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# ***LOOK-OUT***

**Currie East Neighbourhood Watch**

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## *Message from the Chair*

*Andrew Munro*

For this issue of Look-Out it is not so much of a 'message from the Chair' as more of a plea to your good-self. The reason behind this emotional request is that the continued existence of Currie East Neighbourhood Watch is under threat as your Committee has shrunk in numbers in recent years. Although two residents joined the Committee in response to a previous plea, come next month two long standing members will stand down at the AGM with the result that the Committee will struggle to organise meetings to take forward Watch activities on your behalf. With a membership of circa 1,100 residents, it would be a sad reflection on our neighbourhood if the Watch was to cease to exist.

All that is asked of a Committee member is to attend, when available to do so, approximately five meetings a year with each meeting lasting roughly an hour. There is no great demand on personal time outside meetings. Various roles are on offer, including Secretary, social media, editorial, financial planning, and membership database. So, if you would be willing to contribute to the wellbeing of your fellow residents then please email me at **[chair@cenw.org.uk](mailto:chair@cenw.org.uk)**.

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**Police Scotland - 101 (or 999 in an emergency)**

## AGM & Special Event

**Monday 7th October 2019, Gibson Craig Halls**

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

“Friends Against Scams” by Samantha Mooney

Community Banker for Mid and East Lothian, Royal Bank of Scotland

According to media reports, an older person is the subject of fraud every 40 seconds. But fraudsters have no boundaries for who they target as they build a “suckers list”, seeking to scam anyone and everyone including children! To address this serious issue there will be a special presentation at the AGM.



### *Police Report period February to August 2019*

**Housebreaking** Entry forced to two separate businesses within Riccarton Garden Centre with cash taken from till/safe. Housebreaking with intent at Weavers Knowe Crescent – rear window smashed and entry gained but nothing stolen. Attempt housebreaking also at Weavers Knowe Crescent – rear window chipped, possibly in an attempt to smash to gain entry. Forced entry and four new, boxed TV’s taken, Currie Hostel, Forthview Crescent; forced entry to address, suspects caught on CCTV with the result that one individual has been arrested, Lanark Road West; Forced entry to address with items stolen also on Lanark Road West; Break-in to shed with pushbike stolen, Currievale Drive.

**Thefts** Theft from unlocked address, cash taken, Lanark Road West; theft of Laptop from a bag, Heriot Watt; theft of pushbike (solved), Heriot Watt; theft of meats, Scotmid, Pentland View Court; tools stolen from vehicle, Blinkbonny; tools stolen from insecure vehicle on Riccarton Mains Road; Meat and cheese stolen from Scotmid; alcohol stolen from Sainsburys; alcohol stolen from Co-Op, Corslet Place; Various items stolen, on more than one occasion, from Scotmid, Pentland View Court; item stolen from bag, Currie Library; item stolen from bag in Sports Hall; tools taken from van, Currievale Drive; bike stolen from communal bike shed, Brook View; theft of moped, Lanark Road West; money stolen from insecure vehicle, Lanark Road West; theft from house with entry gained via unlocked patio door, Lanark Road West; theft of

petrol (drive-off), Sainsburys; further incident of shoplifting, Sainsburys; laptop and other items stolen from vehicle, Riccarton Drive; pedal cycle stolen from vehicle, Riccarton Grove; sunglasses stolen from vehicle, Easter Currie Crescent; shoplifting of items, Scotmid, Pentland View Court; garage entered and bike tools stolen, Bryce Road; house entered and jewellery stolen, Thomson Road; lock tampered with in an attempted housebreaking, Tansy Street; unattended money at ATM stolen after being withdrawn; theft of old style Land Rover from Heriot Watt visitors car park; theft of pedal cycle from unlocked shed at Kirkgate; theft of tools from van parked near to Muirwood Road; tyre stolen from lorry parked outside Heriot Watt; money stolen from locked room at Heriot Watt; delivered package stolen from Heriot Watt; number plate stolen from vehicle, Nether Currie Crescent.

*Police advice - please ensure all items of value are taken out of vehicles or are not left on display.*

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Vandalism Garage window, Lanark Road West; Four reports of Vandalism to vehicles on Lanark Road West, all believed to be linked and related to ongoing parking issues. Enquiry ongoing to establish any suspects; Car door damaged (kicked), Heriot Watt University; vandalism to motor vehicle on Pentland Place; vandalism to motor vehicle on Thomson Drive; vandalism to window at property on Muirwood Road; Vandalism to a vehicle at Heriot Watt University.

Drugs Vehicle stopped, and four occupants charged for cannabis possession, East Hermiston; vehicle stopped. 1x occupant charged with possession of cannabis, Old Newmills Road; male stopped in his vehicle and cannabis found within vehicle – charged with possession; Heriot Watt are reporting suspicious activity by persons attending in the middle of the night, possibly to sell drugs to students – nightshift officers have been requested to patrol the car parks and stop any persons and have been successful in doing so.

Assaults Minor assault at Dolphin Gardens West; minor assault on child during school break, Scotmid, Pentland View Court – Minor assault on child during school break; two security guards assaulted, Heriot Watt University.

Incidents of Note A dirt bike has been seen on a couple of occasions in the Currie area, please report any sightings to police with detailed descriptions of bike and rider if possible. One person charged with attempting to buy Alcohol for Under 18-year-old and having fake ID, Scotmid.

Road Traffic Matters Vehicle damaged in a Fail to Stop accident, Curriehill Road; driver reported for careless driving after colliding with stationary motorbike, Lanark Road West. Local Community Officers have been conducting speed checks alongside traffic in both Currie and Juniper Green. No persons reported however several drivers

warned regarding speeding. (Not very excessive speed, hence no prosecution). Aware of ongoing speeding complaints in Riccarton Mains Road and further speed checks will be conducted when possible.

**Good News** Currie East Neighbourhood Watch would like to extend a warm thank you to PC E0514 Euan Chancellor, who for his contribution in keeping our community safe. Currie East Neighbourhood Watch would like to extend a warm welcome to PC E0695 Oliver Ford who has replaced Euan. PC E0299 Alistair Murdoch will continue to serve the community.

**Contact Details** In an Emergency call 999, in a Non-Emergency call 101 or email

[EdinburghPentlandHillsCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EdinburghPentlandHillsCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

Crimestoppers call 0800 555 111.

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

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

**Police Surgery** Community Officers hold a Coffee with a Cop on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Corner Café, Lanark Road West, at 10.30am. When resources allow, Community Officers also attend Currie Community Council meetings.

**Currie Community Council** Meetings are second Monday of each month, excluding school holidays, with commencement at 7.30pm at Gibson Craig Halls.

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

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