



# Police Service of Scotland

## Community Council meeting

Name of  
Community Council:

**Lauder Community Council**

**Date of meeting : 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2016**

Foreword:

Police report for June 2016 prepared by PC 5955 Michael Norrie.

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

### **Operation RAC**

Anti housebreaking initiative continues to be a focus with regards to crime prevention. Residents should remain vigilant over security to prevent opportunist thieves.

### **Air Weapon Legislation**

With effect from 1 July 2016, new legislation comes into effect for air weapons. Any person who possesses, purchases, uses or acquires an air weapon will be required to have a certificate to legally hold them. Because this is a new process, the public have been given time to achieve the certification and no one will commit an offence of possessing an air weapon without the relevant authority or certification up until 1 January 2017. Since the amnesty ended 11,569 weapons have been surrendered nationally.

### **Your View Counts - Police Scotland launches new public survey**

Your view counts and is valued – that's the message behind Police Scotland's new online public survey which takes just 15 minutes to complete and will help shape policing priorities throughout the country. The survey will allow communities to tell the police what's important to them – and to do so at a time which is convenient to anyone taking part as it's open all year round, around the clock. "Please take just 15 minutes of your time to let us know what is important to you, at a time that's convenient to you." The online portal, hosted on the Police Scotland website at [www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts) will give communities the opportunity to have their say at any time that is convenient to them, 24 hours a day for the next year.

### **Summer Crackdown on Drink Drivers**

The two week campaign will combine high visibility patrols and roadside checks to catch those driving under the influence of drink or drugs. "Since the introduction of the lower drink drive limit attitudes towards drinking and driving are changing." "But we know that during warmer weather the chances of going for unplanned drinks can increase and many people may not have thought about their journey



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home ahead of time.” Anyone with information on drink/drug drivers can contact Police Scotland on 999 in an emergency. Alternatively call 101 or Crimestoppers in complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.

### Ward Priorities

#### Indiscriminate parking

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

There have been no reports of indiscriminate parking in the month of June. I will continue to carry out mobile, foot and cycle patrols. 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

Speed checks will continue to be carried out within the Borders at specific areas where there has been concern regarding excessive speed and highlighted accident hot spots. There have been no incidents of excessive speed highlighted in the month of June 2016.

#### 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 June. 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 –

- 01/06 – Thirlestane Castle car show, event passed without incident.
- 05/06 – Report of fly tipping, Woodheads, Lauder, enquiries ongoing.
- 05/06 – Report of attempt fraud, scam letter sent, Harryburn Rd, Lauder.
- 05/06 – Youths warned re: obscene language, Lauder Primary School.
- 07/06 – Female charged with shop theft, CO-OP, Lauder.
- 09/06 – Male charged with theft of motor vehicle, Crofts Rd, Lauder.
- 15/06 – Driver warned re: excessive speed, Edinburgh Rd, Lauder.
- 20/06 – Report of one car vehicle accident (damage only) Stow Rd, Lauder.
- 26/06 – Report of theft of a filter from a motor vehicle, Edinburgh Rd, Lauder.
- 29/06 – Report of suspicious males selling fish, Millburn Park, Lauder.
- 29/06 – Report of unauthorised traveller encampment, Whitelaw Industrial Estate, Lauder.



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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 38 calls during the month of June 2016, these vary from, anti social incidents, assault, minor disturbances, theft and road traffic related offences.

Feedback from  
meeting:

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