



# Police Service of Scotland

## Community Council meeting

Name of  
Community Council:

**Lauder Community Council**

**Date of meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2018**

Foreword:

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

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

### **Student Safety 2018 campaign launched**

Thousands of students across the country are getting ready to start university this summer and planning for Freshers' Week is well underway. Police Scotland are offering their advice for what will be a busy time for students and is looking to help people make the most of it. Police officers will be at various Fresher stalls across Scotland. More information on Home Safety, Online Safety, Identity Safety and Personal Safety can be found on the [Police Scotland website](#) and social media accounts.

### **The Banking Protocol**

Is an initiative between the police, banking institutions & Trading Standards. Its aim is at the earliest opportunity to identify vulnerable victims who are in the process of being defrauded of funds from their bank accounts by unscrupulous criminals and to intervene to prevent these crimes. Victims, particularly elderly and other vulnerable people are targeted by suspects for a range of fraud offences, including courier fraud and bogus worker offences. These crimes often involve the perpetrator encouraging the victim to attend their bank, post office or other financial services provider in person and withdraw or transfer cash. The Protocol is designed to provide a standardised method for how these concerns are dealt with and reported to police and to stop multiple victimisation. For more information on financial fraud visit [www.financialfraudaction.org.uk](http://www.financialfraudaction.org.uk)

### **Telephone banking scam warning for Borders**

Police in the Scottish Borders are urging the public to remain vigilant of telephone banking scams. We want to stress that no bank or building society will ever contact you and ask you to transfer money to an external account, nor will they cold-call and request you provide your personal information. "We have a range of useful information on our website aimed at safeguarding the public against fraudsters. This can be obtained by visiting [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)."



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### Ward Priorities

#### **Indiscriminate parking**

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

There have been no reports of indiscriminate parking during the month of August 2018. Routine 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 August 2018. 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.

#### **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 during the month of August 2018. However a theft of a caravan and number plates from two vehicles were reported. 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 –

- 01/08 – The Orchard, Lauder, neighbour dispute regarding parking.
- 01/08 – Lauder fancy dress parade, event passed without incident.
- 04/08 – Lauder Common riding, male charged with urinating in the street.
- 05/08 – Woodheads Farm, Lauder, one car vehicle accident, damage only.
- 11/08 – Whitlaw industrial estate, theft from 2 vehicles, enquires ongoing.
- 17/08 – Earlston, theft of caravan, enquires ongoing.
- 26/08 – West High St, Lauder, two car damage only collision.
- 31/08 – CO-OP Lauder, theft of fuel, enquires ongoing.
- 31/08 – Lauder, report of assault, enquires ongoing.

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!



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Police responded to 37 calls during the month of August 2018, these vary from anti-social incidents, theft and road traffic related offences.

Feedback from meeting:

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