

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

The Lothian and Borders Police Annual Report for 2008 – 2009 has been published and I am encouraged by the results, in particular how the hard work of our officers continues to pay off in local communities across the city. With a focus on prevention, local initiatives driven by community officers, such as the Graffiti initiatives, have proved successful, with 1553 fewer vandalism recorded this year compared to last.

As the school holidays approach, our officers are actively engaging with young people across the Division in order to make the summer months a safe and fun period for everyone. Our school link officers in secondary schools are increasingly important in supporting our young people and telling them how to keep themselves and their property safe this summer. Our officers also provide inputs, along with our partners at the City of Edinburgh Council, in various diversionary activities for local children, including everything from horse riding in the Pentlands to sailing at South Queensferry. Our officers are very versatile!

Please remember that if you do have any concerns regarding your local community then your Community Beat Officer will be happy to provide you with assistance.

Colin Campbell, Divisional Commander

CITY
WIDE

USING BUSES & TAXIS SAFELY

There are simple steps you can take to minimise the risk of becoming a victim of crime when travelling by bus and taxi.

When taking the bus...

- Have your ticket or change handy. This ensures your wallet or purse stays out of sight.
- If a bus is quiet, sit downstairs, close to the driver.
- Don't be afraid to approach the driver if you have a problem or feel uneasy.
- Keep your bag fastened and close to you.
- Switch your mobile from ring to vibrate and be discrete when using it.

Remember only 'black hackney' taxi cabs are entitled to pick you up on the street without a pre-arranged booking.

For safety reasons if using a private hire car always:

- Choose a reputable firm and carry their telephone number with you.
- When the taxi arrives, ask the name of the company as well as the person the driver is to collect.
- Never get into a taxi you have not asked for.
- If possible share a taxi with a friend
- Sit in the back and don't give personal information to the driver.
- If the driver makes you feel uneasy ask them to stop at a busy public place and let you out.

HOT
TOPICS

SM47 Morningside/ Meadows

Local News

Ward 10 Beat 47

This is the July edition of your monthly newsletter.

There were 42 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of June 2009.



DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

There were no domestic housebreakings.

BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

There was one business break in this month.

On the 19th premises at Bruntsfield Place were entered by forcing a lock upon the front door of the premises, entering and stealing from within. Cash and personal belongings were stolen.

PEDAL CYCLES

This month 10 pedal cycles were stolen from within the beat. Of these bikes, two had been left insecure. The other eight bikes had been secured by chains of various sizes and descriptions. Whilst most of the bike owners took precautions to prevent theft it is essential that where possible members of the public remain vigilant and report suspicious activity.

It is also important to secure the common stair door where possible and if you are permitting access to an individual(s) to a common stair to establish why they wish to enter. Thieves who gain access to a common stair are generally left to commit their crimes outwith the sight of the public. By simply securing a common stair door the likelihood is that no access will be gained to the stair and crime will be prevented.



THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

There were two thefts and one attempted theft of vehicles.

On the 26th a Honda motorcycle was stolen from Merchiston Avenue. This vehicle has since been recovered.

Overnight 27th-28th a Nissan Micra was stolen from Montpelier Park. Over the same time period an attempt was made to enter a Vauxhall motor car parked in Westhall Gardens.

VEHICLE CRIME

There were three thefts from vehicles this month.

On the 4th at Bruntsfield Place an attempt was made to enter a Mitsubishi motor car by use of a hammer and bodily pressure.

Between the 4th-11th at Leamington Terrace an attempt was made to enter a Mitsubishi motor car by smashing a window and attempting to open a door with a screwdriver

Overnight between 5th – 6th at Gillespie Street a Citroen motor car was entered by cutting through the 'soft top' and removing a parking pass.

REPORTS/CRIMES

A 13 year old male was reported for theft at Viewforth on the 5th

An 18 year old male was reported for urinating at Bruntsfield Place on the 6th

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A 32 year old male was reported for urinating at Lochrin Terrace on the 7th .

A 41 year old male was reported for breach of the peace at Bruntsfield Place on the 11th

A 27 year old male was reported for urinating at Lochrin Terrace on the 14th .

TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 161 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 8 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 39 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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COMMUNITY SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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And Finally....

Vandalism continues to blight our community, and accounts for nearly a quarter of all crime reported to us in the area.

We have a plain clothed enquiry team now based at St Leonards whose sole remit is to prevent and detect crimes of vandalism.

But they need your help. If you see anything suspicious please telephone the police on 0131-311-3131 (or 999 in an emergency). Whilst you might not think the information is important, and I cannot promise you'll see an overt policing response to your call, rest assured that the detail from every call is reviewed and more often than not fills in gaps in our understanding of crime trends and patterns.

