

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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‘Work With Us’

Divisional Commanders Message

CITY

The Force Excellence Awards took place last month at Murrayfield Stadium, and I was very pleased to attend this event particularly as A Division received much recognition for our community work, in particular the Neighbourhood Action Units and the Leith Outdoor Space Partnership. It's encouraging to see so much good work going on across the city, and highlights the fact the policing in Edinburgh isn't only about catching criminals, but also about improving quality of life for communities. My thanks and congratulations to all who took part for all their hard work.

WIDE

November brought with it the annual fireworks celebrations which is a fun event for many however a minority are intent on spoiling the occasion for everyone else. Our officers however responded to calls swiftly, particularly in support of our Fire and Rescue colleagues, and worked extremely hard to keep anti-social behaviour to a minimum.

The Division is currently busy launching our Winter Policing Initiatives across the city. A range of operations are ongoing to target crimes such as shoplifting, anti-social behaviour and drink related violence. A Division Officers are dedicated to making sure all of the people in Edinburgh at this time of year are kept as safe as possible and that people are allowed to enjoy themselves throughout the festive period.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and festive period, and a very good New Year.

All That Glitters

HOT
TOPICS

May not be gold but it usually catches someone's eye...try not to make it the thief's. The 'Festive' season is with us once again when most people are busy, decorating the house, shopping and wrapping presentsor watching where you put your purse or wallet, checking to see what's been left on display in the back of the car or below the 'christmas' tree.....!

Don't let a thief ruin your Christmas, follow these simple tips

Out Shopping

- Stay alert in crowded shops and streets and be wary of pickpockets.
- Be careful with your wallet or purse – keep it close to your body and don't carry too much cash and look after bank and credit cards.
- If using your car; always park in a well-lit area, lock all the doors, windows and boot; and do not leave any presents or other valuables on view.

At Home

- At home or out; remember to lock the doors and windows and if you have an intruder alarm – use it.
- If you go out for the evening, make it look like someone is at home – leave the lights and the radio on – use a timer switch.
- Don't leave your curtains open so anyone can see your decorations - this makes it easy for thieves to look in to your house.

If you are on holiday over the 'Festive' season, put your lights on a timer and ask a trusted neighbour to look after the house removing unopened mail from behind the letterbox.

Local News

Ward 10 Beat 47

This is the December edition of your monthly newsletter.

There were 40 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of November 2008.



DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

There was one domestic housebreaking.

Between the 12th- 13th a rear cellar door was forced open and property stolen from Gillsland Road.

BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

There were no business break ins this month.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

There was one theft of a motor vehicle and two attempted thefts..

On the 5th a Ford Fiesta parked in Forbes Road was stolen.

Between the 8th and 9th an attempt was made to steal a Toyota motor car, parked in Merchiston Park, by removing the cowling.

Between the 12th-16th an attempt was made to steal a Vauxhall motor car, parked in Bruntsfield Avenue, by hotwiring the vehicle.



VEHICLE CRIME

Overnight between 12th- 13th a Ford motor car parked in Forbes Road was entered by bending back the door frame, entering the vehicle but nothing was stolen.

Overnight between 20th- 21st a Land Rover, parked in Lochrin Place, was entered by smashing a window and a camera and cash was stolen.

Overnight between 21st - 22nd an attempt was made to enter a Vauxhall motor car parked in Forbes Road by bending back the door frame. No entry was gained and nothing was stolen.

REPORTS/ARRESTS

A 20 year old male was reported for a vandalism, breach of the peace and a breach of bail at Bruntsfield Place on the 8th .

A 23 year old male was reported for urinating in public at Home Street on the 10th .

A 17 year old male was reported for urinating in public at Home Street on the 10th .

A 25 year old male was reported for being found in possession of tools inferring that he was equipped to commit theft at Home Street on the 10th .

A 47 year old female was reported for being drunk and incapable of looking after herself at Polwarth Terrace on the 13th .

A 20 year old male was reported for a vandalism at Gilmore Place on the 16th.

A 42 year old male was reported for theft at Gilmore Place between the 6th - 17th.

A 47 year old female was reported for being drunk and incapable of looking after herself at Polwarth Terrace on the 13th.

A 43 year old male was reported for a breach of the peace at Home Street on the 30th.

TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 149 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 6 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 40 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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And Finally....

Once again can I thank you for your valued support in the community.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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