

Heriot Community Council Meeting February 2019

Incidents of note

No incident of note have taken place during December 2018/ January 2019

General Policing

Nine calls to Police over the months of December and January in the Heriot area, all minor in nature.

Two of the calls related to issues with temporary traffic lights on the A7. One call related to animals on the A7 and another regarding a broken down vehicle on the A7 which required police management.

Police have investigated numerous reports of careless or dangerous driving (these reports have only had one witness, ie. No corroboration as required in Scots law; Police will take action when sufficiency of evidence exists, such as second witness or dash-camera CCTV footage)

Keeping our Roads Safe / Road Traffic Collisions

Operation Crawl – A police Initiative aimed at reducing Anti-Social Behaviour caused by vehicles in the Scottish Borders. This was a joint operation involving Response Policing, Road Policing and Scottish Borders Community Action Team. The operation was ran over two nights - Friday 18th January and Saturday 19th January. This included hi visibility patrols throughout the Scottish Borders and provided the following results:

2 x Vehicle Rectifications Tickets (faulty lights and indicators)
1 x Vehicle ASBO
1 x Ticket No MOT
11 MDA Searches (2 x positive, 9 x negative)
2 x Breath Tests- negative
39 Advisories given/warnings



Relevant Information:

PROTECT YOUR FUEL TANKS AGAINST THEFT

Police Scotland are urging rural residents and businesses to take steps to prevent fuel theft. As with any other type of theft, criminals will always pick on an easy target if it is available but there are various options available to prevent fuel theft.

- Lock your fuel tank with a good strong steel closed shackle padlock.
- Tank valves should be secured by removing hand wheels or using padlocks or lockable covers.
- If an electrically controlled pump is fitted to a tank, make sure the control switch is located in a locked building or in the house and that the electricity is turned off when the tank is not in use.
- Keep track of fuel purchases. Dip your tanks daily and monitor your fuel usage so that you know if there is an unexplained loss of fuel. Install a flow meter to supervise fuel use.
- Consider building a security cage around any tanks. For tanks located close to an electricity supply there are additional options such as better lighting, motion sensors and alarms to act as further deterrents.
- Security lights, if properly installed, can provide excellent low cost security for fuel tanks. Lights can be linked to a sensor illuminating only with the presence of physical movement in the area.
- Where your tanks contain a large amount of fuel consider installing a CCTV system that operates equally well both during the day and at night.

Further information on rural security can be found on the Police Scotland website

http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/keep_safe/rural-prevention-booklet?view=Standard

Rural residents are encouraged to report any suspicious tanker lorries, pick-up trucks or vans in the area, to police on 101 or freephone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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



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