

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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‘Work With Us’

Divisional Commanders Message

CITY
WIDE

This month I was pleased to attend the launch of the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership ‘Take Control’ strategy- a joint venture between Lothian and Borders Police, Edinburgh City Council, and voluntary organisations to tackle the issue of hate crime. The publicity surrounding the launch highlighted the many varied sites across the city where anyone who has been a victim of hate crime can report it without having to engage directly with the police, which we understand can sometimes be difficult to do. Hate crime takes on a variety of different forms, and I believe education is key to eradicating this type of emotive and socially damaging crime. A list of all the remote reporting sites is available from our website – www.lbp.police.uk.

The lighter nights will soon be coming in, and as such we would ask you to take the necessary precaution to ensure your property is safe. Over the winter months we have seen a sustained reduction in the overall number of recorded crimes, and our solvency rate is up 3% through November, December, and January. While this is encouraging, we must continue to focus on prevention and encourage vigilance by everyone all year round to make sure we don’t give criminals any opportunities to act.

Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell

HOT
TOPICS

In recent months there has been a notable rise in the number of incidents of vehicles being stolen with their true key.

Vehicles registered after 1996 (P registered) have been fitted with immobilisers as standard, making them virtually impossible to steal without the key. A thief wishing to steal a newer car generally has to get his hands on the key. Car keys are known to have been stolen from the workplace, the gym, schools and house parties. Are your car keys safe?

Many criminals wishing to steal cars break into houses with the sole intention of stealing car keys making it easy to steal your car from the driveway or the street outside. Cars have also been known to disappear from petrol stations when drivers leave keys in the ignition when paying for fuel.

You can limit the chances of this happening to you by following this advice:

- If you have a garage, use it to store your vehicle.
- Ensure your home security is up to scratch. Use your locks and alarm system.
- Do not leave your car keys near the door of your house.
- Do not use an obvious key box/rack to store keys.
- Take your car keys to your bedroom with you at night.
- Ensure your spare car key is in a safe, secure place.
- Never ever leave your car keys in your ignition or hidden within your car.

Local News

Ward 10 Beat 47

This is the February edition of your monthly newsletter.

There were 31 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of January 2009.



DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

There were three domestic housebreakings.

On the 19th premises at Rochester Terrace were entered by exerting bodily pressure to the main door, entering and stealing.

On the 29th premises at Bruntsfield Place were entered by exerting bodily pressure to the main door, entering and stealing.

On the 29th an attempt was made to enter premises at Leamington Terrace by attempting to force open a ground floor window. No property was stolen.

BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

There was one business break in this month. Overnight between the 19th-20th premises at Bruntsfield Place was entered by forcing open a previously boarded window and entering. Electrical items were stolen from within.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

There was one theft of a motor vehicle.

Overnight between the 16th-17th a Volkswagen motor car was stolen from Polwarth Terrace. The vehicle was stolen by use of the true key. The key having been stolen from an earlier theft.

VEHICLE CRIME

There were just two break ins to vehicles.

On 19th-20th at Montpelier Park a Volkswagen was entered by smashing a window and SAT NAV equipment was stolen.

On 27th-28th at Gillespie Crescent a Vauxhall was entered by smashing a window and a nail gun was stolen.

SERIOUS ASSAULT

On 1st January 2009, approximately 0400 hours, a 41 year old male was making his way home in Viewforth when he was attacked for no apparent reason. The attack consisted of being punched to the face and knocked to the ground. The result of this attack was that the injured male sustained a broken jaw and a broken tooth. His attacker made off and at the time of writing is still undetected.

The suspect for this attack is described as Male, white skinned with a tanned complexion, 20-30 years old, medium build and about 5 feet tall. He had short dark brown hair with a slight fringe and was described as wearing a light coloured jacket with possibly a hood.

If you have any information in relation to this incident or if you know the identity of the suspect then please contact St Leonards Police Station on 0131 662 5000 (or your local station).

REPORTS/ARRESTS

A 35 year old male was reported for breach of the peace, assault and malicious damage at Bruntsfield Place on the 5th.

A 39 year old male was reported for assault and breach of bail at Thornybauk on the 11th.

A 17 year old male was reported for theft of keys and the subsequent theft of a motor vehicle at Polwarth terrace on the 16th.

A 21 year old male was reported for theft at Home Street on the 21st.

TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 168 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 11 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 50 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....

It seems strange to be still talking about Christmas in February, but formal evaluation of the operations we put in place over the festive period have now been completed and I'm delighted it shows that the efforts of your local police officers paid off with a reduction in crime by 2%, and increase in detections by 4%.

Over the next month we look forward to our first 'Week of Action', based around the Nicolson Street corridor. I am delighted that we can work alongside the City of Edinburgh Council, the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership, local Community Councils and others to proactively improve our communities. Our approach to Nicolson Street should hopefully be a model example of how we should be working in partnership with other agencies to tackle root cause issues and one we can replicate in other areas.

