



Police Service of Scotland

Community Council meeting

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Date of meeting: 14th of May 2018

Foreword:

Police report for April 2018 prepared by PC 5955 Michael Norrie.

This report is based on the Leaderdale and Melrose Multi Ward Policing Plan.

Protect Your Fuel Against Theft

Police Scotland are urging rural residents and businesses to take steps to prevent fuel theft. As with any other type of theft, criminals will always pick on an easy target if it is available but there are various options available to prevent fuel theft.

Lock your fuel tank with a good strong steel closed shackle padlock. Tank valves should be secured by removing hand wheels or using padlocks or lockable covers.

If an electrically controlled pump is fitted to a tank, make sure the control switch is located in a locked building or in the house and that the electricity is turned off when the tank is not in use.

Keep track of fuel purchases. Dip your tanks daily and monitor your fuel usage so that you know if there is an unexplained loss of fuel. Install a flow meter to supervise fuel use.

Consider building a security cage around any tanks. For tanks located close to an electricity supply there are additional options such as better lighting, motion sensors and alarms to act as further deterrents. Security lights, if properly installed, can provide excellent low cost security for fuel tanks. Lights can be linked to a sensor illuminating only with the presence of physical movement in the area.

Where your tanks contain a large amount of fuel consider installing a CCTV system that operates equally well both during the day and at night.

Further information on rural security can be found on the Police Scotland website



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Child Sexual Exploitation Campaign

Almost one-quarter of all registered sex offenders carried out online child sexual abuse, according to a snapshot taken by Police Scotland. This campaign is also focused at perpetrators, warning them of the consequences they face as a result of committing online child sexual abuse offences. Police Scotland is working with Stop It Now! An online child sexual abuse prevention organisation. It manages a confidential helpline designed to help adults with a range of concerns about child sexual abuse, including those with concerns about their own sexual thoughts and behaviour towards children. Anyone worried about online abuse can contact Police Scotland on 101 or 999 in an emergency. More information is available at www.ceop.police.uk and you can read more advice on our [Keep Safe pages](#).

National Stalking Awareness Week

National Stalking Awareness Week ran from Monday 16th until Friday 20th April 2018. **#ReportingStalking** aims to support victims in the criminal justice system and highlight best practice which effectively targets perpetrators while improving the safety and support for victims and others who raise concerns. In November 2016, Police Scotland launched an Online Reporting Form to encourage victims of stalking to come forward and report abuse. Since that time more than 200 online reports have been received and acted upon.

This form can be found on the Police Scotland website – www.scotland.police.uk/keepsafe-personalsafety/stalking.

Ward Priorities

Indiscriminate parking

- You highlighted parking as a problem locally, the following was recorded regarding parking issues during the month of March 2018.

There has been no reports of indiscriminate parking during the month of April 2018. Further patrols will continue to be carried out and any vehicles reported or seen parked illegally will be dealt with robustly.

Speeding/Road Traffic

- Speeding is an issue that concerns you particularly in built up areas

There have been no reports of excessive speeding during the month of April 2018. A number of speed recording devices have been placed along East and West High Street to monitor speed ratios. The results of which will soon be published. Police checks will remain ongoing and will take place within the Borders at specific areas where there has been concern regarding excessive speed and highlighted accident hot spots.



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Rural thefts

- Thefts from houses and farms particularly in more remote locations concerns you

There have been no recorded incidents of theft by housebreaking from commercial dwellings during the month of April 2018. However residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

Other Incidents of note/relevant Community Council information.

In addition to the incidents listed above relating to the ward priorities the following incidents are also of note –

02/04 – .A697, Lauder, male charged with possession of a controlled substance.
04/04 – Threepwood, Lauder, one car vehicle accident.
16/04 – The Orchard, Lauder, neighbour issues, enquires ongoing.
21/04 – Special event, Tour de Lauder, passed without incident.
23/04 – Factors park, Lauder, threats, enquires ongoing.
25/04 – East Mains, Lauder, male warned regarding breach of the peace.
27/04 – Edinburgh Rd, Lauder, vehicle seized re; no insurance.

Residents are encouraged to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to Police Scotland. If possible ensure that your property and vehicles are securely locked and that all valuable equipment is out of sight!

Police responded to 41 calls during the month of April 2018, these vary from assault, anti-social incidents, drugs and road traffic related offences.

Feedback from meeting:

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