

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Work With Us'

### Divisional Commanders Message

The huge range of Winter Initiatives that have been taking place across the City over the festive period are coming to an end, and I am encouraged by the results. All officers and staff have worked hard to ensure a high visibility presence and crime prevention messages have helped keep crime levels low, and anti social behaviour to a minimum. Hogmanay policing plans were well executed by our officers in a good-natured atmosphere, and the low levels of arrests reflect a fantastic attitude between the police and the public.

I am pleased to see that some of our officers have been recognised over the past few weeks for their hard work and achievements. PC Simon Daley, CBO for Broughton, has received notable recognition for his work building relations between the Scottish and Polish Communities with the new war memorial in Redbraes Place. He will travel to London later this month to receive a Community Award from the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street.

Daragh Gleeson from Portobello has been awarded Probationer of the Year after the Force recognised his positive attitude, commitment and excellent crime solvency rates.

Last but not least, CBO Neil Doig was nominated for the Community Policeman of the Year Awards in London for his years of dedicated service to the Broomhouse and west Edinburgh areas. Although I am understandably biased I thought Neil should have won this particular award.

While these officers have shown incredible dedication to Lothian and Borders Police, I'm encouraged by every member of staff's continued efforts to ensure public safety and look forward to a productive year ahead.

**Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell**

### Beauty Spot Awareness

Edinburgh is a beautiful, scenic place to live and there are lots of well-known beauty spots to visit and enjoy. Many of these areas have parking facilities and unfortunately thieves have been taking advantage of this lately. In a number of cases, victims have arrived, parked their cars, placed valuables in the boot and on returning found that their car has been broken into while neighbouring cars with no valuables in the boot remain untouched. This would indicate that thieves may be observing from nearby and targeting only vehicles that are worth their while.

To reduce the chances of falling victim to this type of crime, we advise that you make sure you lock and secure your car whenever you leave it and don't leave valuables on display. Car thieves often steal first and think about value later. Take your valuables with you or lock them in the boot prior to arriving at the destination where you intend to park up. Don't be tempted to hide things under the seats or leave them in the glove box.

Satellite Navigation systems are also highly sought after and we have found that some criminals are looking for the sucker mark that is left on the inside of your windscreen by the handset, then breaking in on the off chance that you've hidden the goods somewhere in the car. TAKE YOUR SAT NAV UNIT WITH YOU.

# Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the January newsletter covering activity from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008.

Firstly I would like to wish all the readers a very Happy New Year. I hope you've all recovered from your hangovers and over indulgence over the festive period.

## CRIMES AGAINST PREMISES

Here are details of premises broken into or where there were attempts made to break into them. They are as follows:

- Pentland View Court by prising the rear secure shutters.
- Currievale Park.
- Riccarton Campus.
- East Hermiston, items later recovered
- Woodhall Mill Brae, damage sustained to the property but no entry was gained.
- Forthview Crescent
- Corslet Place
- Dolphin Road.
- Currievale Drive

## REMEMBER

Make the home look occupied. Thieves do not want to be seen or disturbed. Convincing them that someone is at home is undoubtedly the best deterrent.

Make sure that you lock all outside doors and windows and if you have an alarm make sure it is set (even if you only pop out for a few minutes).

Use automatic timer switches to turn your lights on when it goes dark. Don't just have the hall light switched on when you're not in. Have the lights switching themselves on in the bedroom, kitchen and lounge (if you're worried about the environment, consider using low wattage bulbs).

A plug in timer for the radio would make it sound as if someone was at home. Tune the radio to a station that has more talking than music.

## VANDALISM

- 31<sup>st</sup>, Lanark Road, damage to motor car
- 27<sup>th</sup>, Rowantree Park, smashing window.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, Curriehill Castle Drive, damage to fence.
- 25<sup>th</sup>, Palmer Road, smashed window.
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, Dolphin Road, damage to fencing.
- 9<sup>th</sup>, Thomson Road, smashed window
- 9<sup>th</sup>, Rowantree Grove, smashed window
- 9<sup>th</sup>, Cherry Tree Loan, smashed window.



## CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

At around 7pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> in Lanark Road Juniper Green, a Robbery took place whereby 2 males grabbed the complainer and made off with her bag. The descriptions are not that great: 2 males 16 – 19 years, one with dark clothing and one with lighter clothing.

## PEDAL CYCLES

A shockwave mountain bike was stolen from Rowantree Avenue on the 24<sup>th</sup>.



## INCIDENTS REPORTED TO THE POLICE

During the month there were 120 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these 6 were Graded 1, i.e. emergencies, 39 Graded 2 i.e. non-emergencies but should be responded to within one hour. 43 were graded 3, 11 graded 4 and 21 were graded 5 and didn't require police attendance.

## OTHER CRIMES

On the 4<sup>th</sup> a couple of crimes were reported at Currie High where mobile phones were stolen from changing areas.

## SOLVED CRIMES

A 15 year old male has been charged with Robbery & Assault following an incident in Baberton Avenue

## VEHICLE CRIME

Between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>, a motor cycle was damaged and items stolen from it whilst parked in Dolphin Road.



At 0530hrs on the 19<sup>th</sup>, a car was entered by a male who was disturbed by the car owner. The male ran off towards fields and made good his escape. He is described as being 20 – 30 and wearing a beanie hat.

Between the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>, an insecure car was entered whilst parked in Foulis Crescent and items stolen.

On the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>, a car parked in Baberton Avenue was entered by smashing the window. An ipod connector cable was stolen.

Again on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>, an insecure car was entered in Lanark Road and a bag with personal effects was stolen.

Between the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup>, in Belmont Road, a car was entered by smashing a window however nothing appears to have been stolen.

If you follow the following advice we can help to reduce the risk of car crime in our area!

- Fit an electronic engine immobiliser
  - Get an alarm fitted
  - Fit a steering wheel lock
  - When at home, keep your car keys out of view in a safe place. Place them in a drawer away from doors, windows or the letterbox
- Do not leave anything in your car that may tempt thieves. Especially Sat-Nav systems & CD/MP3 radio players.

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**Volunteering  
with Lothian  
and Borders  
Police**



In order to promote safer communities and encourage social responsibility, Lothian and Borders Police is offering you the opportunity to become involved in the policing of your local community through volunteering.

## Interested?

Our Volunteer Programme is currently being devised and we would like you to note your interest by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator:

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