

## Heriot Community Council Meeting November 2018

### **Incidents of note**

Report of sheep worrying. Two dogs have attacked a sheep resulting in it having to be euthanized. Crime report raised and enquires are ongoing.

### **General Policing**

13 calls to Police over the months of October and November in the Heriot area, mostly of a minor or non-criminal nature.

Police responded to four calls regarding animals/ foreign objects lying on the A7

### **Keeping our Roads Safe / Road Traffic Collisions**

Police intervention at a 'hit and run' vehicle accident which has been resolved mutually with no police action required.

Police were required to attend a broken down lorry blocking a live lane on the A7 at Fountainhall. Lorry was recovered and no further police action was required.

Police patrols are being maintained during the hours of darkness, utilising both marked and unmarked vehicles, to prevent / target thefts and inquisitive crime.

### **Relevant Information:**

#### **Cyber Scams Awareness – What can you do?**

##### **Phishing**

Phishing refers to fraudulent emails that trick the receivers into sharing their personal, financial or sensitive information.

- Keep your software updated



- Be especially vigilant if a bank email requests sensitive information
- Look at the email closely
- Don't reply to a suspicious email
- Don't click on the link or download.

## Smishing

Smishing is the attempt by fraudsters to acquire personal, financial or security information by text message.

- Don't click on links, attachments or images you receive without verifying the sender
- Don't be rushed
- Never respond to a text message that requests your pin
- If you think you might have responded to a smishing text, contact your bank immediately.

## Vishing

Vishing is a phone scam in which fraudsters try to trick the victim into divulging personal, financial or security information or into transferring money to them.

- Beware of unsolicited telephone calls
- Take the callers number and advise you will call them back
- To confirm their identity, look up the organisations phone number
- Don't validate the caller using the phone number they have given you
- Don't assume a caller is genuine
- Don't share your credit or debit card pin number or your online password
- Don't transfer money
- If in doubt, report to your bank.

Members of the public are encouraged to sign up to Scottish Borders Alert which is a FREE network designed to share up to date emergency and crime prevention advice etc. To join go to [www.sbalert.co.uk](http://www.sbalert.co.uk). Leaflets regarding Scottish Borders Alert are also available from your local community officer.

**Call 101 for non-emergencies and general enquiries, in an emergency call 999. If you have information about a crime you can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. For more information on Police Scotland use the website [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk) or follow on Facebook or Twitter @policescotland**



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