

From 8th October 2019 to 25th November 2019 in the beat areas MW02, MW05 & MS04 – Rosewell & District – there were 9 crimes recorded, with 5 solved.

During this time period there were 50 calls to Police Scotland.

Incidents of Note

- Overnight on 21st October 2019 a motor vehicle was stolen from outside an address in Sheilhall Crescent, Rosewell. Enquiries ongoing.
- About 12:30 pm, on the A6094 near Rosewell there was a two vehicle collision. One driver has been charged with careless driving.
- About 4:30 pm, 31st October 2019 in the area of Gorton Road, Rosewell there was a report of motorbikes speeding. Police attended but the motorbikes were not traced.
- About 2:00 am on 20th November 2019 there was an attempted break in to a property in Sheilhall Crescent, Rosewell. The intruders set off the house alarm and made off.
- About 8:00 am on 21st November 2019, two children were reported missing having been dropped off for school. Following an extensive police search the two boys were found safe and well.

Community Police information

The Rural Crime initiative commenced on Sunday 3rd November and will run throughout November. During this period Community Officers will be carrying out patrols, engaging with dog owners, Rural Community and visitors to the area providing information and advice regarding Livestock Worrying and Acquisitive Crime, below is the article that was sent out if it is of any assistance to you.

LIVESTOCK WORRYING

Sheep worrying continues to be a problem in the countryside and will be a feature of the 2019 Rural Crime Initiative beginning on Sunday 3rd November. This campaign is being launched to coincide with the tugging season. Around this time of the year a number of sheep are also moved to lower ground for the winter period and maybe found in fields and land where livestock are not normally present.

Sheep worrying is a criminal offence and if a dog is found to have attacked livestock the owner may face criminal action. Livestock worrying is not just

when a dog chases or attacks an animal, but can also be when a dog is in close proximity to livestock. This can cause sheep to panic and flee, resulting in serious injury or death. As well as the distress and harm caused to the animals, these incidents have both a financial and emotional impact on the farmer that is completely avoidable if dog walkers follow some simple steps. Dog owners have a responsibility to ensure that they are in control of their dogs at all times and should avoid fields with livestock, where possible. Where livestock are unavoidable, dogs should always be kept under close control, preferably on a short lead. Even if they are usually very obedient, it is every dog's instinct to chase. They don't understand the impact of this – but as an owner you do.

Sergeant Michele Lindsay of Penicuik Police Station said: “if you are out walking a dog, remember that you can meet livestock anywhere in the countryside, don't be complacent with routes you have previously travelled, it is important to remember livestock are moved around.

“Between 1st January 2018 and 22nd October 2019 as well as a number of reports of hare coursing there have been in excess of 27 livestock worrying incidents reported in Midlothian, including Penicuik, Roslin, Dalkeith, Danderhall, Pathhead and Gorebridge.

“These type of incidents often go unreported and we would encourage farmers to come forward when they do occur, or when there are any ‘near misses’.

“I would urge farmers, dog walkers and members of the public to talk to us for any advice on this issue, as officers will be carrying out rural patrols during the month of November 2019.

“Please be assured that any incidents of livestock worrying will be robustly dealt with, and offenders reported to the Procurator Fiscal.”

Community Police Officers are also going to be carrying out a Lockdown/Bike Marking Event at Straiton in December, as soon as we confirm the dates we will let you know.

TELEPHONING POLICE SCOTLAND

If you need to contact Police Scotland then the number you use will depend on whether what you are reporting is an emergency or not.

- * You should always use 999 when:
- * there is a risk of injury or loss of life
- * a crime is in progress
- * someone suspected of a crime is nearby

For non-emergency calls please use 101 to contact Police Scotland.

Hate crime and domestic abuse can now be reported online via the official Police Scotland website at www.scotland.police.uk or by visiting a Third Party Reporting Centre – details of which are also on our website.

Information regarding crime can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through an Online Form - both of these routes are completely anonymous and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts

If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above or indeed any other issue please contact your Community Policing Officers –

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