

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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‘Work With Us’

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Divisional Commanders Message

October marks the 6-month point since the establishment of the Neighbourhood Action Units (NAUs). I have watched as each of our teams has developed and embraced the partnership working opportunities afforded and how they have worked hard to combat anti-social behaviour in our communities across Edinburgh. I am glad to note that our Council partners have also recognised the good work undertaken to date and have publicly commended the teams in the media.

As expected we have faced a number of challenges that come with partnership working however it is clear from the work of the NAUs that the benefits are very evident and that we, and the people we serve, are starting to realise them.

We will ensure that the NAUs continue to bring great benefits to the way in which we police the City of Edinburgh.

Colin Campbell Divisional Commander

HOT
TOPICS

Fireworks and Bonfire Safety

This year, as in previous years, the weeks surrounding the 5th of November will place considerable demands on the Police, the Fire and Rescue Service, local health services and council services across the city. Many people are needlessly injured and a great deal of nuisance is caused to the public due to the misuse of fireworks and the irresponsible building of bonfires.

Bonfires are often constructed in inappropriate places, near to people’s homes or businesses or built to such a size that they present a danger to life and property. The supply of fireworks to youths under 18 years is not only illegal but can also lead to dangerous incidents.

Lothian and Borders Police are working closely with our partners within the Fire and Rescue Service, council services and local health services within our local communities to reduce the potential dangers to the public by;

- removing any unauthorised bonfires that pose a threat to life or property
- educating children and young persons about the dangers of fireworks
- ensuring the retailers involved in the sale of fireworks act responsibly
- identifying individuals involved in the misuse or illegal sale and supply of fireworks

By working closely with partner agencies and local communities Lothian and Borders Police aim to ensure that the people of Edinburgh can enjoy the 5th of November festivities safely.

Local News

This is the October edition of your monthly newsletter.

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



DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

There were three domestic housebreakings. On the 21st a flat at Leamington Terrace was entered by smashing a window and forcing entry. A TV and camera were stolen from within.

Overnight between the 28-29th premises at Viewforth Gardens were entered by forcing open the front door and property stolen.

On the 29th a flat at Merchiston Crescent was entered by gaining access to the roof and dropping through a skylight.

BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

There were two business housebreakings. Between the 11th and 12th premises at Polwarth Terrace were entered by forcing a window. High value fireplaces were stolen.

On the 13th premises at Bruntsfield Place were entered by smashing a lower panel of glass in a door and climbing through. A cash till was stolen.

THEFT MOTOR VEHICLE

There were three thefts of vehicles.

On the 1st a motor cycle was stolen from Mardale Crescent.

Between 14th- 19th a Peugeot motor scooter was stolen from Gillespie Crescent.

On the 26th a Peugeot motor car was stolen from Colinton Road.

VEHICLE CRIME

There were three thefts from motor vehicles and one attempted theft.

On the 5th a Toyota motor car parked in Chamberlain Road was entered by smashing the front offside window and Satellite Navigation equipment was stolen from within.

Overnight between the 28th-29th an attempt was made to enter a Vauxhall motor car at Leamington Terrace by smashing the front nearside window. No entry was gained.

On the 13th an Iveco van was entered at Viewforth and Satellite Navigation equipment was stolen from within.

Between the 29th – 1st October a Vauxhall motor car parked in Lochrin Place was entered and a car radio stolen.

REPORTS/ARRESTS

A 15 year old male and a 15 year old female were reported for a breach of the peace and a breach of bail conditions at Bruntsfield Place on the 6th.

A 27 year old male was reported for urinating at Gilmore Place on the 7th.

A 26 year old male was reported for breach of the peace at leamington Terrace on the 13th.

A 21 year old female was reported for an assault at Home Street on the 14th.

A 26 year old male and a 26 year old female were reported for a breach of the peace at Lochrin Buildings on the 17th .

A 34 year old female was reported for a Breach of the Peace at Montpelier Park on the 20th .

A 42 year old female and a 48 year old male were reported for a breach of the peace and a contravention of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act at Napier Road on the 25th .

A 21 year old male was reported for a breach of the peace at Home Street on the 27th .

TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 158 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 6 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 44 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....

With autumn officially now with us, it's worth taking time to think about all the things the darker nights bring us. Traditionally we see a rise in anti-social behaviour in October, especially in the run up to Halloween.

Egg throwing in particular seems to grow in popularity, despite the damage, distress and nuisance it causes. Along with our partners in the Council Community Safety Team we are actively trying to prevent this crime through education and encouragement. However, rest assured that we will consider all avenues in relation to enforcement, including where necessary charging the culprits.

Fireworks and bonfires are another seasonal problem. Albeit one that we do seem to be slowly getting on top of. Test purchasing initiatives at retailers, new legislation and a combined partnership approach with the Fire Service and Council are all paying off. Hopefully this improvement will continue this year.

Inspector Richard Horan

