

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

CITY
WIDE

With the busy summer season now in full swing, I am encouraged by the dedication our officers continually demonstrate in keeping communities safe whilst also working hard to police the many events and festivals taking place across the city. Our Community Beat, Neighbourhood Actions Units and Response Officers provide a vital role throughout this period, by ensuring that local issues remain at the fore whilst much attention is directed at the city centre. That said Edinburgh city centre is a dynamic and fun place in August, and all us in A Division are committed to making sure everyone who works, lives, and visits Edinburgh can do so safely.

The influx of visitors to the city does create a very different policing environment, however we have partnership operations in place in order to make sure we target the areas that may have additional needs. Operation Assure involves City of Edinburgh Council, British Transport Police, NSL Services group and Essential Edinburgh working with our officers to minimise anti social behaviour in the city centre. Joint agency patrols are being carried out in areas where there may be alcohol-related disorder and anti social behaviour. There are also patrols of buses and trains, as well as checks of licensed premises in the city centres.

Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell

Bogus Caller Crime

HOT
TOPICS

Over the past three years August has been the peak month for 'Bogus Caller' crime in the Edinburgh area.

'**Bogus Callers**' are the people who turn up on the doorstep unannounced - with good excuses such as 'just happen to be working in the area' 'you have some loose slates!' 'I need to check your water/electricity' ...to commit theft by distracting you.

Lothian and Borders Police 'A' Division and other partner agencies are working hard to reduce this type of crime occurring, but they need your assistance.

What should you do when you have a caller to your property?

Firstly when in your home, make sure your front and back doors are locked. Some callers will take an opportunity to distract you at the front door, whilst their colleague attempts to gain access to the rear.

Ask who it is, BEFORE opening the door. If possible use your door viewer or window to see who is calling. Check they are genuine. Insist on seeing identification and confirm the caller's identity. If necessary contact the company to check, getting the telephone number from the phone book, not from the identification produced. If the visit is unexpected and you are unsure or don't want to speak to the caller, don't open the door.

Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the August newsletter covering activity from the 1st to the 31st July 2009.

CRIME SUMMARY

I'm pleased to report that the downward trend in crimes continues. July saw 33 reported crimes of which to date, 4 are solved.



INCIDENT SUMMARY

During the month there were 146 incidents logged by the police in respect of the ward. Of these, 10 were Graded 1, i.e. emergencies, 45 Graded 2 i.e. non-emergencies but should be responded to within one hour. 48 were graded 3, 16 graded 4 and 26 were graded 5 and didn't require police attendance.

VANDALISM

Vandalism continues to be a problem with cars and houses damaged at the following locations:

- Lanark Road West
- ATM in Juniper Green
- Lanark Road, Juniper Green
- Corslet Road
- Blinkbonny Road
- Corslet Place
- Baberton Avenue



CRIMES AGAINST PREMISES

There has been an increase in the number of thefts or attempt thefts from remote sites or local farms. Please ensure you report anything or anyone that you think is suspicious.

A builders portacabin in Lanark Road was entered on the 23rd and a digital camera stolen.

A premises in Cherry Tree Grove was entered on the 23rd. The MO was to remove the patio doors with a jemmy or similar and enter.

A premises in Baberton Avenue was entered on the 18th by smashing a window and undoing the latch.

THEFT OTHERS

On the 17th the after descibed male entered a local off-licence and stole a quantity of wine. He is described as: **male, white, 6'0 – 6'5, 30 – 35 years of age, short dark brown hair and unshaven wearing a dark blue anorak with a white hoodie underneath, blue jeans and black trainers.**

AUTOCRIME

On the 29th a car was broken into in Lanark Road West. A quantity of tools were stolen.

A car was stolen from Lanark Road on the 29th. It was later recovered and has been retained for scenes of crimes examination.

Between the 24th and the 26th in Pentland View, a car was entered and a quantity of personal belongings stolen.

THEFT PEDAL CYCLE

A cycle was stolen from a BACK GARDEN in Thomson Drive on the 29th. Please make sure bikes and property are put away in garages or sheds at night.

A pedal cycle was stolen from Juniper Green on the 5th. It is described as: **males bike, Hardrock Sport, black and silver in colour, disc brakes with quick shift gears.**

SOLVED CRIMES

I can report that this months solved crimes include:

- Theft
- No Insurance x 3, theft shoplifting x 3 and 1 child protection charge.
- Breach of the peace
- Minor Assault

GARDEN SHED CRIME



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.

Consider investing in a shed alarm

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PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL RESEARCH

How would you like organisations such as Lothian and Borders Police to communicate with you before, during and after an emergency?

To have your say in a national research project supported by the Scottish Government, please click on the link below and complete the ten-question survey. The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and your answers will be anonymous.

Please answer each question as thoroughly and accurately as you can. Your response will help to improve communications with the public before, during and after emergencies affecting Scotland.

[Emergency Communication Survey](#)

