

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## ‘Work With Us’

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### Divisional Commanders Message

August was a challenging month for Lothian & Borders Police with the Edinburgh Festival celebrations and commencement of the new football season. The police service is often pulled in many directions by the demands placed upon us however, as ever, we continue to provide daily a high level of service to the public across the city.

WIDE

With Freshers Week approaching, officers continue to maintain established links with the Universities, providing information to new students on a variety of issues including personal safety, lifestyle and home security.

In addition, as we approach Autumn and subsequent darker nights, in terms of home security, I would encourage vigilance and if anyone is seen acting suspiciously, contact your local police station.

Colin Campbell Divisional Commander

HOT

Unfortunately, at this time of year, break-ins to garden sheds become more common. Many criminals consider this type of crime to be low risk, as they don't have to force entry to your home. People store bikes, power tools and expensive gardening equipment in their sheds making them very attractive targets for criminals.

The good news is that there is a lot you can do to outsmart garden thieves. A few simple solutions can make all the difference to the security of your garden. Firstly is your shed in a good state of repair ?

HOUSES

- The hinges and any hasps should be attached using coach bolts rather than screws, and use a good quality closed shackle padlock.
- Shed window – securely fit a grille over it; either internally or externally.
- Garden forks, spades, etc. can all be used as tools to try and force entry to your house. Secure them together with a length of chain through the handles secured by a padlock. Don't leave tools lying around the garden and make sure ladders are kept secure.
- Bikes - use securely fixed ground anchors and good quality bike locks to secure them. These can also be used for lawnmowers etc, or again secure them together.
- Security mark tools, lawnmowers, toolboxes and garden furniture, by engraving, painting or using a security marker pen. Mark them with your surname, house number and postcode.
- Install security lighting.
- Fit a shed alarm. These only cost a few pounds and can be bought from most DIY store.

Should you require any further security advice contact your local Neighbourhood Crime Prevention Officer.

# Local News

**Ward 10 Beat 47**

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

***There were 44 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of August 2008.***



On the 5<sup>th</sup> a Fiat motor car parked in Leamington Terrace was entered by smashing the front offside window and Satellite Navigation equipment was stolen from within.

**DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING**

There was one domestic housebreaking. On the 17<sup>th</sup> a flat at Forbes Road was entered by raising the window. A passport, clothing and glasses were stolen from within.

Overnight between the 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> a Fiat motor car parked in Viewforth was entered by smashing the front offside window and Satellite Navigation equipment was stolen from within. Also between these dates at Viewforth a Mercedes motor car was entered by smashing the front nearside window and again Satellite Navigation equipment was stolen.

There was one attempted housebreaking. This occurred overnight between the 16-17 at Montpelier when an attempt was made to force open an insecure bedroom window.

Between the 30<sup>th</sup> –31<sup>st</sup> an attempt was made to enter a Renault motor car parked in Merchiston Place.

**BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING**

There were no business housebreakings. .

There were three thefts from motor vehicles. All the thefts from vehicles occurred in Viewforth.

**THEFT MOTOR VEHICLE**

There were two thefts of vehicles.

Overnight between the 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> a registration plate fitted to a mini motor car and a registration plate fitted to a Mazda motor car were stolen.

Overnight between 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> a Volkswagen motor van was stolen from Ettrick Road.

Overnight between 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> four alloy wheels were stolen from a Toyota motor car.

Overnight between 15<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> a Honda motor cycle was stolen from Bruntsfield Terrace.

**VEHICLE CRIME**

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

**ARRESTS/ REPORTS**

Between the 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> a Fiat motor car parked in Greenhill Gardens was entered by smashing the front offside window and Satellite Navigation equipment was stolen from within.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> a 21 year old male was reported for unrinating at Thornybauk.

## NEWS

All the property stolen from within vehicles this month was Satellite Navigation equipment. It is imperative that such equipment and other property is removed from the vehicle by the owner and not left on open display.

By removing *your* property from *your* vehicle you will reduce the likelihood of *your* vehicle being broken into.

If you do see anyone acting suspiciously near vehicles do contact the police immediately. It might just be that you prevent theft(s).

**DON'T GIVE THIEVES A CHANCE**

## TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 184 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 6 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 57 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....

The Force has appointed a New Assistant Chief Constable. Mike McCormick moves to the force from Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary.

Welcoming his appointment, he said: "I am delighted to have been appointed as Assistant Chief Constable with Lothian and Borders Police, and I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead."

