

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Work With Us'

### Commander's Message

CITY  
WIDE

The month of February saw Lothian and Borders Police conduct a large scale, pre-planned operation called Operation Deliver. It's purpose was to target drug dealers in our communities within the city. Officers raided addresses mainly in the east and south of Edinburgh over two days where people were suspected of dealing in illegal drugs and committing crime. The initial stages were extremely successful with several suspects now facing trial. Drugs are a menace to our society, and drug dealers want to profit from the misery of others in return for cash. Local communities are not however powerless to stop this happening and indeed are often the catalyst for police action by providing information. If you have any information you think could help us stop the scourge of drugs please do let us know – your Community Beat Officer is never far away, and will deal with any information with complete confidentiality. People can also call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

The end of this month signals the end of the financial year, and the collation of our crime statistics. Early indications point to a decrease in vandalisms, youth calls, and motor vehicle thefts. This is excellent news, and our Neighbourhood Action Units and all our community officers have played a significant part in that. I'm sure you are aware policing in Edinburgh is very much centred on partnership working, and these results demonstrate the importance of working together in the city.

**Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell**

### Garden Shed Crime

TOP  
TIPS

Many of you take measures to protect your home but don't give a thought to your bicycle, lawnmower, hedge trimmer, power tools and other valuable gardening implements lying out in a rickety old shed. Criminals consider this type of crime to be low risk/high return as they don't have to force entry to your home and the goods they can get there are as valuable as anything in your house. The good news is there is a lot you can do to prevent it :

- Any boundary fence/wall at your house should be built in such a way that it is difficult to climb.
- Use a good quality closed shackle padlock on your shed door and the hasp and door hinges should be attached using coach bolts rather than screws to prevent simple removal.
- You should keep valuable items in the house but if they must stay in the shed, chain/lock them up.
- Lace a chain through the handles of garden forks, spades, bicycles etc. This will prevent a thief from being able to remove single items. **Remember tools from your shed can be used to force entry to your house.**
- Security mark your bicycles, lawnmowers, toolboxes and garden furniture, by engraving, painting or using a security marker pen.
- Fit an internal wire mesh grille to protect your shed window.

# Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the March newsletter covering activity from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

## CRIMES AGAINST PREMISES

A male was disturbed trying to break into a premises in Forthview Crescent on the 21<sup>st</sup>, unfortunately there is no description.

In the early hours of the 15<sup>th</sup> there was an attempt to enter a premises in the Kirkgate that had been the subject of a previous break in. Jemmy marks were found on a boarded up window.

On the 28<sup>th</sup>, an insecure garage was entered in Currievale Park Grove and alcohol stolen.

Another insecure garage was entered, this time in Thomson Road and a quantity of alcohol stolen.

Overnight on the 5<sup>th</sup>, yet another garage was entered and alcohol stolen, this time in Thomson Road.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> a premises in Forthview Crescent was entered. The MO was to climb onto a roof, enter a first floor bedroom and steal from within. A large amount of property including computers, photographic equipment and personal effects were stolen.

## THEFT OTHERS

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> a car parked in Muir Wood Drive had 3 of its dust caps stolen.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> a set of keys were stolen from an elderly males house. The locks have since been changed.

Overnight on the 9<sup>th</sup>, a premises in Dolphin Avenue had money and personal items stolen from a locked valuables box.

## VANDALISM

- 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thomson Road, smashed window.
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bryce Road, damage to vehicle.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Forthview Crescent, damage within a property and smashed window.
- 14<sup>th</sup>, Forthview Crescent, damage to fence
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, Riccarton Mains Road, damage to car.



## FRAUD

On the 17<sup>th</sup> a male was charged with a fraud involving £2700. The same male was charged with 9 similar offences.

## THEFT SHOPLIFTING

At around 0750hrs on 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 males entered a shop in Juniper Green and stole a quantity of cigarettes.

## AUTOCRIME

In the early hours of the 6<sup>th</sup> a motor bike was stolen from Curriehill Road. Footprints found at the locus have been sent for comparison.

A 16 year old male was arrested and charged with the theft of a motor car from Nether Currie Crescent. One other male remains untraced.

## **SOLVED CRIMES**

On the 21<sup>st</sup>, a 21 year old male was arrested and charged with assault, police assault, vandalism and threats.

2 males aged 18 and 19 have been charged with assault following an incident in Curriehill Road.



## **INCIDENTS REPORTED TO THE POLICE**

During the month there were 133 incidents logged by the police in respect of the ward. Of these, 12 were Graded 1, i.e. emergencies, 42

Graded 2 i.e. non-emergencies but should be responded to within one hour. 44 were graded 3, 11 graded 4 and 24 were graded 5 and didn't require police attendance.

This is a significant reduction in relation to last month.

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## ANY FINALLY MOTORBIKE SECURITY

Last month there was a significant increase in attempts and theft of motorcycles in and around the area. These thefts targeted any type of motorbike including off-road and quad.

Further information on motorbike security can be found online at numerous sites.

Please ensure that when purchasing a security lock for your bike that you get one that is anti-crop or saw. Additionally, make sure the chain is fed through the frame in some way and not just through the wheel and secured to something substantial like a ground bolt or similar. It's no good using a padlock unless the bikes secured to something solid.

