

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## ‘Work With Us’

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### Divisional Commanders Message

The huge range of Winter Initiatives that have been taking place across the City over the festive period are coming to an end, and I am encouraged by the results. All officers and staff have worked hard to ensure a high visibility presence and crime prevention messages have helped keep crime levels low, and anti social behaviour to a minimum. Hogmanay policing plans were well executed by our officers in a good-natured atmosphere, and the low levels of arrests reflect a fantastic attitude between the police and the public.

I am pleased to see that some of our officers have been recognised over the past few weeks for their hard work and achievements. PC Simon Daley, CBO for Broughton, has received notable recognition for his work building relations between the Scottish and Polish Communities with the new war memorial in Redbraes Place. He will travel to London later this month to receive a Community Award from the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street.

Daragh Gleeson from Portobello has been awarded Probationer of the Year after the Force recognised his positive attitude, commitment and excellent crime solvency rates.

Last but not least, CBO Neil Doig was nominated for the Community Policeman of the Year Awards in London for his years of dedicated service to the Broomhouse and west Edinburgh areas. Although I am understandably biased I thought Neil should have won this particular award.

While these officers have shown incredible dedication to Lothian and Borders Police, I’m encouraged by every member of staff’s continued efforts to ensure public safety and look forward to a productive year ahead.

**Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell**

### Beauty Spot Awareness

HOT  
TOPICS

Edinburgh is beautiful, scenic place to live and there are lots of well-known beauty spots to visit and enjoy the city’s scenery first hand. Many of these areas have parking facilities and unfortunately thieves have been taking advantage of this lately. In a number of cases, victims have arrived, parked their cars, placed valuables in the boot and on returning found that their car has been broken into while neighbouring cars with no valuables in the boot remain untouched. This would indicate that thieves may be observing from nearby and targeting only vehicles that are worth their while.

To reduce the chances of falling victim to this type of crime, we advise that you make sure you lock and secure your car whenever you leave it and don’t leave valuables on display. Car thieves often steal first and think about value later. Take your valuables with you or lock them in the boot prior to arriving at the destination where you intend to park up. Don’t be tempted to hide things under the seats or leave them in the glove box.

Satellite Navigation systems are also highly sought after and we have found that some criminals are looking for the sucker mark that is left on the inside of your windscreen by the handset, then breaking in on the off chance that you’ve hidden the goods somewhere in the car. TAKE YOUR SAT NAV UNIT WITH YOU.

# Local News

## Ward 10 Beat 47

**Happy New Year to you all.  
This is the January edition of your monthly newsletter.**

*There were 61 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of December 2008.*



### DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

There were three domestic housebreakings.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> premises at Polwarth Terrace were entered by removing the lower window entering and searching, although nothing was stolen.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> premises at Montpelier Park were entered by smashing the rear window entering and stealing jewellery.

Between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> a door lock was forced open and a flat at Lochrin Place entered. No property was stolen.

### BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

There was one business break in this month. A room at hotel premises at Bruntsfield Place was entered by forcing the lock. Two computers and a mobile phone were stolen

### THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

There was one attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> an attempt was made to steal a Vauxhall motor car parked in Bruntsfield Place. Two eighteen year old males have been reported for this crime.

### VEHICLE CRIME

There was a significant rise in the number of break ins and attempted break ins to vehicles. There were 13 vehicles entered.

On 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at Leamington Terrace a Mercedes was entered by smashing a window and Sat Nav was stolen.

On 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> at Admiral Terrace a Peugeot was entered by forcing the door locks and foodstuffs stolen.

On 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> at Leamington Terrace a BMW was entered by smashing a window and Sat Nav was stolen.

On 18<sup>th</sup> at Bruntsfield Place an **INSECURE** Volvo was entered and Sat Nav was stolen.

On 8<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> at Montpelier a VW Polo was entered by unknown means and an Ipod was stolen.

On 19<sup>th</sup> at Napier Road a VW Polo was entered by forcing the door and a purse was stolen. On the same day at Merchiston Avenue an **INSECURE** Honda was entered but nothing was stolen

Overnight between 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> a total of six vehicles were entered with three vehicles having property stolen from within. The vehicles were parked in the following locations- Hartington Gardens, Viewforth, Westhall Gardens, Montpelier Terrace and Montpelier Park x 2. Again one of these vehicles was left **INSECURE**.

## REPORTS/ARRESTS

A 25 year old male was reported for urinating at Lochrin Terrace on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

A 25 year old male was reported urinating at Leven Street on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

A 27 year old male was reported for malicious damage x 2 at Colinton Road on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Two 18 year old males were reported for an attempted theft of a motor vehicle, breach of bail conditions and resisting arrest at Bruntsfield Gardens on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Two 19 year old males was reported for assault and theft at Leven Street on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

## MALICIOUS DAMAGE

There were 14 incidents of malicious damage to vehicles. 10 vehicles were damaged overnight between the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> with either the windscreen being cracked or wing mirrors being smashed. Most of the vehicles were parked in either Merchiston Park or Place. Two males were reported for two incidents at Colinton Road.

## TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 169 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 8 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 37 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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### ST LEONARDS POLICE STATION

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## And Finally....

During the Festive period, we ran an operation called "Aura" and specifically targeted anti-social and alcohol-related behaviour.

The initiative, run under the local Community Plan focused on preventing alcohol behaviour in young people becoming health or social problems for them and society both now and in later years.

Known hot-spot areas were regularly patrolled, and over 270 litres of alcohol seized from under-age youths in South Edinburgh.

We will be running a similar operation during the school holiday periods, including test purchasing of alcohol, and information concerning suspect premises, other areas where under-age youths congregate and drink is welcomed.

