

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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‘Work With Us’

Divisional Commanders Message

CITY
WIDE

With the festive season now firmly upon us, our winter policing initiatives are now up and running throughout the capital. We have a range of activities going on right across Edinburgh, including a number of extra patrols in the busiest hotspots – from the airport to our outlying shopping centres. We are also hoping to replicate the success of previous years with our city centre policing operation, Astrodome, which encompasses a huge range of partner activities all designed around keeping Edinburgh a safe place to visit, shop, and socialise in.

Lothian and Borders Police is committed to making sure you enjoy the festive season safely, and we have a range of safety advice that we are keen to share with you. Your local Community Beat Officer can offer valuable guidance on how to keep yourself, your family, and your property safe, and are easily contactable through the numbers on the back page of this newsletter.

Finally it is with great regret that I announce that I am leaving ‘A’ Division early in the new year, and I will take over the Safer Communities Division at Force Headquarters. I have thoroughly enjoyed being ‘A’ Division Commander for the past year or so, it has been both a huge challenge and a privilege. Chief Supt Gillian Imery will take over and I wish her every success for the future.

Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell

Before You Start Drinking, Get Thinking

HOT
TOPICS

December is traditionally a time for nights out to celebrate the end of a hard year and many of those attending will drink more alcohol than they would normally.

Top Tips For A Safe Night Out

1. **Don’t drink and drive.** Even small amounts of alcohol adversely affect reaction times. You could be arrested and lose your driving license or worse **you could lose your life or be responsible for the death of someone else.**
2. **Know how you are getting home.** Know where and when the night buses leave or arrange to get picked up from somewhere central and safe. Have a reliable taxi number in your mobile as Private Hire cars are not allowed to pick up passengers who have not pre-booked. Never be tempted to get into a car you have not pre booked as you don’t know what you are getting into.
3. **Don’t accept drinks from strangers** and never leave your drink unattended - it’s easy for someone to put something in it.
4. **Alcohol can make you lose your inhibitions,** make you feel attractive and funny but when you’re drunk you are also at your most vulnerable. You could become a target for violence and unwanted attention, so **drink responsibly.**
5. **Look after your property.** Don’t leave your bag over the back of your chair and keep wallets and purses close to your body to make it more difficult for thieves. Be alert to sneak thieves in pubs, clubs and restaurant.
6. **Don’t get into petty arguments** in the pub or on the street – being drunk often makes people more aggressive than usual and arguments can lead to violence.

Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the newsletter covering activity from the 1st November 2009 to the 30th November 2009

INCIDENT SUMMARY

During the month of November there was a reduced number of reported incidents from last month, down to 111.

Of these 3 were graded 1 – emergencies, 30 were graded 2 – non emergencies but still to be attended to within 1 hour, 43 were graded 3, 13 were graded 4 and 22 were graded 5 – no police attendance required.

VANDALISM

There were vehicles damaged during the month of November in Baberton Crescent, Nether Currie Road, and Muirwood Road also Heriot Watt University. A rear kitchen window was also smashed at Curriehill Castle Drive

CRIMES AGAINST PREMISES

There was only one report of housebreaking in November to a portacabin at Baberton Avenue. They entered this by smashing the skylight on the roof. 4 boys were dealt with in relation to this incident.



AUTOCRIME

A scooter was stolen from Currievale Drive overnight on the evening of 3rd November. Enquiries were carried out with a negative result. Unfortunately the bike was found later burnt out at Currie Station.

A motorbike was stolen from the back garden of 11 Palmer Road overnight on 2nd November. Enquiries are still ongoing with regards to this.

A silver Ford Fiesta was stolen from outside a property on Lanark Road West. This happened overnight on the 9th November. Enquiries are still ongoing.

SHOPLIFTING

Two males stole a bottle of whisky from Threshers at Lanark Road West about 6pm on Saturday 14th November, they made off and boarded a 44 first bus heading into Edinburgh. One male is described as 40+ maybe drunk with a blotchy face, the other about 30+ wearing a blue wooly hat. One was carrying either a rucksack or trolleybag. If anyone recalls these two males please contact L & B Police.



Useful Numbers

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And Finally....

With the approach of Christmas, the opportunist thief will be looking for a quick steal. Can I remind all owner/occupiers of property be vigilant and don't leave their Christmas gifts in full view under the tree. This is only an invite to the unwanted guest.

Likewise it will be the start of the Christmas party season, with the over indulgence of alcohol personal safety becomes an issue.

The drink drive campaign will have commenced at the start of December with a high profile publicity campaign and extra attention being given by all officers.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year when it comes.

Inspector Keith Seaton

