
Monthly CCTV Report for Mays CC Meeting

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Hi all, please find below Monthly CCTV Report for tonight's CC Meeting.

Since the last Community Council meeting there have been 11 Complaints regarding speeding Commercial Vehicles. This has resulted in 5 reports being sent in, four of them were sent to the relevant Companies, the other to PC Patterson. One of these incidents was regarding a Courier Van that was reported to have forced another vehicle off the road between Hermitage bridge and the village last Wednesday the 6th of May. The CCTV was checked for around the time of the incident and a van matching the description given was found to be speeding through the village. Footage of the speeding incident was sent to the parent company along with details of the allegation regarding forcing a vehicle off the road, so hopefully appropriate action will be taken by them. I have not received any response so far. There was also another incident involving an untaxed White Vauxhall Combi Van which was reported speeding down the Main Street by a large number of villagers last Thursday the 7th of May. It came into the village via Langholm Street, proceeded to overtake a vehicle waiting at the junction then flew down South Hermitage Street before stopping briefly at Buccleuch Terrace to pick up a male passenger and then flying back through the village heading East. Its speed was measured at well over 40mph when going through the Central Square! CCTV footage of the entire incident has been sent into PC Patterson for his attention. This is the second occasion that this vehicle has been reported for the manner of its driving and its speeding, the first one being last month.

Items of Note.

1. The first item of note was regarding two suspicious vehicle's seen travelling in convoy on Wednesday the 15th of April by a local villager. Details were obtained via the CCTV system and passed on to PC Patterson for his attention.
2. Next, a bit of feedback regarding an item in last Month's Report involving a Quad and a White Van which flew through the village on the evening of Saturday the 28th of March. I've recently been contacted by Oxygen Conservation who own land on the Holm hill and Hartsgarth. They reported that two quads were seen on their ground that same night and when challenged made off. Very suspicious and the probability is that they were poaching. I've passed on this information along with further video footage obtained at the scene to PC Patterson and officers of the Rural Crime Teams in surrounding forces.
3. Whilst I'm on the subject of poaching, two males were found in a field at the Greens with three terriers and a lurcher on Wednesday the 22nd of April at approximately 8pm. They

were definitely poaching and were seen to leave very shortly after being seen in a small dark blue car.

4. The next item of note was the sighting of a suspicious Blue Van towing a generator flying through the village shortly after 5am on Wednesday the 22nd of April . Details were noted and sent into PC Patterson and the Rural Crime Team officers in surrounding forces. I've since learned that the vehicle was entirely legitimate but it's always better to check rather than not.
5. Finally, two weeks ago, there was a spate of Thefts resulting in a Blue 4x4 , a trailer , a quad and several pieces of equipment from the Canonbie/ Langholm area being stolen on the night of Tuesday the 28th into the early hours of Wednesday the 29th of April. The CCTV system was checked the following day and the stolen 4x4 pulling the stolen trailer was seen to pass through the village coming down Langholm Street before heading West across the Holm bridge just after 1-00am. Preceding the stolen vehicle was a Black Peugeot motor car which was evidently being used by the perpetrators. Details of all the vehicles were obtained via the CCTV system and sent into Dumfries CID and the Rural Crime teams around the area. The 4x4 was recovered the next day in Bishop Auckland and the Black Peugeot was later found burnt out in Alnwick. To show the importance of the CCTV system in this case, Northumbria Police did get in touch afterwards and said that the footage directly assisted them in their investigation, particularly the details of the Black Peugeot.

All the above once again highlights the fact that everyone needs to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to the Police.

Regards

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