, MSPs and Police Scotland.

### **Police Scotland**

Our Community Officers hold "Coffee with a Cop" as follows

- Corner Café in Currie on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays of each month 10:30am
- Molly's in Juniper Green on the 2nd Monday of each month 2pm
- Carlyle's Bar in Balerno on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 9am

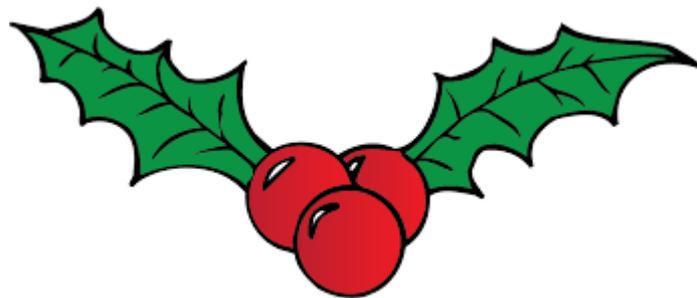


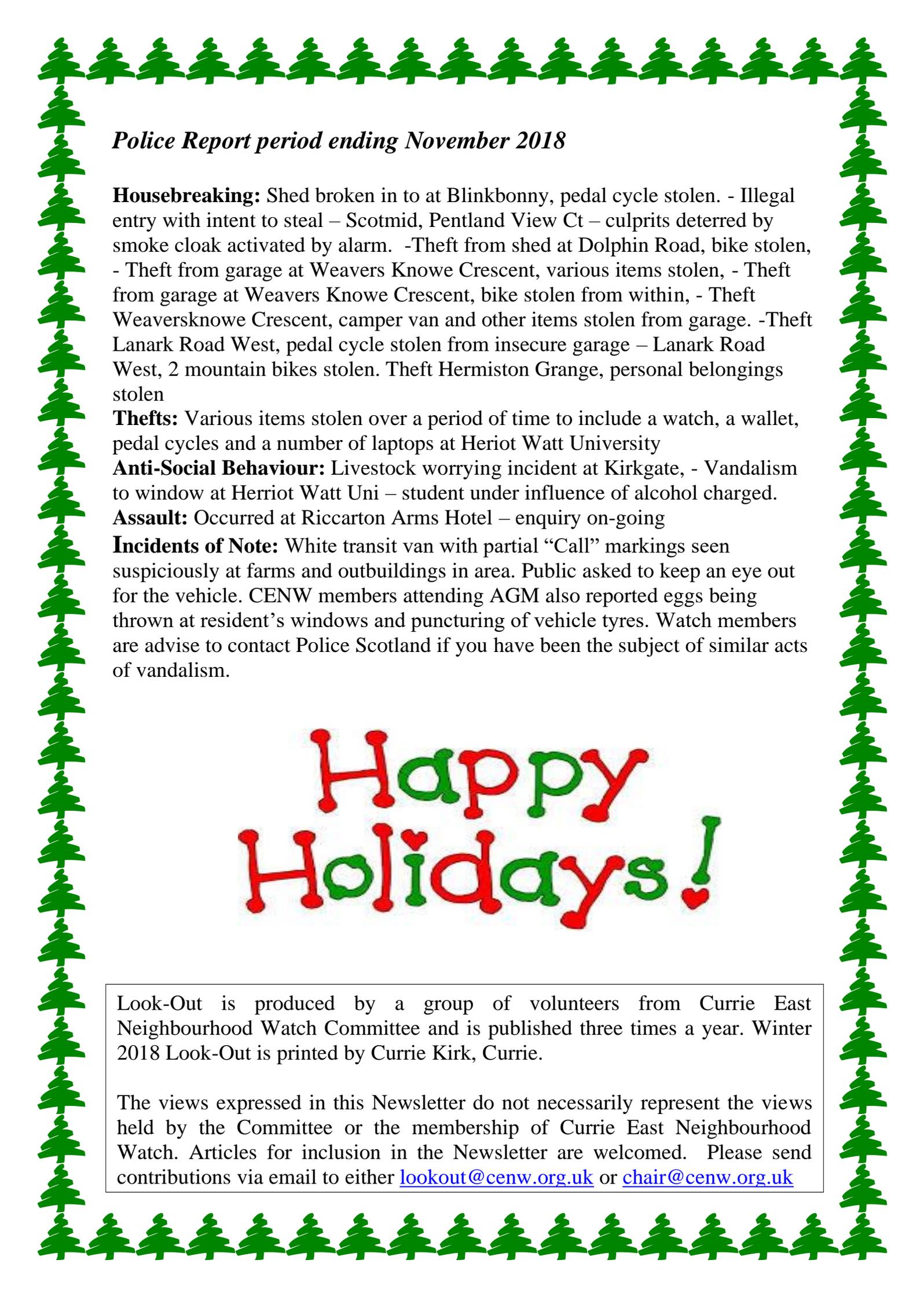
*Neighbourhood Watch Scotland “Your Watch Your Way” - Brian Connel*

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland (NWS) is based in Stirling. The organisation has 18000 registered users, 1750 registered community groups, and 176000 homes within the network.

The aim of NWS is to notify the public of criminal activities and other matters of interest in their local area. The organisation does this through **Neighbourhood Watch Alert**, a new electronic function linking the public to Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Local Authorities and a range of other organisations. Information is provided on what related actions should be taken in response to alerts and corresponding updates on the resulting alerts are provided, e.g. arrests or missing persons found.

The alert is a two-way system whereby users can reply to a notified message or advise NWS of a potential scam that they have received. To register, go to [www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk) and the service is free.





*Police Report period ending November 2018*

**Housebreaking:** Shed broken in to at Blinkbonny, pedal cycle stolen. - Illegal entry with intent to steal – Scotmid, Pentland View Ct – culprits deterred by smoke cloak activated by alarm. -Theft from shed at Dolphin Road, bike stolen, - Theft from garage at Weavers Knowe Crescent, various items stolen, - Theft from garage at Weavers Knowe Crescent, bike stolen from within, - Theft Weaversknowe Crescent, camper van and other items stolen from garage. -Theft Lanark Road West, pedal cycle stolen from insecure garage – Lanark Road West, 2 mountain bikes stolen. Theft Hermiston Grange, personal belongings stolen

**Thefts:** Various items stolen over a period of time to include a watch, a wallet, pedal cycles and a number of laptops at Heriot Watt University

**Anti-Social Behaviour:** Livestock worrying incident at Kirkgate, - Vandalism to window at Herriot Watt Uni – student under influence of alcohol charged.

**Assault:** Occurred at Riccarton Arms Hotel – enquiry on-going

**Incidents of Note:** White transit van with partial “Call” markings seen suspiciously at farms and outbuildings in area. Public asked to keep an eye out for the vehicle. CENW members attending AGM also reported eggs being thrown at resident’s windows and puncturing of vehicle tyres. Watch members are advise to contact Police Scotland if you have been the subject of similar acts of vandalism.

Happy  
Holidays!

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