



Police Service of Scotland

Community Council meeting

Name of
Community Council:

Lauder Community Council

Date of meeting : 13th of June 2016

Foreword:

Police report for May 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. You must have your documentation in order by that date. Police Scotland recognises that a number of these types of weapons will be lying about homes and are no longer used or required. As a result an 'amnesty' will be held where you can surrender air weapons at a police station. Provisional dates for the surrender campaign are Monday 23rd May to Sunday 12th June 2016. If you have any weapons for surrender, they should be taken to Galashiels police station on these dates between 8am and 10pm. Further information on the legislation can be found on the Police Scotland website www.scotland.police.uk

Crimestoppers Launches Rural Crime Campaign across Scotland

Crimestoppers is asking the public to give information anonymously about rural crime in Scotland. The independent charity's 'Scene it Herd it' campaign aims to highlight the crimes rural communities face and encourage the public to be the 'eyes and ears' of the countryside. 94% of Scotland is classified as rural and the NFU Mutual Insurance Society estimate that rural crime costs Scotland around £1.8 million annually. The main crimes rural businesses and communities face are:

- All types of Theft involving vehicles, machinery, equipment, metal, fuel and livestock,
- Break-ins to farms, homes and business premises,



Police Service of Scotland Community Council meeting

- Vandalism to property and crops,
- Crimes against livestock and other protected animals, including, livestock worrying by dogs,
- Illegal waste sites and dumping.
- The campaign will see information leaflets posted to 60,000 rural household across Scotland, followed by a social media campaign.

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 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.

Police Scotland backs National Stalking Awareness Day

Police Scotland is supporting National Stalking Awareness Day. Stalking involves behaviours which may appear innocent to others, but can cause fear and alarm to an individual. It is an offence and Police Scotland will take action on all reports of stalking.

101 and 999 Awareness Campaign

The Police Scotland campaign aiming to promote appropriate use of the 999 and 101.

The campaign will focus on educating the public on when they should call 999 and 101, with the aim of targeting misuse of the service provided by Police Scotland’s Contact, Command and Control Division. The themes of the campaign will involve:

- Educating the public on the role of the Police Scotland Service Centres;
- Outlining the impact of nuisance calls on the service provided to the public;
- Signposting other agencies who can help if it is not a police matter;
- Raising awareness of the various methods available to contact the police;

The campaign will also highlight the achievements of 101 since the single non-emergency number launched in 2013.

Doorstep Crime and Bogus Callers

Keep Safe from Doorstep Crime and Bogus Callers What is doorstep crime? From bogus callers to rogue traders, doorstep criminals are cunning, creative, and often very convincing. Anyone can be fooled as these people are professional con artists. However, the over 60s are



Police Service of Scotland Community Council meeting

often specifically targeted.

There are two main types:

-Bogus callers try to get into your home or obtain personal details by pretending to be someone they're not, including council staff, charity collectors, meter readers and police officers. In reality, they are criminals trying to steal money and valuables.

-Rogue traders usually cold-call, claiming to be workers offering to sell services, make repairs or carry out work on your house, garden or driveway. In reality they charge inflated prices for shoddy or unnecessary work.

(We DO NOT recommend dealing with cold-callers for property maintenance and home repairs.)

Ward Priorities

Indiscriminate parking

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

There have been no recorded reports of indiscriminate parking during the month of May. Foot and mobile patrol will continue and robust action taken against any potential offenders. Any information regarding offending vehicles should be emailed to myself for the appropriate action.

Speeding/Road Traffic

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

There were no recorded offences of speeding in the Lauder area in the month of May. Mobile speed cameras will be deployed on the A68 and the divisional traffic units will continue to conduct routine speed checks.

Rural thefts

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

There has been one recorded incident of theft by housebreaking from a commercial dwelling in the month of May. 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 –

03/05 – Unauthorised encampment, Whitlaw Industrial Site.

04/05 – Male charged with having no MOT or insurance for his vehicle, The Orchard, Lauder.

06/05 – Lauder Common Ridings, event passed without any incidents.



Police Service of Scotland Community Council meeting

09/05 – Report of theft by housebreaking, Lauder Cemetery, enquiries ongoing
10/05 – Theft of meat, CO-OP Lauder, enquiries ongoing.
11/05 – Vandalism to motor vehicle, The Orchard, Lauder, enquires ongoing.
13/05 – One vehicle road traffic accident (damage only) Stow Rd, Lauder.
18/05 – Two-vehicle road traffic collision A697, Lauder.
21/05 – Vehicle seized and male charged with careless driving, A68, Lauder.
27/05 – Attempt theft of vehicle filter, Edinburgh Rd, Lauder, enquiries ongoing.
27/05 – One car road traffic accident (damage only) near to Lauder Golf Club.
28/05 – Male and female charged with assault, Edinburgh Rd, Lauder.

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

Feedback from
meeting:

Please e-mail any feedback to
PC 5955 Michael Norrie, Leaderdale and Melrose CBO.
michael.norrie@scotland.pnn.police.uk