

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

CITY
WIDE

This month I was pleased to attend the launch of the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership 'Take Control' strategy- a joint venture between Lothian and Borders Police, Edinburgh City Council, and voluntary organisations to tackle the issue of hate crime. The publicity surrounding the launch highlighted the many varied sites across the city where anyone who has been a victim of hate crime can report it without having to engage directly with the police, which we understand can sometimes be difficult to do. Hate crime takes on a variety of different forms, and I believe education is key to eradicating this type of emotive and socially damaging crime. A list of all the remote reporting sites is available from our website – www.lbp.police.uk.

The lighter nights will soon be coming in, and as such we would ask you to take the necessary precaution to ensure your property is safe. Over the winter months we have seen a sustained reduction in the overall number of recorded crimes, and our solvency rate is up 3% through November, December, and January. While this is encouraging, we must continue to focus on prevention and encourage vigilance by everyone all year round to make sure we don't give criminals any opportunities to act.

Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell

In recent months there has been a notable rise in the number of incidents of vehicles being stolen with their true key.

HOT
TOPICS

Vehicles registered after 1996 (P registered) have been fitted with immobilisers as standard, making them virtually impossible to steal without the key. A thief wishing to steal a newer car generally has to get his hands on the key. Car keys are known to have been stolen from the workplace, the gym, schools and house parties. Are your car keys safe?

Many criminals wishing to steal cars break into houses with the sole intention of stealing car keys making it easy to steal your car from the driveway or the street outside. Cars have also been known to disappear from petrol stations when drivers leave keys in the ignition when paying for fuel.

You can limit the chances of this happening to you by following this advice:

- If you have a garage, use it to store your vehicle.
- Ensure your home security is up to scratch. Use your locks and alarm system.
- Do not leave your car keys near the door of your house.
- Do not use an obvious key box/rack to store keys.
- Take your car keys to your bedroom with you at night.
- Ensure your spare car key is in a safe, secure place.

Never ever leave your car keys in your ignition or hidden within your car.

Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the February newsletter covering activity from the 1st to the 31st January 2009.

CRIMES AGAINST PREMISES

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

- 25th – 26th, Easter Kinleith Farm
- 21st, Currievale Park
- 13th – 14th, Bryce Crescent
- 5th, Lanark Road West.
- 31st – 2nd, Pentland View Court
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OTHER CRIMES

On the 31st a wrought Iron bench stolen from a front garden in Curriehill Road was later found nearby.

Between the 20th and the 21st an amount of cash was stolen from a premises in Riccarton Mains Road.

Around tea time on the 19th an Ipod was stolen, again from a premises in Riccarton Mains Road.

Between the 13th – 14th, an insecure garage n Riccarton Mains Road was entered and property stolen.

VANDALISM

- 12th, Heriot Watt, Smashed window.
- 10th 17th, Bryce Road, cracked window.
- 12th, Bryce Road, damage to motor vehicle.
- 11th – 13th, Riccarton Avenue, smashed window.
- 9th – 12th, Weavers Knowe Crescent, cracked front window.
- 11th – 12th, Bryce Road, smashed window
- 11th – 12th, Riccarton Mains Road, smashed window.
- 11th – 12th, Palmer Road, smashed window.
- 3rd - 4th, Nether Currie Crescent, damage to car bonnet.
- 1st – 2nd, Lanark Road, damage to motor car
- 1st, Riccarton Grove, damage to motor car.





INCIDENTS REPORTED TO THE POLICE

During the month there were 190 incidents logged by the police in respect of the ward. Of these, 14 were Graded 1, i.e. emergencies, 63

Graded 2 i.e. non-emergencies but should be responded to within one hour. 72 were graded 3, 20 graded 4 and 21 were graded 5 and didn't require police attendance.

SOLVED CRIMES

On the 13th a 12 year old female was arrested and charged with a breach of the peace.

A 42 year old male has been charged with attempting to pervert the course of justice after providing officers with false details.

On the 12th a 14 year old male was arrested and charged with a BOP following an incident in Corslet Place.

2x 19 year old males were arrested and charged with vandalism following an incident on the 4th in Currievale Park.

VEHICLE CRIME

Between the 20th and the 22nd, a motor bike was stolen from Riccarton Avenue. It was later recovered in the Saughton area.



Between the 13th – 14th, a Kawasaki ZX600 was stolen from Muir Wood Drive. It was later recovered in Nether Currie Road.

On the 12th a motor vehicle parked in Muir Wood Road was entered and a sat nav stolen.

There was an attempt to steal a motor cycle parked in Belmont Road between the 9th - 12th.

Between the 8th – 9th, a Suzuki DR motor bike was stolen from a rear garden in Muir Wood Grove.

CHILD CAR SAFETY

Here is some information on the legal requirements when carrying a child in a car.



You must use a restraining system if one is fitted in your vehicle. The law is complicated, so the best way to stay on the right side of it is to use the most appropriate restraint for everyone travelling in the car.

Where children are concerned, the law

states that:

- you must not carry an unrestrained child in the front seat
- children under three travelling in a vehicle **MUST** be carried in a correct child restraint (baby seat or child seat)

A child from their 3rd birthday up to 135cm in height (approx 4ft 5ins), or their 12th birthday:

- carried in the front **MUST** use a correct child restraint.
- carried in the rear where seatbelts are fitted **MUST** use the correct child restraint.

The child **MUST** use an adult belt in the rear if the correct child restraint is not available:

- In a licensed taxi/private hire vehicle,
- or for a short distance for reason of unexpected necessity
- or two occupied restraints prevent fitment of a third.

A child over 135cm in height (approx 4ft 5ins) or 12 or 13 years old **MUST** wear an adult seatbelt if available, in the front or rear.

Penalties

If you don't obey the law you will:

- **be liable to prosecution** if any child under 14 is in your car and not wearing a correct child restraint or seatbelt. If over 14, they will be liable themselves
- **be served a monetary fixed penalty** or possibly penalty points if a child is found to be unrestrained
- **have your compensation restricted.** Any money awarded after an accident may be reduced if anyone in the car was not properly restrained.

In addition to seatbelt legislation, the law also provides for those who are deemed to be carrying passengers in a dangerous manner. This is a much more serious offence and carries a fine of up to £2,500 and three penalty points **It's best simply to make sure you can't be found guilty.**

Is YOUR child sitting safely?

Do as much as you can before going to a retailer; using the Internet, telephone, magazines, etc.

- Check the size and weight of your child
- Find out which seats are/are not suitable for your car
- Only buy a seat which carries the ECE R44.03 or R44.04 mark
- Ensure that the chosen retailer has trained members of staff
- Ensure that the retailer will fit and check the seat
- Make sure the seat is suitable for your child **AND** your car
- Choose a seat which has simple and clear fitting instructions
- Ask the retailer to guide you through the fitting process
- Ask them to watch while you fit it and then check that it is fitted properly
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions completely

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DRUG INFORMATION AND ADVICE.



I just wanted to make you all aware of a great website for drug information and advice. It provides specific advice for users, parents and professionals and an A – Z of all things drugs.

The site can be found at www.knowthescore.info

