

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Work With Us'

### Divisional Commanders Message

CITY

The Force Excellence Awards took place last month at Murrayfield Stadium, and I was very pleased to attend this event particularly as A Division received much recognition for our community work, in particular the Neighbourhood Action Units and the Leith Outdoor Space Partnership. It's encouraging to see so much good work going on across the city, and highlights the fact the policing in Edinburgh isn't only about catching criminals, but also about improving quality of life for communities. My thanks and congratulations to all who took part for all their hard work.

WIDE

November brought with it the annual fireworks celebrations which is a fun event for many however a minority are intent on spoiling the occasion for everyone else. Our officers however responded to calls swiftly, particularly in support of our Fire and Rescue colleagues, and worked extremely hard to keep anti-social behaviour to a minimum.

The Division is currently busy launching our Winter Policing Initiatives across the city. A range of operations are ongoing to target crimes such as shoplifting, anti-social behaviour and drink related violence. A Division Officers are dedicated to making sure all of the people in Edinburgh at this time of year are kept as safe as possible and that people are allowed to enjoy themselves throughout the festive period.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and festive period, and a very good New Year.

**Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell**

### All That Glitters .....

May not be gold but it usually catches someone's eye...try not to make it the thief's. The 'Festive' season is with us once again when most people are busy, decorating the house, shopping and wrapping presents .....or watching where you put your purse or wallet, checking to see what's been left on display in the back of the car or below the 'christmas' tree.....!

Don't let a thief ruin your Christmas, follow these simple tips

#### Out Shopping

- Stay alert in crowded shops and streets and be wary of pickpockets.
- Be careful with your wallet or purse – keep it close to your body and don't carry too much cash and look after bank and credit cards.
- If using your car; always park in a well-lit area, lock all the doors, windows and boot; and do not leave any presents or other valuables on view.

#### At Home

- At home or out; remember to lock the doors and windows and if you have an intruder alarm – use it.
- If you go out for the evening, make it look like someone is at home – leave the lights and the radio on – use a timer switch.
- Don't leave your curtains open so anyone can see your decorations - this makes it easy for thieves to look in to your house.

If you are on holiday over the 'Festive' season, put your lights on a timer and ask a trusted neighbour to look after the house removing unopened mail from behind the letterbox.

HOT TOPICS

# Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston



Hi everyone... Well there's been snow and frost on the ground, decorations are being put up and I've come over all Christmassy...!!

Here is the December newsletter covering activity from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

## CRIMES AGAINST PREMISES

Between the 27<sup>th</sup> November and the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, a shed in Rowantree Avenue was entered but nothing stolen.

At 0130hrs on the 16<sup>th</sup>, a house in Weavers Knowe Crescent was entered via an insecure back door.

On the 13<sup>th</sup>, 3 males were chased from rear gardens in Dolphin Gardens West.

On the 15<sup>th</sup>, premises in Lanark Road West were entered. Money and personal effects were stolen.

## CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

On the 27<sup>th</sup> a schoolboy was assaulted.

At 18:45 on the 8<sup>th</sup>, a 13 year old male was assaulted in Bloomiehall Park.

## PEDAL CYCLES

Between the 11<sup>th</sup> & the 12<sup>th</sup> a bike secured in Pentland View Court was stolen.



## VANDALISM

- 14<sup>th</sup>, Palmer Road, smashed window.
- 27<sup>th</sup>, Curriehill Road, damage to motor car.
- 20<sup>th</sup>, Lanark Road, damage to bus.
- 15<sup>th</sup>, Baberton Avenue, damage to property.
- 13<sup>th</sup>, Woodhall Avenue, damage to car.
- 8<sup>th</sup>, Stewart Place, damage to property
- 7<sup>th</sup>, Cherry Tree Park, smashed window



## SOLVED CRIMES

On the 5<sup>th</sup> a male and a female were charged with possession and supply charges and reported to the fiscal having been found in possession of heroin and crack cocaine.

A 15 year old female has been charged with assault following an incident in Forthview Road.

On the 10<sup>th</sup>, a 22 year old male was arrested after an incident in Palmer Road.

On the 6<sup>th</sup>, a 13 year old female was arrested and reported for a breach of the peace.

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## AND FINALLY

If you are the proprietor of retail premises or have domestic premises which will be unoccupied over the festive period please ensure you take adequate security measures to protect your property. An alarm, quality locks on doors and windows and security lights will all help to deter a would-be thief.



On a similar note, when out Christmas shopping don't leave presents or other valuable possessions within your vehicle in full view of passers by. Lock them safely in the car boot and remove them as soon as possible when you return home.

It only remains for me to wish everyone a *very very* Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If out indulging during the festivities, take heed of what an Inspector I once had would say "take everything in moderation, even moderation"!!!!



Once again have a lovely festive period.

