

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

CITY
WIDE

August was a challenging month for Lothian & Borders Police with the Edinburgh Festival celebrations and commencement of the new football season. The police service is often pulled in many directions by the demands placed upon us however, as ever, we continue to provide daily a high level of service to the public across the city.

With Freshers Week approaching, officers continue to maintain established links with the Universities, providing information to new students on a variety of issues including personal safety, lifestyle and home security.

In addition, as we approach Autumn and subsequent darker nights, in terms of home security, I would encourage vigilance and if anyone is seen acting suspiciously, contact your local police station.

Colin Campbell Divisional Commander

HOT
TOPICS

Unfortunately, at this time of year, break-ins to garden sheds become more common. Many criminals consider this type of crime to be low risk, as they don't have to force entry to your home. People store bikes, power tools and expensive gardening equipment in their sheds making them very attractive targets for criminals.

The good news is that there is a lot you can do to outsmart garden thieves. A few simple solutions can make all the difference to the security of your garden. Firstly is your shed in a good state of repair ?

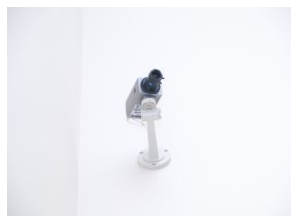
- The hinges and any hasps should be attached using coach bolts rather than screws, and use a good quality closed shackle padlock.
- Shed window – securely fit a grille over it; either internally or externally.
- Garden forks, spades, etc. can all be used as tools to try and force entry to your house. Secure them together with a length of chain through the handles secured by a padlock. Don't leave tools lying around the garden and make sure ladders are kept secure.
- Bikes - use securely fixed ground anchors and good quality bike locks to secure them. These can also be used for lawnmowers etc, or again secure them together.
- Security mark tools, lawnmowers, toolboxes and garden furniture, by engraving, painting or using a security marker pen. Mark them with your surname, house number and postcode.
- Install security lighting.
- Fit a shed alarm. These only cost a few pounds and can be bought from most DIY store.

Should you require any further security advice contact your local Neighbourhood Crime Prevention Officer.

Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

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

CRIMES AGAINST PREMISES



At 1015hrs on the 30th a premises in Kirkgate were entered and searched. The method of entry was to prise open a fire exit. The premises were searched but no items were stolen.

Between the 2nd and the 4th, premises in Forthview Crescent were entered. A number of items stolen from the premises were later found discarded outside.

CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

In the early hours of the 12th, a male was assaulted in Juniper Green after he confronted a group of youths regarding their behaviour.

At 14.40hrs on the 8th, there was an attempt to assault and rob a male of his phone at knifepoint in Lanark Road at the bypass flyover. The MO was to ask the complainer for the time and when the complainer took out his mobile phone to check, the male produced a stanley knife and demanded the phone. The complainer ran off and made good his escape. The suspect is described as: **male, white, 16 years of age, 5'10, slim / skinny build, fair /blonde short hair, wearing a pink t-shirt with a number or logo thereon, with a gold chain and possibly jeans.**

VANDALISM

- 23rd, Dolphin Avenue, car window smashed.
- 17th, Pentland Place, smashed window
- 23rd, Lanark Road West, damage to vehicle.
- 22nd, Corslet Place, smashed window
- 8th – 13th, Pentland View, smashed window & burnt signage.
- 16th, Forthview Crescent, smashed window.
- 16th – 17th, Easter Currie Court, damage to car.
- 16th – 17th, Muir Wood Road, damage to car.
- 3rd - 4th, Cherry Tree Crescent, damage to vehicle



MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME

On the 10th a motor car, parked in Belmont Road, had its number plates stolen.

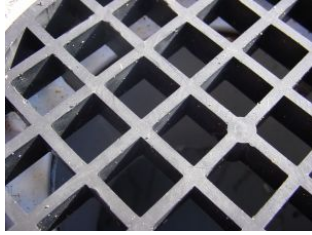
OTHER CRIMES

On the 28th a theft occurred at a premises in Pentland View.

On the 2nd, at Riccarton a mobile phone was stolen whilst left unattended.

THEFTS OF METAL

Overnight on the 28th - 29th, 8 drain covers that were left out following road works were stolen from Lanark Road West.



SOLVED CRIMES

In the early hours of the 31st a 17 year old male was issued with a fixed penalty ticket for breach of the peace.

On the 5th a male was charged with leaving the scene of a road traffic accident.

On the 4th a male was arrested and charged after an incident in Pentland View.

PUBLIC APPEAL - MISSING PERSON

Police are appealing for help to trace Alan Goulden who has been missing from his home in the Maybury area of Edinburgh since Saturday August 30.



64-year-old Alan Goulden was last seen in Maybury Road, Edinburgh, between 6.30am and 7.30am. He may have visited a local supermarket at the Gyle Shopping Centre at around 8.00am that morning.

Mr Goulden is described as white, 5ft 7-8ins tall, of medium build, with a ruddy complexion and short light brown hair. He may be wearing a light blue jumper, checked shirt, trousers and brown leather shoes. He is well spoken, with an English accent.

Mr Goulden is well known in the Maybury area for walking his small white Papillion dog. He did not have the dog with him when he went missing.

A police spokeswoman said: "We are growing increasingly concerned for Mr Goulden's safety, and would urge anyone who may have seen him since he went missing to contact police as a matter of urgency."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Lothian and Borders Police on **0131 311 3131** or Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on **0800 555 111**

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AND FINALLY

HAVE YOU BEEN THE VICTIM OF CRIME..??

Victim Support Scotland...



Victim Support Scotland is the lead voluntary organisation in Scotland helping people affected by crime. It provides emotional support, practical help and essential information to victims, witnesses and others affected by crime. The service is free, confidential and is provided by volunteers through a network of community based victim and youth justice services and court based witness services. More information can be found at <http://www.victimsupportscotland.org.uk>.

