

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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‘Work With Us’

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Divisional Commanders Message

I am delighted and honoured to take on the role of Divisional Commander for ‘A’ Division and I am excited by the challenges that policing the Capital City of Edinburgh will bring.

I am fortunate that Chief Superintendent George Simpson leaves ‘A’ Division in an excellent position. Through his drive and determination and the ongoing commitment and hard work of all staff throughout the division, we have an enviable solvency rate and there has been a significant decrease in the number of crimes committed across the city in the past year.

Edinburgh is a very busy, metropolitan and diverse capital city that ensures that there is a constant and increasing demand for policing. This is a challenge for us all and I look forward to working with you and our partners to build upon our success and make the City of Edinburgh even safer for our residents and visitors.

Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell

HOT
TOPICS

There is an emerging problem with thefts of metals across the City of Edinburgh. Due to the increased demand for base metals throughout the world, scrap value of steel, lead, aluminium and copper has greatly increased recently making the theft and sale of these items a viable black market business opportunity. As the scrap value of metals continues to rise it is likely they will become an even more attractive commodity for criminals, and the numbers of thefts of this kind will rise.

Noticeable of late have been the theft of road signs, railings, scaffolding and many other every day items that we take for granted that can be found in your street.

A disturbing trend is the theft of manhole covers, a large number of which were stolen recently from the Portobello area. The theft of these items presents a danger for children, pedestrians and other road users. As well as the potential damage and injury that could be caused as a result of these thefts, manhole covers cost in the region of £100 each to replace and costs could rise to £1000 depending on the damage caused to the site during the commission of the theft.

Organised groups of criminals who specialise in the theft of drain covers using specialist equipment are believed to be operating throughout the UK. We would urge all members of the public to report any suspicious activity they see to the police on 0131 311 3131 or by dialling 999 in any case where urgent Police assistance is required. If you have any information regarding a crime or criminal activity, you can give this anonymously by phoning Crimestoppers on 0800 555111

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This is the May edition of your monthly newsletter.

There were 51 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of April 2008.



DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

There were two housebreakings and one attempted housebreaking.

On the 15th, premises at Merchiston Place were entered and a computer stolen.

On the 28th a flat at Viewforth was entered by forcing the front door and a computer stolen.

Between the 17th and the 24th an attempt was made to enter premises at Greenhill Gardens by smashing the window within the front door. No entry was gained.

BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

There were three business housebreakings. On the 10th money was stolen from within a safe at premises at Leven Street.

On the 14th premises at Bruntsfield Place were entered by knocking a hole in the rear wall, entering and stealing from within.

Overnight between the 28th and 29th tools were stolen from a premises under renovation at Colinton Road.

AUTO CRIME

On the 19th an attempt was made at Merchiston Avenue to steal a Mazda motor car by 'hotwiring' the vehicle but failing to start.

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Between the 20th - 22nd an attempt was made at Montpelier Park to steal a Mazda motor car by 'hotwiring' the vehicle but again failing to start.

Between the 20th - 21st a Mazda motor car was stolen from Viewforth Terrace. Three males have been reported for this crime.

On the 24th a Volkswagen was stolen from Hartington Gardens.

ARRESTS/ REPORTS

A 39 year old male was reported for possession of drugs in Bruntsfield place on the 11th.

An 18 year old male was reported for breach of the peace at Home Street on the 14th.

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A 16 year old male was reported for four counts of fraud committed within April at Home Street and Bruntsfield Place.

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A 26 year old male and two 27 year old males were reported for the theft of a Volkswagen motor car at Viewforth Terrace on the 20th.

A 22 year old male was reported for a breach of bail at Bruntsfield Place on the 19th.

A 44 year old male was reported for a theft by shoplifting at Bruntsfield Place on the 19th.

A 42 year old male was reported for assault at Merchiston avenue on the 25th.

A 26 year old male was reported for a breach of the peace and for possessing an offensive weapon at Home Street on the 28th.

TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 169 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 6 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 39 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.

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With warm days and evenings this time of year always brings an increase in 'slip-in' thefts to houses.

It is an all too common occurrence for someone to leave their house unlocked, even for a short time, and to return to find someone has been in and helped themselves to your belongings.

Please think carefully about securing your property from theft. Your local police officers are always available and willing to give advice.

Richard Horan, Inspector

