



Police Service of Scotland Community Council meeting

Name of
Community Council:

Lauder Community Council

Date of meeting: 13th of May 2019

Foreword:

Police report for April 2019 prepared by PC 5955 Michael Norrie.

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

Shut Out Scammers Spot the Signs

This week, Police Scotland are running its Shut Out Scammers campaign, designed to raise awareness of offenders who cold-call people at their homes and scam them out of money. Doorstep criminals may offer to carry out work at a reduced rate, asking you to hand over cash straight away and often in advance of any repairs being carried out. There is no specific look to a bogus caller or rogue trader. Be alert and if you have any concerns at all, do not allow an individual entry to your home, or provide them with any form of payment. Do not hesitate to phone the police immediately on 101 or 999 in an emergency. "Always ask for ID and only let callers in if they have an appointment and you know that they are genuine. "If you would like to receive any of our advice and guidance on preventing crime then you can visit your local police station, call 101 or visit our dedicated webpage.

Motorcyclists urged to ride safely as biking season begins

Police are urging motorcyclists to ride safely as bikers prepare to get back on the road for the summer season. The Police Scotland Motorcycle Safety Campaign was launched on 16th April and runs until the end of September. It promotes safe and responsible motorcycling with a view to reducing the number of road traffic casualties and improving rider behaviour. Motorcyclists are encouraged to visit the Road Safety Scotland 'Live Fast Die Old' Facebook page and also view the Breathtaking Roads campaign. These resources will provide helpful hints and tips to make sure everyone enjoys their day and gets home safely."



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ROMANCE FRAUD

Romance fraud is widespread, estimates suggest that only one in five instances of fraud is reported. Please help us tackle this type of crime.

It is easy to become a victim therefore be guarded and aware, be unrevealing and discreet to avoid making yourself vulnerable online. Whilst money loss can cause great distress, the psychological and human cost of romance scams should not be underestimated. If you've been the victim of a scam please come forward and report the crime to police, you will be taken seriously and dealt with in confidence.

For further information visit Scotland.police.uk/romancefraud

Ward Priorities

Indiscriminate parking

You highlighted parking as a problem locally, the following was recorded regarding parking issues during the month of April 2019.

There have been no reports of indiscriminate parking during the month of April 2019. 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 or incidents reported to the police of excessive speeding during the month of April 2019. 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 areas.

Divisional traffic have issued 5 fixed penalty tickets for speeding out with the boundaries of Lauder on the A68 and 2 for lighting offences during the month of April 2019.

Rural thefts

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



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There have been a number of thefts from motor vehicles in the area involving the theft of tools from within. These are possibly linked to other thefts in the Scottish Borders during the month of April 2019. 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 –

05/04 – CO-OP Lauder, theft of fuel, enquires ongoing.

09/04 – Old School Place, report of youths knocking doors, ongoing enquires.

11/04 – High St, Lauder, male arrested for non-appearance at court.

17/04 – Lauder, numerous vans broken into and tools taken, 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!

Police responded to 25 calls during the month of April 2019, these vary from anti-social incidents, theft and road traffic related offences.

Feedback from meeting:

Please e-mail any feedback to
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