

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Work With Us'

### Divisional Commanders Message

With the festive season now firmly upon us, our winter policing initiatives are now up and running throughout the capital. We have a range of activities going on right across Edinburgh, including a number of extra patrols in the busiest hotspots – from the airport to our outlying shopping centres. We are also hoping to replicate the success of previous years with our city centre policing operation, Astrodome, which encompasses a huge range of partner activities all designed around keeping Edinburgh a safe place to visit, shop, and socialise in.

Lothian and Borders Police is committed to making sure you enjoy the festive season safely, and we have a range of safety advice that we are keen to share with you. Your local Community Beat Officer can offer valuable guidance on how to keep yourself, your family, and your property safe, and are easily contactable through the numbers on the back page of this newsletter.

Finally it is with great regret that I announce that I am leaving 'A' Division early in the new year, and I will take over the Safer Communities Division at Force Headquarters. I have thoroughly enjoyed being 'A' Division Commander for the past year or so, it has been both a huge challenge and a privilege. Chief Supt Gillian Imery will take over and I wish her every success for the future.

Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell

### Before You Start Drinking, Get Thinking

December is traditionally a time for nights out to celebrate the end of a hard year and many of those attending will drink more alcohol than they would normally.

#### Top Tips For A Safe Night Out

1. **Don't drink and drive.** Even small amounts of alcohol adversely affect reaction times. You could be arrested and lose your driving license or worse **you could lose your life or be responsible for the death of someone else.**
2. **Know how you are getting home.** Know where and when the night buses leave or arrange to get picked up from somewhere central and safe. Have a reliable taxi number in your mobile as Private Hire cars are not allowed to pick up passengers who have not pre-booked. Never be tempted to get into a car you have not pre booked as you don't know what you are getting into.
3. **Don't accept drinks from strangers** and never leave your drink unattended - it's easy for someone to put something in it.
4. **Alcohol can make you lose your inhibitions,** make you feel attractive and funny but when you're drunk you are also at your most vulnerable. You could become a target for violence and unwanted attention, so **drink responsibly.**
5. **Look after your property.** Don't leave your bag over the back of your chair and keep wallets and purses close to your body to make it more difficult for thieves. Be alert to sneak thieves in pubs, clubs and restaurant.
6. **Don't get into petty arguments** in the pub or on the street – being drunk often makes people more aggressive than usual and arguments can lead to violence.

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# Local News

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

*There were 38 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of November 2009.*



## **DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING**

There was one domestic housebreaking and one attempted housebreaking.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> premises at Thorneybark were entered. A Television and amplifier were stolen. A 38 year old male and a 17 year old male have been reported for this crime.

Between the 19<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> an attempt was made to enter premises at Polwarth Terrace.

## **BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING**

There was one business break in and one attempted business break in this month.

On 26<sup>th</sup> premises at Bruntsfield Place were entered by forcing open security bars at the rear. Money and a hard drive were stolen from within.

Between 26<sup>th</sup> –27<sup>th</sup> an attempt was made to enter premises at Bruntsfield Place without success.

## **THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

There was one theft of a vehicle and one attempted theft.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> a Vauxhall motor car was stolen from Bruntsfield Avenue. This vehicle was later found burnt out in Hay Drive.

Also on the 8<sup>th</sup> an attempt was made to steal a Volkswagen motor car from Viewforth Square. T

## **VEHICLE CRIME**

There were no thefts from vehicles.

## **REPORTS/CRIMES**

A 34 year old male was reported for breach of a bail order at Bruntsfield Place on the 6<sup>th</sup> .

An 42 year old male was reported for a breach of the peace at Leamington Terrace on the 11<sup>th</sup> .

A 38 year old male and a 17 year old male were reported for a housebreaking at Thorneybark on the 16<sup>th</sup> . The 38 year old was also reported for failing to provide his name and address.

A 35 year old male was reported for a breach of the peace at Lochrin Terrace on the 20<sup>th</sup> .

A 29 year old male was reported for a breach of the peace at Home Street on the 20<sup>th</sup> .

A 34 year old male was reported for threats, via text message, at Bruntsfield Place committed between the 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> .

## PEDAL CYCLES

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

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL STAIR DOORS ARE LOCKED WHEN NOT IN USE.

**ALWAYS** SECURE YOUR HOME DOOR BY USE OF **ALL LOCKS** WHEN NOT IN USE.

THESE SIMPLE MEASURES MAY JUST PREVENT YOU FROM BECOMING A VICTIM OF CRIME.

## TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 148 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 11 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 34 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.

**May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**Thank you for your continued support within the community.**

**Alan Hopper – St Leonards Police Station**

## Useful Numbers

### COMMUNITY BEAT OFFICERS:-

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### ST LEONARDS POLICE STATION

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## And Finally....

