

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## ‘Work With Us’

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### Divisional Commanders Message

Lothian and Borders Police ‘A’ Division are backing a new initiative launched on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July that aims to reduce antisocial behaviour and alcohol related crime by encouraging Edinburgh’s off-sales premises to share information with each other.

The Safer Off-Sales Scheme aims to ensure a safe and secure environment for people to enjoy Edinburgh’s day and night time economy. Off-sales premises will be able to share information on customers they have banned from their premises. Once a member has banned an individual they will be banned from all participating premises.

I am sure this scheme will bring great benefits to the way in which we police the city of Edinburgh and hope it will encourage more responsible drinking across all ages.

**Colin Campbell Divisional Commander**

HOT  
TOPICS

Pedal cycles remain a popular mode of transport in Edinburgh, good for exercise and easy for getting around the city - very popular with bike thieves.

Bikes can cost anything between £100 and £3000, or even more. It is therefore important that you take steps to reduce the chances of your bike being stolen.

- When purchasing your bike spend at least 10% of the value of the bike on cycle security measures; you get what you pay for.
- “Sold Secure” is an accreditation scheme for locks. They perform a number of tests on locks, including attack tests. The award is granted according to how many tests the lock withstands, Bronze, Silver or Gold. A Gold award does not mean the lock is impenetrable; just that it withstood all that Sold Secure threw at it in the allocated time.
- Many cheaper locks may look the part, but you can guarantee cycle thieves know what they are about.
- Home or away; lock your bike to something immovable or solid, no matter how short the period you are leaving your bike for. Even if the bike is visible from where you are, lock it – a person cycling away is usually faster than the person running after them.
- Easily removed components such as lights, computers, saddles etc – take them with you and secure ‘quick release’ wheels.

For further bike security information visit [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com)

# Local News

## Ward 10 Beat 47

***This is the August edition of your monthly newsletter.***

*There were 45 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of July 2008.*



### **DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING**

There was one domestic housebreaking. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> a flat at Bruntsfield Place was entered by use of bodily force upon the front door. Electrical items were stolen from within.

### **BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING**

There were no business housebreakings.

### **THEFT MOTOR VEHICLE**

There were three thefts of vehicles.

Overnight between 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> a Vauxhall motor car was stolen from Mardale Crescent. This vehicle was recovered having been involved in a vehicle accident at Lady Road on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Overnight between 16<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> a Yamaha motor cycle was stolen from Montpelier Park.

Overnight between the 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> a Mazda motor car was stolen from Bruntsfield Avenue.

### **VEHICLE CRIME**

There were five thefts from motor vehicles and four attempted thefts.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> attempts were made to steal from a Fiat motor car parked in Lochrin Place and from a Ford motor car parked in Merchiston Avenue. No property was stolen from either vehicle.

Between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> an attempt was made to steal from a Peugeot motor car in Lochrin Place. Again no items were stolen.

Overnight between the 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> two pedal cycles were stolen from within a Ford motor car parked in Bruntsfield Place.

Overnight between 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> at Lochrin Place an attempt was made to steal from within a Seat motor car. Nothing was stolen.

Again overnight between 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> at Lochrin Place an MP3 player was stolen from a Mitsubishi motor car.

Overnight between 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Satellite Navigation equipment was stolen from an Audi motor car parked at Merchiston Avenue.

Again between 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Satellite Navigation equipment was stolen from a Hyundai motor car parked at Greenhill Gardens.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> a vehicle was broken into at Lochrin Place and a pair of boots and credit card stolen.

### **ARRESTS/ REPORTS**

An 47 year old female was reported for being drunk and incapable of looking after herself at Montpelier Park on the 1st

A 13 year old male was reported for being found on property with the intent to steal at Gillespie Crescent on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

A 32 year old male and a 38 year old male were reported for conspiracy to murder, firearms offences and reset following an incident at Colinton Road on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A 21 year old female was reported for breach of the peace at Gillespie Place on the 9th

A 21 year old female and 18 year old male were reported for breach of the peace at Bruntsfield Place on the 18<sup>th</sup>

A 32 year old female and 28 year old male were reported for breach of the peace at Gilmore Place on the 18th

A 32 year old male was reported for reckless conduct at Spylaw Road on the 27th

As can be seen there has been an upsurge in vehicle related crime this month. Once again can I take the opportunity to remind all vehicle users to secure their vehicle when not in use and REMOVE all property from the vehicle where possible. The simple step of REMOVING property from the sight of others can greatly help in preventing crime.

#### **TAGGED INCIDENTS**

During the month there were 160 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 13 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 35 were Graded 2 i.e. not emergencies but should be responded to within one hour. The remainder were dealt with by the Community Beat Officer or patrol officers.

## **Useful Numbers**

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### **ST LEONARDS POLICE STATION**

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## **And Finally....**

Across the south of Edinburgh there continues to be a number of opportunist crimes. Perhaps the most prevalent is theft of property from inside cars.

Please remember not only to lock your car, but to remove valuables. GPS units, iPods, loose coins and even packets of cigarettes could be all the invitation someone needs to break into your car. Remember the glovebox is the obvious place any criminal will look for a GPS if they see the docking cradle stuck to your windscreen. Don't give them that opportunity, either remove the cradle, or take the unit inside the house with you.

Richard Horan  
Inspector

