



**NW Monthly Community Meeting  
Queensferry & District Community  
Council  
October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 25<sup>th</sup> 2024**

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**Road Safety**

We continue to carry out road safety checks across South Queensferry, focusing on roads whereby the majority of complaints have been received. We are utilising the hand-held speed radar (Speed Gun!) to target drivers failing to abide by speed limits, with formal action taken where it is proportionate to do so.

**Anti-Social Driving/Speeding/ASB – 10 reported incidents**

6 x incidents relate to complaints of anti-social driving/noise related issues in the area of Hawes Brae/Newhalls Road.

4 x incidents relate to reports of speeding/loud exhausts on Station Road.

The ongoing issues relating to anti-social driving in and around South Queensferry remains a priority given its impact of residents and members of the public.

**Anti-social Behaviour/Youth Disorder: 1 x reported incident**

Incident relates to a male beggar outside Scotmid, The Loan and in the surrounding area, acting in a hostile manner – Officers attended and spoke with staff.

**Vandalism: 1 x reported incident**

Incident relates to damage to the security fence at the building site near to Scotstoun House – Enquiries ongoing.

**Bogus Caller: No incidents reported**

Given the time of year, and the darker nights, please find below some home security advice.

If you wish further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the email address provided ([edinburghcptnorthwest@scotland.police.uk](mailto:edinburghcptnorthwest@scotland.police.uk)) to speak with your local Community Officer or to request a crime prevention survey for your home, where an Officer will come out and offer advice on your current security measures.

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

Having your home broken into is not common. There are however many ways that you can help secure your home. They don't all cost money – some are common sense and good housekeeping.

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

- Keep your home locked at all times
- Many thieves do not need to break in at all because a door or window has been left open or unlocked
- Don't leave keys on the inside of door locks, under mats or anywhere else they can be easily found
- If you have a 'thumb turn' lock on the inside of a door, ensure that it cannot be accessed from outside
- 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 there
- Don't keep house keys and car keys on the same key ring
- Don't keep a lot of cash in the house
- Don't leave valuables where they can be seen through a window - for example, around the tree at Christmas time
- If you have a wall calendar, avoid having it shown near a window from where appointments can be seen - people may see when there will be no one in.

## **What should I do when I go on holiday?**

- Get to know your neighbours, if you trust them they might keep an eye on your home, draw curtains and remove mail from behind the door
  - Consider using Royal Mail's Keepsafe service, they will keep your mail for up to 66 days
  - Make sure you cancel any regular deliveries such as milk or newspapers
  - Use timers on lights, make sure your alarm is set
  - Don't post on social media that you're going on holiday - criminals can search for this kind of information to identify empty houses.
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## **What if I'm making home improvements or even carrying out routine maintenance?**

Your property can be more vulnerable whilst you're carrying out home improvements.

- Don't give keys to workers as they can make copies quickly and easily
- Let your neighbours know about work being carried out, where workers are likely to be and who they are
- Scaffolding may allow an intruder access to areas they wouldn't normally be able to access
- Remember to lock all accessible windows.

## **Reporting**

Neighbourhood Watch operates in many local communities. Find out if a group exists in your area or how to set a group up by speaking to your Local Community Policing Team.

If you see signs of a break-in at your home, like a smashed window or an open door, do not enter, the intruder may still be inside. Instead, go to a neighbour and call Police immediately on 101, or 999 if you think the intruder is still within.

For general crime prevention advice and tips, phone 101 or make contact with your Local Community Policing Team.

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**Local Officers:** PC Donald Macleod & PC Euan Sinclair

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