

Heriot Community Council Meeting April 2019

Incidents of note

Police received a calls regarding a driver stopping and using a bus shelter to urinate on the A7. It seems this is a regular occurrence and caused obvious annoyance to those living nearby. In this instance a male was issued with a Recorded Police Warning regarding the incident.

General Policing

Seven calls were made to the Police during the months of February and March in the Heriot area.

Five of these calls related to road traffic matters and of these three related to foreign objects/animals on the road, one related to a broken down vehicle and one regarding dangerous driving on the A7.

Relevant Information:

Scam Warning

Fake Virgin media emails threatening “automatic disconnection”

Action Fraud has received over 100 reports about fake emails that purport to be from Virgin Media. The emails threaten the recipient with “automatic disconnection” due to “invalid billing information”. The links in the emails lead to genuine-looking phishing websites that are designed to steal your Virgin Media account login details.

Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details.

For more information on how to stay secure online, visit www.cyberaware.gov.uk



Rural Thefts

The Borders has suffered a spate of thefts from Farms and other rural properties overnight between 18th - 19th March.

- An Ifor Williams caged trailer and Genset diesel generator were stolen from a farm near Mossburnford. (Trailer stolen between 15th-17th March).
- Three Husqavarna chainsaws were stolen from a property near Makerstoun.
- An attempt was made to overcome the security of a shed on a farm near Smailholm.
- A Honda 420 Quad Bike was stolen from a farm near Blainslie.
- Two Honda Quad Bikes (420 and 500 models) were stolen from a farm near Gordon.

We would urge farmers and those living in rural areas to be vigilant and report any suspicious activities to Police immediately and follow our Quad bike / ATV and general security advice;

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FARM/FIELD PERIMETER:

- Reduce access by removing all gates and entrances that are no longer in use and replacing them with a permanent fence or other barrier and secure all gates with good padlocks. Please be aware of your obligations under the [outdoor access code](#) when doing this.
- Repair fencing promptly to prevent/restrict any future unauthorised access
- Install a driveway / steading alarm to alert you to intruders

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR QUAD BIKE OR ATV:

- Park as close to your premises as possible, preferably out of sight from nearby roads
- Remove keys when not in use
- Fit wheel clamps and/or locking posts or consider an alarm
- Park larger vehicles in front of access doors to prevent easy access
- Mark or customise your property so it is easily identifiable. This can deter thieves and assist recovery if they are stolen
- Consider tracking devices for high value vehicles and machinery
- Keep a record of all vehicles with photographs and serial numbers

CESAR MARKING SCHEME:

- CESAR is the nationally recognised marking scheme and is fitted at source to many new quads and tractors
- CESAR registered vehicles have their own unique 'fingerprint', that is impossible for thieves to remove
- CESAR registered vehicles are 4 times less likely to be stolen and 6 times more likely to be identified if stolen
- Many insurance companies offer premium discounts for vehicles fitted with CESAR



- Only approved suppliers can fit CESAR. Please contact your local dealer for further information

SUSPICIOUS CALLERS:

Beware of any suspicious callers – strangers may not always be what they seem. Check their identity and if in doubt, note their description and any vehicle they may be using and call the police. Your call may be important and save others from the opportunist thief

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. 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 or follow on Facebook or Twitter @policescotland

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