



**'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'**

**Police and Council Move In Together**

**CITY  
WIDE**

Seventeen police officers from the Safer Communities Department are now co-located with Council colleagues at Chesser House, Gorgie Road. The co-location is a groundbreaking opportunity to co-ordinate and improve the delivery of services to people living and working across the Capital. Officers are working side by side with Council staff on problem solving partnerships, crime prevention through design initiatives, personal safety and the reduction of antisocial behaviour. Also located at Chesser House are specialised police officers tasked with raising awareness of the misuse of drugs and safety on public transport. The principal benefits of co-location will include

- Improved information sharing between police and Council departments
- Greater understanding of working practices and sharing of best practice
  - Enhanced opportunities to plan joint working

**Chief Superintendent George Simpson, Divisional Commander**

**Holiday Security Hints for Your Home**

**FOR  
HOLIDAYS**

Most housebreakings happen when a flat or house is unoccupied. But, by following these simple security hints you can help make your home appear occupied and therefore more secure whilst you are out or on holiday.

- Don't discuss holiday plans where strangers might overhear
- Cancel milk or paper deliveries
- Don't leave curtains closed during the daytime
- Use timer switches to light up your home at night
- Tidy your garden
- Ask relatives or trusted neighbours to visit your home and ask them to collect mail, mow the lawn, put out bins and open and close curtains
- Let relatives or trusted neighbours know how long you will be away for and leave details of where you can be contacted in an emergency
- Consider leaving important documents and valuable items with relatives or purchase a small safe, which should be securely fixed within your home
- If you are not taking your car with you, make sure car keys are hidden

Finally, make sure that you have locked all the outside doors and windows, if you have an intruder alarm; make sure it is set. *You can find more detailed crime prevention advice at [www.crimereduction.gov.uk](http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk)*

# Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston May newsletter covering activity from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007.



## SCOTTISH OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE



At the last Currie Community Council meeting the topic of pedal cycling on off-road footpaths came up and I just want to pass on some information that I have managed to source.

## SCOTTISH CYCLE TRAINING SCHEME

Over the last 5 weeks I have been working in partnership with Nether Currie Primary School, the Road safety Department, the Active Schools co-ordinator and parents assisting in the SCOTTISH CYCLE TRAINING SCHEME. The cycle scheme aims to provide basic skills and knowledge necessary for competent and safer cycling on the road.

The scheme is delivered through classroom inputs covering theory and knowledge and playground and road inputs delivering practical cycling skills. This years course consisted of 27 students.

The final cycle took place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June around local roads and the standard of cycling displayed was of an exceptionally high level. I would like to pass on my congratulations to all the kids who took part and I look forward to seeing you cycling around the area safely, considerately and with more confidence. Well done everyone. PC Mike..!!

Primary Six Pupils (Nicholas Morton and Kate Murray) with , Mrs Joan Alexander, Road Safety Officer, Marion Milne, Learning Assistant and myself.



All the laws I could find relating to cycling were concerned with cycling on a road. It would appear that there is very little the police can do, other than advise, when it comes to person cycling off road however when incodsiderate cyclists fail to inform pedestrians of their presence then shoot past them at high speeds its can be extremely frightening. Coupled also with the poissibility that the pedestrian may have a dog with them can casue even greater danger.

There is however a code of conduct that has been written up by the Scottish Natural Heritage and which can be found online at <http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com/default.asp>.

More specifically, there is an OFF ROAD CYCLING, GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE which gives a common sense pratical advice on the subject and can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

I am have taken possesssion of a number of these leaflets so if anyone would like one please let me know and I will get one to you.

**Here's to safe cycling and safe walking.**

## THEFT OTHERS

In the early hours of the 1<sup>st</sup> plant pots were stolen from a couple of gardens in Woodhall Avenue.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 males entered a shop in Corslet Place, distracted a staff member and stole a £20 phone car.

Between the 4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, approx 1 tonne of stainless steel was stolen from a premises near Hermiston.

On the afternoon of the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> 2 bags and contents were stolen from premises in Dolphin Avenue.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> a number of solar powered garden lights were stolen from a rear garden in Riccarton Mains Road.



## THEFT PEDAL CYCLE.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> a pedal cycle was stolen from Muirwood road.

## THEFT HOUSEBREAKING

On the afternoon of the 10<sup>th</sup> a dwelling house was broken into by entering a garden shed, removing tools and forcing rear conservatory doors. A large amount of jewellery and electrical equipment were stolen.

On the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> a garage premises in Riccarton Grove were entered and gardening equipment was stolen.

During the day on the 24<sup>th</sup> a dwelling house was entered in Woodhall Terrace. A large quantity of jewellery was stolen.

## THEFT OLP MOTOR VEHICLE

Overnight on the 6<sup>th</sup> a vehicle was entered in Woodhall Terrace and a Sat Nav system stolen.



Over night on the 12<sup>th</sup> there was an attempt to enter a vehicle parked in Foulis Crescent.

Between the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> a vehicle was entered in Juniper Avenue and a Sat Nav system stolen.

## ROBBERY & ASSAULT

On the 21<sup>st</sup> a taxi driver was subjected to and assault and robbery in Hermoston having picked up a fare from Livingston. The males responsible asre described as:

**1. male, white, 30 – 35 years of age, 5'6, stocky build, short black hair wearing a blue tracksuit top and blue jeans.**

**2. male, white, 30 – 35 years of age, 5'9, slim build, short dark brown hair, unshaven wearing a white jumper.**

## VANDALISM

On the 4<sup>th</sup> a dwelling in Muirwood Road had its window smashed.

Between the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 18 a vehicle parked in Pentland View had its wing mirror damaged.

Overnight on the 20<sup>th</sup> a garden chair was smashed in a front garden by throwing a large stone on it.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> a premises in Pentland View Court had its window smashed.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> a vehicle parked in Westburn Avenue had its rear window smashed.

In the early hours of the 27<sup>th</sup> a vehicle had its paintwork scratched.

Between the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> a vehicle parked in Woodhall Terrace had its window smashed.

Overnight on the 28<sup>th</sup> a premises in Pentland View had its window smashed. The same premises were again the subject of a similar incident a few days later.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> a premises in Westburn Avenue had its window smashed.

## SOLVED CRIMES

A 53 year old male has been charged with an assault in a bar.



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> a 13 year old male was charged with deliberately setting fire to rubbish next to a medical centre and another

premises in Dolphin Road

A 16 year old male has been charged with a minor assault for an incident in Forthview Crescent.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> a 14 year old male was arrested for Breach of the peace.

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At 1900hrs on the 4<sup>th</sup> a 39 year old male was arrested in Palmer Road for trying to steal a motor vehicle.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> in Westburn Avenue a 36 year old male was charged with numerous road traffic offences.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> in Riccarton Mains Road a 42 year old male was arrested and charged with drink driving and having no insurance for the vehicle.

A 53 year old male has been charged with racially abusing a Polish male.



On the 4<sup>th</sup> a 36 year old male was arrested and charged with drink driving.

A 15 year old male has been charged with a vandalism committed on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

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**AND  
FINALLY**

While looking through the Lothian & Borders Police website I came across an extremely useful public resource. This can be accessed from the L & B homepage at [www.lbp.police.uk](http://www.lbp.police.uk) and clicking on the FAQ link in the top right corner. Here you will find answers to questions covering topics such as data protection, traffic, recruitment, firearms and loads more..... A very useful resource.

