

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

Divisional Commander's Message

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Speaking to you in my first Divisional Newsletter, I am pleased to announce that at the end of December 2006, recorded crime across the Capital was 5% lower than at the same time last year. Detection rates also improved with a 6% increase in the number of crimes being solved citywide. Improved performance can be attributed to many factors, not least the fact that the police, the City of Edinburgh Council and many private and voluntary agencies across the Capital are now working closely together to improve safety.

Work is progressing towards 1st April 2007, when existing police beats will be realigned to match proposed changes to Council wards. I am confident that the change will further strengthen partnership working by allowing us to better coordinate our resources and so improve the implementation of crime reduction and community safety measures.

Chief Superintendent George Simpson, Divisional Commander

Lothian & Borders Police are now Podcasting!

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Podcasting emerged in 2004 and offers a way to provide information in the form of video and audio files. These files can be downloaded and played free of charge on any personal computer or portable MP3-playing device and provide an additional communication channel for the public to access police information.

Podcasts on the **Festive Drink Driving Campaign**, **Crimestoppers** and **Personal Safety** are now available on the Lothian and Borders Police Website at www.lbp.police.ukT.

We hope you find this service useful and informative.

REMEMBER,

If you see a crime being committed contact us on 999 in an emergency when urgent police assistance is required or on telephone 0131 311 3131 to report a crime.

If you have information regarding crime or criminal activity, you can call the independent charity **CRIMESTOPPERS** anonymously on 0800 555111.

Local News

It is with regret that I have to inform you that your Community Police Officer Stevie Lamb has moved onto a new role within Lothian and Borders Police; we wish him well in his new position. Procedures are now ongoing to appoint your new Community Constable and as soon as the position is filled details shall be published. In the meantime all community matters are being covered and any enquiries should be addressed to the station Sergeant Tony Catlin at Balerno Police Station.

It has now become quite apparent that car Satellite Navigations systems are becoming a popular accessory. Most of these systems are compatible with any make or model of motor vehicle and are fast becoming the number one reason certain vehicles are being broken into. This is still the case if the system is removed and the cradle for holding the device can still be seen.

Vehicles are still being entered by force, in the assumption that most people store the devices within the glove box or out of sight within the vehicle. Please be aware of this and if possible choose a device that can fully removed or stored out of sight, so as not to attract the un-warranted attention of the car thief.

The following is a summary of the incidents within the area, if you have any information regarding any such crime please contact Balerno Police station.

CURRIE

At 21.30Hrs on the 1st December, 3 youths were reported for causing a breach of the peace in Pentland View Court.

Overnight on the 5th a motor van was broken into whilst parked in Corslet Place, a navigation system and other electronic goods were stolen. A second vehicle was forcibly entered in Thomson Road, Currie, again a navigation system was stolen. A third vehicle was entered in Riccarton Crescent, but nothing was apparently stolen.

On the 8th December a male was reported for contravention of bail conditions imposed on him, in Corslet Place.

Overnight on the 22nd a window of a business premises in Lanark Road West was smashed.

At 14.50Hrs on the 23rd a male entered a store in Corslet Place and using a hammer demanded money from staff. The attempted robbery was unsuccessful and the male was traced nearby and arrested.

Overnight on the 26th a motorcar parked in Nether Currie Crescent was entered and a navigation system stolen. A male was traced in relation to this crime, arrested and reported.

Overnight on the 27th a motorcar parked in Weaversknowe Crescent was entered by force but nothing apparently stolen.

At 20:00hrs on the 28th a male presented a knife to a youth standing in Pentland View, Currie. Enquiries are ongoing to report the male.

During the evening of the 29th a motorcar parked in Pentland View had its wing mirror damaged.

Overnight on the 29th a further vehicle parked in Pentland View had its wing mirror damaged.

At 19.15Hrs on the 30th a male was reported for committing a Breach of the peace in Corslet Place, Currie.

Overnight on the 31st a motorcar parked in Palmer Place had its wing mirror damaged.

JUNIPER GREEN and BABERTON

On the 1st of December a female was arrested for committing a Breach of the Peace in Baberton Court.

Overnight on the 5th a Trampoline frame was stolen from a rear garden in Baberton Mains Drive.

Between 07.50Hrs and 17.15Hrs on the 6th an attempt was made to enter a house in Lanark Road, Juniper Green.

At 11.30Hrs on the 10 a male was arrested and charged for an assault in Baberton Mains Avenue.

Between the 15th and 18th of December Juniper Green Primary school was subjected to a spate of Graffiti.

Overnight on the 22nd a motorcar parked in Baberton Mains Dell was maliciously damaged.

Around 02.00Hrs on the 23rd the windows of two motorcars parked in Baberton Mains Lea were smashed. Two males were reported for this incident.

Overnight on the 24th the wing mirror of a car parked in Viewfield Road was damaged.

Overnight on the 25th a vehicle parked in Belmont Road was entered but nothing apparently stolen.

Overnight on the 27th a motorcar parked on Baberton Mains Place was forcibly entered and a quantity of electronic goods stolen.

Between 16.00Hrs on the 30th and 23.00Hrs on the 31st a shop in Lanark Road, Juniper Green was forcibly entered, but nothing was apparently stolen.

Useful Numbers

The Community Sergeant for the area is Sgt Tony Catlin.

He can be contacted at

Balerno Police Station 449 5991

balerno.cbo@lbp.pnn.police.uk

Confidential or anonymous information on all types of criminal activity can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

And Finally....

After more than thirty years police service I have decided it is time to move on to pastures new. It is with sadness and a little regret that I now say goodbye.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Balerno / Oxfords and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help and support over the past few years.

Inspector Alan Grant

