

## **Police Service of Scotland Community Council meeting**



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## **GADD Community Council Meeting**

Date of Meeting: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### **Foreword:**

During the period of the last report there have been several incidents of note.

I am aware that there may be more incidents but, due to the nature of these, or ongoing investigations, I cannot give full details.

They are broken down in terms of the agreed priorities for the ward.



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### Ward Priorities

#### 1. Road Safety

There have been no road safety issues reported in the area over the past month.

#### 2. Antisocial Behaviour

There have been no reports of anti-social behaviour in the area over the past month.

#### 3. Housebreaking

During the early hours of 18th September 2018, 8 business units at Turkey Torium, near Drem were broken into and approximately £5000 worth of tools stolen from within. A van was also stolen but later recovered nearby. 2 males were captured on CCTV footage at the locus of the break ins and enquiries are ongoing to identify the males.

During the early hours of 22nd September 2018, 3 males entered The Aberlady Store, High Street, Aberlady and forced open the ATM within, by attaching a chain to it and a stolen black BMW vehicle waiting outside. The males were challenged by a member of the public and subsequently made off in the stolen vehicle. The vehicle was later found burnt out in Edinburgh. Enquires are ongoing.

Although there has been a slight increase in housebreakings this month, our year to date figures are similar to the last 5 years.

Housebreakings or attempt housebreakings figures across the whole ward area -

2018 - 24 with 8 of these in one night on 18th Sept (above)

2017 - 25

2016 - 41

2015 - 28

2014 - 40

Although not in GADD area, some residents have had property stolen including vehicles, after leaving rear doors unlocked, please ensure your property is secured at all times.

#### **What basic steps can I take to protect my home?**

First, think about basic good housekeeping routines that aren't expensive.



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- Many thieves are actually opportunists who do not have to break in at all because a door or window has been left open or unlocked. Keep your home securely locked at all times.
- Don't leave keys on the inside of door locks, under mats or anywhere else an intruder may easily find them.
- Don't put your name or room number on your keyring if you live in shared accommodation. If it is lost or stolen, the thief will have information that could direct them to your home and your property.
- Don't keep house keys and car keys on the same key ring.
- Avoid keeping large amounts of cash in the house. If you must then disperse it in various locations.
- Security mark your property with a UV marker pen. You can use this pen to place an invisible imprint of your postcode and house number on your possessions.
- Record details of your valuables, such as mobile phone, cameras, laptops and tablets on the national mobile property register at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). For further advice about protecting valuables and vehicles, visit our [Keep Your Valuables Secure](#), [Keep your Car Secure](#) and [Keep Your Bike Secure](#) advice.
- Don't leave valuables in sight of windows, particularly around the tree at Christmas time.
- If you have a wall calendar, avoid mounting it near a window from where appointments can potentially be seen – this may give an indication of when a property will be empty.

For further crime prevention advice please follow link below to Police Scotland website –

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-home>

If possible please note registration numbers of vehicles or description of person/s seen acting suspiciously in your area and call police as soon as possible.

### 4. Parking

During the month of August 2018, 10 parking tickets were issued in Aberlady, 71 in Gullane and 51 in Yellowcraigs by East Lothian Parking attendants.

### CAPP

The date of the next CAPP meeting is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 1930 hours, Council Chambers, North Berwick. The agreed priorities from the previous meeting were:

1. Speeding on the A198 at Aberlady.
2. Road safety around schools in ward area.
3. Speeding in Dirleton Avenue, North Berwick



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### Other Incidents of note / relevant Community Council information

Between 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 and 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018, damage occurred at the Cala Fenton Gait development, Gullane whereby a number of bollards, spotlights and mono blocked areas were damaged. Enquiries are still ongoing.

Overnight between 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018, tyres on a vehicle parked in Muirfield Gardens, Gullane were damaged by nails in the side walls. Enquiries are ongoing.

### Feedback from meeting

Please e-mail any feedback to:

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