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The Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places

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The City Of Edinburgh Council have invoked powers under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to create an Edinburgh wide byelaw prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public places. *The City of Edinburgh Council Prohibition of Consumption of Alcohol in Designated Public Places Byelaws 2006* became effective on Monday 8th January 2007.

The Byelaw is unique in Scotland, in that the intention is not to completely ban the consumption of alcohol in public places, but to prohibit consumption where it is associated with antisocial behaviour. In practical terms, anyone now consuming alcohol in a public place and acting in an antisocial manner could be asked to desist by the police. It is an offence to refuse to comply and could result in a fine of up to £500.

Chief Superintendent George Simpson, Divisional Commander

Crime Prevention - Satellite Navigation Systems

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Satellite Navigation Systems are becoming increasingly popular with motorists, but also with local criminals, especially if left on show within parked vehicles. To help tackle the problem please consider the following crime prevention advice when leaving your vehicle unattended for any period of time;

- Disconnect the system - taking the electronic route finder with you
- Remove the suction mounted fitting from the windscreen and clean any suction marks, which may indicate the presence of a system
- Note the serial number of your system and keep the information safe
- Security mark each part of your system with an ultraviolet marker
- Register your system free with a tracking agency like www.immobilise.com

For additional advice, please contact the Lothian & Borders Police Safer Communities Department on telephone 0131 221 2073.

Local News

CURRIE

At 02:00Hrs on the 1st January a male was arrested in Riccarton Main Road, Currie for driving whilst under the influence of alcohol.

At 18.50Hrs on the 1st a female was arrested for a breach of the peace and resisting arrest in Forthview Crescent.

At 18.45Hrs on the 6th a male was assaulted by a group of youths in Pentland View Court. Enquiries are continuing.

At 22.00Hrs on the 8th 3 unknown males assaulted a male in Forthview Crescent.

At 11.00Hrs on the 9th a female was bitten by an Airedale terrier whilst walking on the water of Leith walkway. Both the owner and walker of the dog concerned have been reported.

At 09.00Hrs on the 11th a forged Bank of Scotland £20 note was presented at a store in Pentland View Court, by two males, aged between 20-30 years.

At 12.40Hrs on the 17th the window of a house in Dolphin Avenue was damaged. The following day this house was again targeted and further damage caused.

In the early hours of the 18th a vehicle parked in Dolphin Road was maliciously damaged, by throwing white paint over the bodywork.

At 20.15Hrs on the 19th two males were arrested for a Breach of the Peace in Bryce Road.

At 22.30Hrs on the 19th the window of a house in Forthview Crescent was smashed, a male has been charged with this offence.

At 11.00Hrs on the 23rd a male was stopped driving a motorcar in Nether Currie Crescent and charged with driving without valid insurance.

At 15.40Hrs on the 25th a female youth was assaulted in Forthview Crescent two suspects have been identified and enquiries are ongoing.

At 19.40Hrs on the 25th a patio window of a house in Currievale Park was smashed.

At 18.20Hrs on the 26th an item was thrown at a house window in Palmer Road, which caused the glass to crack. Overnight on the 26th a window of the Medical Centre at Pentland View was smashed.

Around 13.30Hrs on the 29th a car window was smashed whilst it was parked in the Kirkgate, Currie.

JUNIPER GREEN AND BABERTON

At 22.15Hrs on the 5th January a male was arrested in Lanark Road, for driving a motor vehicle whilst under the influence of alcohol.

Between 17.30 on the 13th and 16.30 on the 15th a garage in Baberton Mains Wood was entered by force and a quantity of golf equipment stolen.

During the evening of the 26th a male was arrested for a breach of the peace following a call of a disturbance taking place in Lanark Road, Juniper Green.

Around 20.40Hrs on the 27th two youths were identified as carrying offensive weapons in the Baberton and Juniper Green areas, both were arrested and charged.

About 21.45Hrs on the 27th a serious sexual assault occurred within Baberton Mains Drive. Enquiries are ongoing to trace a teenage male who was wearing a light coloured hooded top and jogging bottoms.

Between 19.00 and 22:00Hrs on the 29th a house in Baberton Mains Lea was the subject of a break-in and Jewellery, electronic goods and sports equipment 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....

Due to the retiral of Inspector Alan Grant, there is no Inspector's message this month.

