

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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‘Work With Us’

Divisional Commanders Message

CITY

October marks the 6-month point since the establishment of the Neighbourhood Action Units (NAUs). I have watched as each of our teams has developed and embraced the partnership working opportunities afforded and how they have worked hard to combat anti-social behaviour in our communities across Edinburgh. I am glad to note that our Council partners have also recognised the good work undertaken to date and have publicly commended the teams in the media.

WIDE

As expected we have faced a number of challenges that come with partnership working however it is clear from the work of the NAUs that the benefits are very evident and that we, and the people we serve, are starting to realise them.

We will ensure that the NAUs continue to bring great benefits to the way in which we police the City of Edinburgh.

Colin Campbell Divisional Commander

Fireworks and Bonfire Safety

**HOT
TOPICS**

This year, as in previous years, the weeks surrounding the 5th of November will place considerable demands on the Police, the Fire and Rescue Service, local health services and council services across the city. Many people are needlessly injured and a great deal of nuisance is caused to the public due to the misuse of fireworks and the irresponsible building of bonfires.

Bonfires are often constructed in inappropriate places, near to people’s homes or businesses or built to such a size that they present a danger to life and property. The supply of fireworks to youths under 18 years is not only illegal but can also lead to dangerous incidents.

Lothian and Borders Police are working closely with our partners within the Fire and Rescue Service, council services and local health services within our local communities to reduce the potential dangers to the public by;

- removing any unauthorised bonfires that pose a threat to life or property
- educating children and young persons about the dangers of fireworks
- ensuring the retailers involved in the sale of fireworks act responsibly
- identifying individuals involved in the misuse or illegal sale and supply of fireworks

By working closely with partner agencies and local communities Lothian and Borders Police aim to ensure that the people of Edinburgh can enjoy the 5th of November festivities safely.

Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the October newsletter covering activity from the 1st to the 30th September 2008.

CRIMES AGAINST PREMISES



Between the 10th and the 17th, a shed in Heriot Watt was entered and a number of rugby balls stolen.

On the 17th a theft shoplifting took place at a premises in Corslet Place where a number of deodorants were stolen.

On the 19th, a laptop valued at over £2000 was stolen from Heriot Watt University.

On the 6th, a male entered premises in Lanark Road West, stole a rucksack and left unnoticed. The rucksack and contents were found nearby.

On the 3rd an overhead projector was stolen from a premises in Heriot Watt.

CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

On the 19th a teenager had her mobile phone stolen.

As mentioned in my special bulletin last month, bogus workmen have been operating in the area. An elderly gentleman from Bryce Road fell foul of the fraudsters when he had a driveway laid... Badly..!!!

In the early hours of the 1st, a male was assaulted in Juniper Avenue and sustained a cut to his head for which he received stitches.

VANDALISM

- 27th, Pentland View, damage to motor vehicle.
- 24th – 25th, Muir Wood Road, cracked window.
- 15th, Palmer Road, damage to car.
- 18th, Forthview Road, cracked window.
- 12th- 16th, Pentland View, damage to car.
- 14th – 15th, Palmer Road, 2 cars damaged.
- 6th – 7th, Pentland View. Windows smashed.



MOTOR CRIME

Between the 11th and the 13th, 2 x cars had their registration plates stolen.

On the 7th at 0530hrs a car window was smashed and a car entered. Nothing was stolen.

Overnight on the 5th a Citroen motor car had its front nearside wheel stolen.

SOLVED CRIMES

Just after midnight on the 20th, a male was attacked by a group of youths. A 17 year old male has been identified and has been charged with serious assault.

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They are hosting an online information day on the 24th October 2008. Please go to www.iwf.org.uk for more information.

