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# ***LOOK-OUT***

## **Currie East Neighbourhood Watch**

### **Message from the Chair**

**Andrew Munro**

Currie East Neighbourhood Watch was established in 2007. The Watch was created as a result of Easter Currie, Muirwood and Thomson neighbourhoods, who operated individually since about 2000, joining together to create one of the largest Watch areas in Scotland. We now have approximately 1,100 members and earlier this year a catch-up meeting was held with the Street Co-Ordinators and Distributors. They are the volunteers who deliver the Look-Out newsletter through your letterbox and collect the annual subscription. It was heartening to hear the ideas and suggestions put forward on the day to improve the benefit of membership of Currie East Neighbourhood Watch, details of which will be included in Look-Out in due course.

### ***Annual Subscriptions***

Subscriptions for the year 2019-2020 are now due and have been maintained at the modest sum of £1 per household. It is hoped that you feel that the subscription offers good value for money in respect of the activities undertaken on your behalf by Currie East Neighbourhood Watch including the regular production and distribution of Look-Out newsletter.

### ***AGM - Save the Date and Suggestions Invited for Presentations***

The Watch 2019 AGM will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019, further details to follow. If there is any particular subject that you would like presented at the event, please

do not hesitate to contact the Watch as per contact details on the last page of this newsletter. Some examples of subjects of interest may cover; Crime Prevention - making your house safer; Reduction in Council Budgets – impact on local policing or; Isolation - the impact on personal wellbeing.

### ***Proposed Property Developments***

You may wish to be aware of the following proposed developments in the area;

- a) Construction of a single storey nursery within the grounds of Nether Currie Primary School
- b) Construction of a new dwelling on Lanark Road West, being next to 19 Lanark Road West and opposite entrance to Muirwood Road.

### ***Consideration for Others***

We live in a wonderful community and proud of where we stay. However, there have been a number of instances recently of canine deposits being left on our pavements. The majority of dog walkers demonstrate consideration for others as they exercise their pet by picking up such poo. Regrettably, the in-action of a small minority of walkers of failing to pick up poo create a risk to the health and wellbeing of persons of all ages going about their daily activities, be it residents of all ages walking to and from school, people pushing prams, the elderly going for a bus or to the shops.

So, Please Please Please Pick Up Your Dog Poo –

### ***Men's Shed***

In partnership with 42<sup>nd</sup> Pentland Scout Group, the Scottish Men's Shed Association and Currie Community Council are looking to establish a Men's Shed in Currie, open to men "shedders" looking for an outlet for their skills. Men's Sheds respond to men's need for camaraderie and provide opportunities to work together in a way that contributes meaning to their lives. The concept of Men's Sheds in Scotland has been ongoing since 2009 and has been a recognised charity since 2014. The charity has grown to over 1,600 members across 32 local authorities. For more information visit <https://scottishmsa.org.uk>

If you are interested in joining Currie Men's Shed or know someone who may benefit from becoming a "Shedder", please e-mail [curriecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:curriecouncil@gmail.com)



## ***Police Report period ending January 2019***

**Housebreaking:** break-in with intent at Bayne's Bakery, premises entered and unsuccessful attempt made to open safe, enquiries ongoing; Lanark Road West, near Muirwood Road, house entered but security alarm disturbed suspects; Garage attempted to be entered on Bryce Road; attempted break-in on Dolphin Road; Garage broken into on Muirwood Crescent, high value pedal bikes targeted, positive line of enquiry being pursued.

**Thefts:** pedal cycle stolen and recovered within Heriot Watt University campus, suspects have been identified, also theft of personal belongings at university; van stolen on Stewart Road whilst deliveries were being made and engine left running, van since recovered; attempted theft of van on Blinkbonny Road; shoplifting at Co-op on Corslet Place; shoplifting at Scotmid, Pentland View Court; high value car stolen from Brock View, keys taken from insecure house; cash taken from insecure house at Hermiston, male suspect (age 25 – 30, 5'6" – 5'8", wearing grey hooded top), ran away after being disturbed by occupants.

**Anti-Social Behaviour:** vehicle damaged by a brick on Tweedie Lane; vandalism to window on Dolphin Road, stone thrown cracking outer glass pane; car vandalised on Riccarton Avenue and on Lanark Road West.

**Police Surgery** – attendance at the surgeries have been very poor and so the surgeries are on hold for the time being, with the hope that they may be resurrected in the future should circumstances change. Please note that when resources allow, your Police Scotland Community Officers attend Currie Community Council meetings, see end of this article.

In an Emergency call 999, in a Non-Emergency call 101, and for Crimestoppers call 0800 555 111.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland/>

**Currie Community Council**, meetings are first Monday of each month, excluding school holidays, held at 7.30pm at Gibson Craig Halls.

<http://www.curriecommunitycouncil.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Currie-Community-Council-162003307167929/>

***Scam Alert - issued by Neighbourhood Watch Scotland for the period ending February 2019***

**Lonely Hearts Romance Fraudster;** - the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has recently become aware of techniques used by romance fraudsters against people using dating sites. Not only will the fraudsters seek to steal your heart they will seek steal your money and your identification. When you think you have met the perfect partner through an online dating website or app you may be at risk of the other person using a fake photo and profile to befriend you. They are using the site to gain your trust and to ask you for money or enough personal information to steal your identity.

Advice on how to check if a person is real; - ask them to send you another photo of themselves posing with their thumbs up or waving. This would be like a form of 2<sup>nd</sup> factor authentication and is hard to do if it's not an original picture.

According to police sources, over 4,500 'faux-mances calls were made in 2018, up 27% on the previous year. The average victim is in their early 50's and was defrauded of a sum in excess of £11,000.

**Bogus Workmen;** - there has been an increase in reported incidents of bogus workmen/doorstep crime in different areas of Edinburgh. Residents are asked to be mindful of anyone attending at their front door offering services and always ask for ID before allowing entry.

If you are the victim of fraud, please report the matter to

**Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Contact**

Telephone 01786 463 732 or

<https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/contact-us>

<https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/sign-up-for-alerts>

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