



'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

Working Together for a Safer Capital 2007/08

CITY
WATCH

I am very pleased to be able to report that at the end of the recording year April 2006 to March 2007, recorded levels of crime across Edinburgh fell by 3% on last year and solvency improved by 7% with 44% of all crimes committed solved.

The City of Edinburgh Policing Plan 2007/08 will help us build on this performance and tackle the competing priorities of national security, the protection of communities, the policing of events and the reduction of crime and disorder. The Plan emphasises that the sharing of information remains key to providing the highest quality of service and we will continue to engage with our partners and the diverse communities across the Capital to ensure that police officers are working where they are most needed.

Chief Superintendent George Simpson, Divisional Commander

Police Warning – Capital Scams

FOR
YOUR
SAFETY

The police are warning the public to be on their guard against buying fake goods from street sellers in Edinburgh. The alert comes after concerned members of the public were offered **fake jewellery** in the city centre during March. Police later arrested six people in connection with the incident.

A police spokesperson said, "We would urge members of the public to be cautious about purchasing anything from people approaching them in the street. People can be caught out buying inferior goods that are not worth the price being asked. If you have any concerns about street traders, you should get in touch with your local Council to report it."

In addition, three elderly residents in Edinburgh lost thousands of pounds after falling victim to a Canadian **lottery scam**. Victims were contacted by letter or telephone by the alleged operator of the lottery and communications have also been received from a Spanish lottery. Both promise vast sums of money in exchange for an administration fee.

A police spokesperson said, "We would urge people not to enter into any type of agreement to part with money to anyone offering them substantial prize winnings. Anyone being contacted should contact Consumer Direct on www.consumerdirect.gov.uk or 0845 4040506 or their local trading standards department."

Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Baberton

Here is the Currie / Juniper Green April newsletter covering activity from the 1st to the 31st March 2007.

I would like to start with a quick introduction. My name is Mike Smith and as of the 2nd April I am the new Community Beat Officer covering the Currie, Juniper Green and Hermiston areas.

I have 13 years police service having worked initially in the city centre for about 8 years, moving to the South Edinburgh Youth Action Team and lastly onto a CBO post in Morningside area. Also picking up attachments along the way.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can. Please give me time to find my feet in the new area.

Regards Mike Smith.



In order to promote safer communities and encourage social responsibility, Lothian and Borders Police is offering you the opportunity to become involved in the policing of your local community through volunteering.

Interested?

Our Volunteer Programme is currently being devised and we would like you to note your interest by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator:

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Further information on volunteering can be found at the Lothian and Borders Police Website at www.lbp.police.uk.

SOLVED CRIMES

On the 24th a 26 year old male was arrested in Lanark Road West after committing a minor assault and a breach of the peace.



On the 3rd in Riccarton Mains Grove a 42 year old male was charged after driving a motor car with no insurance or MOT.

On the 3rd a 42 year old male was arrested and charged for drunk driving.

ASSAULT – On the 26th March at 17:30hrs an assault took place at a premises in Pentland View. We are currently attempting to trace a named male.

At 2140hrs on the 13th an assault took place in Lanark Road West. The male responsible is described as: **male, white, 20 – 22 years of age, 6'0 in height, black hair, medium build wearing a blue coloured tracksuit and a blue baseball cap with 2 white stripes on it.**

THEFT – OTHERS

On the 20th at 09.40hrs a theft occurred in Riccarton Mains Road where a number of metal items were removed from a front garden.



Between 08.40 and 09.30 on the 12th a theft occurred after the complainer fell asleep on a number 25 LRT bus. The complainers handbag and its contents were stolen.

Following a party at a house in Baberton Mains Drive on the 3rd a mobile phone was later found to have been stolen.

THEFT OLP

In the early afternoon on the 24th a vehicle parked in Pentland View was entered by smashing a window. A large amount of personal items were stolen including a handbag, keys, and diary

VANDALISM

Between the 24th and the 25th a motorcar was damaged in Weavers Knowe Crescent when it had its panels scratched.



Between the 23rd and the 25th, a vehicle parked in Forthview Road had its window smashed

Between 8pm and 9pm on 20th March a vehicle parked in Palmer Road had its window smashed.

Between the 16th and the 23rd a gravestone, flowers and vase were damaged in Currie Kirk.

Between the 18th and the 19th in Lanark Road West a Ford Puma car had its window smashed.

On the 16th in Palmer Road a vehicle had its window smashed.

Between the 10th and the 11th a wall in Baberton mains Row was damaged after stones were removed from it.

On the 6th a vehicles wing mirror was damaged whilst parked in Bryce Road.

OTHER CRIMES

A male is currently being sought having made a large number of nuisance phone calls.

STATISTICS

A total number of 20 crimes were committed in the area this month of which 13 were solved, that equates to a 65% solvency.

This year to date there have been 311 recorded crimes and 128 solved, which equates to a 41.16% solvency rate. In comparison last year, during the same period, there were 398-recorded crimes with 115 of them solved, a 28.89% solvency rate.

We are presently sitting to date with 22% less recorded crime and a 12.27% increase in solvency. Please note that not all crimes are not included in these figures.

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NEW CHIEF CONSTABLE

David Strang starts as the new Chief Constable of Lothian and Borders Police today (Thursday March 29th).

Mr Strang, formerly Chief Constable of Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary, succeeds Paddy Tomkins who has left to become Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland.

Mr Strang previously spent three years with Lothian and Borders Police between 1998 and 2001 when he was Assistant Chief Constable. Then he was responsible for all policing in the city of Edinburgh, including a number of high profile events such as the Millennium Hogmanay Street Party celebrations.

He is looking forward to returning to the Force and the new challenges he will have to face as Chief Constable

