

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

With the busy summer season now in full swing, I am encouraged by the dedication our officers continually demonstrate in keeping communities safe whilst also working hard to police the many events and festivals taking place across the city. Our Community Beat, Neighbourhood Actions Units and Response Officers provide a vital role throughout this period, by ensuring that local issues remain at the fore whilst much attention is directed at the city centre. That said Edinburgh city centre is a dynamic and fun place in August, and all us in A Division are committed to making sure everyone who works, lives, and visits Edinburgh can do so safely.

The influx of visitors to the city does create a very different policing environment, however we have partnership operations in place in order to make sure we target the areas that may have additional needs. Operation Assure involves City of Edinburgh Council, British Transport Police, NSL Services group and Essential Edinburgh working with our officers to minimise anti social behaviour in the city centre. Joint agency patrols are being carried out in areas where there may be alcohol-related disorder and anti social behaviour. There are also patrols of buses and trains, as well as checks of licensed premises in the city centres.

Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell

CITY
WIDE

Bogus Caller Crime

Over the past three years August has been the peak month for 'Bogus Caller' crime in the Edinburgh area.

'**Bogus Callers**' are the people who turn up on the doorstep unannounced - with good excuses such as 'just happen to be working in the area' 'you have some loose slates!' 'I need to check your water/electricity' ...to commit theft by distracting you.

Lothian and Borders Police 'A' Division and other partner agencies are working hard to reduce this type of crime occurring, but they need your assistance.

What should you do when you have a caller to your property?

Firstly when in your home, make sure your front and back doors are locked. Some callers will take an opportunity to distract you at the front door, whilst their colleague attempts to gain access to the rear.

Ask who it is, BEFORE opening the door. If possible use your door viewer or window to see who is calling. Check they are genuine. Insist on seeing identification and confirm the caller's identity. If necessary contact the company to check, getting the telephone number from the phone book, not from the identification produced. If the visit is unexpected and you are unsure or don't want to speak to the caller, don't open the door.

HOT
TOPICS

SM47 Morningside/ Meadows

Local News

Ward 10 Beat 47

This is the August edition of your monthly newsletter.

There were 57 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of July 2009.



DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

There were six domestic housebreakings.

On the 11th premises at Viewforth Terrace and Viewforth were entered and property stolen. A 23 year old male was detained nearby and reported for these crimes.

On the 20th premises at Bruntsfield Place were entered by kicking in the front door panels. Camera equipment was stolen from within.

Also on the 20th premises at Gillsland Road were entered and a large quantity of kitchen furniture stolen. These premises were unoccupied and under renovation at the time of incident.

On the 24th at Bruntsfield Place a property was entered by forcing open a basement window. A mobile phone and cash was stolen

Between 26th – 28th at Polwarth terrace a property was entered and cash and a computer were stolen.

BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

There were two business breakins this month.

Overnight between the 22nd – 23rd at Viewforth Gardens, premises were entered by smashing a window and cash stolen.

Overnight between the 24th – 27th at Spylaw Road, premises were entered by smashing a window and a marble fireplace stolen.



THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

There were three thefts of vehicles.

Overnight 19th –23rd a Honda motor cycle was stolen from Lochrin Place.

Overnight 22nd –23rd a BMW motor cycle was stolen from Lochrin Place.

Overnight 26th-27th a Yamaha motor cycle was stolen from Leamington Terrace.

VEHICLE CRIME

There were two thefts from vehicles this month.

Overnight between 4th – 5th at Merchiston Park a Land Rover motor car was entered by smashing a window and SAT NAV equipment was stolen.

Overnight between 23rd – 25th at Gilmore Place an attempt was made to enter a caravan by forcing open a door. No property was stolen.

REPORTS/CRIMES

A 21 year old male was reported for shoplifting at Bruntsfield Place on the 3rd .

A 20 year old male was reported for assault at Home Street on the 6th .

A 23 year old male was reported for housebreaking x 2 and two counts of being found in circumstances where it could be inferred that he intended to commit crime on the 11th. These incidents occurred at Viewforth/ Viewforth Terrace and Montpelier Park x 2.

A 32 year old male was reported for shoplifting at Lochrin Place on the 17th

A 47 year old male was reported for malicious damage at Bruntsfield Place on the 19th

A 49 year old male was reported for vandalism at Gillespie Crescent on the 6th and 22nd. This male has also been reported for a total of 22 vandalisms at Gillespie Crescent throughout the year to date.

A 20 year old male and a 19 year old male were reported for Breach of the peace, obstruction and resisting arrest at Lochrin Place on the 28th

A 23 year old male was reported for drugs possession at Gilmore Place on the 30th

PEDAL CYCLES

There were four thefts of pedal cycles from within the beat. All pedal cycles had been left unattended but secured.

TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 180 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 11 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 58 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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And Finally....

Festival season in Edinburgh and the City seems busier than ever. At St Leonards we continue to deal with a myriad of issues.

Nicholson and Bristo Squares are very much on our radar and here we are utilising an approach called the 4 'E's: Encouragement, Education, Engineering and Enforcement. By working closely with the City of Edinburgh Council, University of Edinburgh, Streetwork, the Salvation Army and other agencies in targeting the route causes of this anti-social behaviour to provide longer term solutions to this area.

Moreover, we have extra officers deployed in the Morningside, Bruntsfield and Meadows areas during the festival – to meet all the challenges these events provide.

Finally, a recent spate of house break-ins in the Morningside and Grange area have seen a number of arrests and the recovery of stolen property, and so far these year we have solved over 53% of all crime reported to us – an excellent achievement.

Inspector Richard Horan



