

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

CITY
WIDE

Lothian and Borders Police 'A' Division are backing a new initiative launched on Tuesday 29th July that aims to reduce antisocial behaviour and alcohol related crime by encouraging Edinburgh's off-sales premises to share information with each other.

The Safer Off-Sales Scheme aims to ensure a safe and secure environment for people to enjoy Edinburgh's day and night time economy. Off-sales premises will be able to share information on customers they have banned from their premises. Once a member has banned an individual they will be banned from all participating premises.

I am sure this scheme will bring great benefits to the way in which we police the city of Edinburgh and hope it will encourage more responsible drinking across all ages.

Colin Campbell Divisional Commander

HOT
TOPICS

Pedal cycles remain a popular mode of transport in Edinburgh, good for exercise and easy for getting around the city - very popular with bike thieves.

Bikes can cost anything between £100 and £3000, or even more. It is therefore important that you take steps to reduce the chances of your bike being stolen.

- When purchasing your bike spend at least 10% of the value of the bike on cycle security measures; you get what you pay for.
- "Sold Secure" is an accreditation scheme for locks. They perform a number of tests on locks, including attack tests. The award is granted according to how many tests the lock withstands, Bronze, Silver or Gold. A Gold award does not mean the lock is impenetrable; just that it withstood all that Sold Secure threw at it in the allocated time.
- Many cheaper locks may look the part, but you can guarantee cycle thieves know what they are about.
- Home or away; lock your bike to something immovable or solid, no matter how short the period you are leaving your bike for. Even if the bike is visible from where you are, lock it – a person cycling away is usually faster than the person running after them.
- Easily removed components such as lights, computers, saddles etc – take them with you and secure 'quick release' wheels.

For further bike security information visit www.soldsecure.com
www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/vehiclecrime/vehiclecrime063htm

Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the July newsletter covering activity from the 1st to the 31st July 2008.

CRIMES AGAINST PREMISES

Between the 29th and the 1st a garden shed which was insecure was entered and a Reebok mountain bike valued at £90 was stolen. It was later recovered in a nearby street.

Between the 15th and the 19th the Riccarton Playgroup and the Currie after school huts situated at the rear of the old Currie Primary were entered. The premises were messed up and a few items stolen. It's believed the premises were being used by youths as a gang hut. If anyone should see youths hanging about these huts can I ask that they call the police right away?

Between the 15th and the 22nd, there was an attempt to enter a shed in Newmills Road however the locks held.

CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

On the 3rd a 17 year old male was assaulted in Curriehill Road.

SHOPLIFTING

On the 31st at 14:45hrs a shoplifting took place at a premises in Juniper Green. The suspect for the theft is described as: **male, white, 40 – 50 years, 5'8, medium build, long mousey brown hair swept back wearing a light blue t-shirt, light denim jeans carrying a white carrier bag.**

VANDALISM

- 27th – 30th, Palmer Road, damage to premises.
- 27th Curriehill Road, smashed window
- 26th, Baberton Avenue, damage to car
- 27th, Forthview Crescent, scratched car door.
- 19th, Woodhall Avenue, damage to vehicle.
- 18th, Muir Wood Road, damage to car after running over it.
- 14th, Riccarton, smashed window
- 3rd - 4th, Easter Currie Court, damage to motor vehicle.
- 2nd – 3rd, Baberton Avenue, smashed window.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME

Overnight on the 26th a vehicle trailer was entered and a roll of asphalt stolen.

Overnight on the 25th a Suzuki motorcar was entered by pulling back the door top, unlocking the car and entering. Nothing was stolen in this instance.

Between the 9th and the 10th a Honda motor cycle was stolen from a driveway in Muir Wood Road.

OTHER CRIMES

On the 18th a wheelie bin was stolen from outside a house in Bryce Crescent.

Between the 3rd and the 8th a quantity of metal was stolen from a premises in Lanark Road West.

At 11:25hrs on the 1st July 2008 a till snatch occurred at a premises in Juniper Green. There is no description for the suspect.

SOLVED CRIMES

A 17 year old male has been arrested and charged with assault following an attack on the 27th.

A 27 year old male has been arrested and charged following a Robbery at a premises in Currie.

THEFTS OF METAL

Recently there have been thefts and attempts to steal quantities of metal in and around the area. On the 7th and 8th July the Scottish Business Crimes Centre combined in a 2-day crack down on metal thefts around the country.

In the last year:

- Communities across the country lost power when telecoms and power industry sub-stations were targeted by metal thieves
- A house explosion was the result of theft of domestic gas copper tubing
- Instances of severe delays on the railway network due to theft of copper signal cable
- A death and eight serious injuries during attempted metal thefts

The police operations have been working alongside HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) to deal with anyone who has an income from selling stolen metals and the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) have also been involved as most criminal activity is undertaken in either un-roadworthy or untaxed vehicles.

The Environment Agency was on hand to deal with anyone carrying scrap metal without a waste carriers licence.

Also supporting the days of action were the brewing industry (KegWatch), which is affected by theft of aluminium kegs, and the rail, telecoms and power industries.

Members of the public play their part by reporting anyone they suspect of being involved in thefts to their local police force or to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Theft of all metal has risen on average 150% in the last 24 months. Some of the most prolific thefts include copper cable from railways, telecoms and power stations, drain hole covers and statues.

PLEASE CALL THE POLICE SHOULD YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS.

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AND FINALLY PARKING ON THE PAVEMENT



I am going to mention this again as recently a number of streets in and around the Currie area had new kerbstones re-instated and bumping up and down them in a car only causes damage. Parking on the pavement is an offence and could see your car removed. A number of cars are parked so far onto the pavement that there is no way a buggy or wheelchair could get past. Simply put:

Roadways are for cars, pavements are for pedestrians, its that easy...!!

