

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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‘Work With Us’

CITY
WIDE

Divisional Commanders Message

The month of February saw Lothian and Borders Police conduct a large scale, pre-planned operation called Operation Deliver. It's purpose was to target drug dealers in our communities within the city. Officers raided addresses mainly in the east and south of Edinburgh over two days where people were suspected of dealing in illegal drugs and committing crime. The initial stages were extremely successful with several suspects now facing trial. Drugs are a menace to our society, and drug dealers want to profit from the misery of others in return for cash. Local communities are not however powerless to stop this happening and indeed are often the catalyst for police action by providing information. If you have any information you think could help us stop the scourge of drugs please do let us know – your Community Beat Officer is never far away, and will deal with any information with complete confidentiality. People can also call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

The end of this month signals the end of the financial year, and the collation of our crime statistics. Early indications point to a decrease in vandalisms, youth calls, and motor vehicle thefts. This is excellent news, and our Neighbourhood Action Units and all our community officers have played a significant part in that. I'm sure you are aware policing in Edinburgh is very much centred on partnership working, and these results demonstrate the importance of working together in the city.

Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell

Garden Shed Crime

Many of you take measures to protect your home but don't give a thought to your bicycle, lawnmower, hedge trimmer, power tools and other valuable gardening implements lying out in a rickety old shed. Criminals consider this type of crime to be low risk/high return as they don't have to force entry to your home and the goods they can get there are as valuable as anything in your house. The good news is there is a lot you can do to prevent it :

- Any boundary fence/wall at your house should be built in such a way that it is difficult to climb.
- Use a good quality closed shackle padlock on your shed door and the hasp and door hinges should be attached using coach bolts rather than screws to prevent simple removal.
- You should keep valuable items in the house but if they must stay in the shed, chain/lock them up.
- Lace a chain through the handles of garden forks, spades, bicycles etc. This will prevent a thief from being able to remove single items. **Remember tools from your shed can be used to force entry to your house.**
- Security mark your bicycles, lawnmowers, toolboxes and garden furniture, by engraving, painting or using a security marker pen.
- Fit an internal wire mesh grille to protect your shed window.

HOT
TOPICS

SM47 Morningside/ Meadows

Local News

Ward 10 Beat 47

This is the March edition of your monthly newsletter.

There were 44 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of February 2009.



DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

There were five domestic housebreakings.

Between the 5th-9th premises at Bruntsfield Place were entered by exerting bodily pressure to the main door, entering and stealing.

Between the 7th-14th premises at Viewforth were entered by exerting bodily pressure to the main door, entering and stealing.

On the 18th premises at Montpelier Park were entered by exerting bodily pressure to the main door, entering and stealing.

On the 20th premises at Westhall Gardens were entered by exerting bodily pressure to the main door, entering and stealing.

On the 24th premises at Viewforth were entered by again exerting bodily pressure to the main door, entering and stealing.

BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

There was one business break in this month. Overnight between the 9th-10th premises at Bruntsfield Place was entered by forcing open an adjoining door and entering.



THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

There was one theft of a motor vehicle. This occurred between 1st January – 3rd February when a Yamaha moped was stolen from Montpelier Park.

VEHICLE CRIME

There were five break ins/theft from vehicles.

Between 30th January –1 February at Bruntsfield Terrace a Ford Van was entered by smashing a quarterlight window.

On 4th-5th at Hartington Place an INSECURE Vauxhall was entered and a disabled pass was stolen.

On 12th-14th at Merchiston Park a Ford motor car was entered by smashing a window and SAT NAV equipment was stolen.

On 12th at Gillespie Crescent a Ford motor car had its front wheels stolen.

On 16th-17th at Forbes Road a Mini motor car was entered by unknown means and a handbag and contents were stolen.

REPORTS/ARRESTS

A 12 year old male was reported for theft at Viewforth on the 2nd .

A 22 year old male was reported for malicious damage at Home Street on the 5th.

A 12 year old male was reported for assault and breach of the peace at Montpelier on the 12th .

An 18 year old male was reported for robbery and assault at Gillespie Crescent on the 15th .

A 37 year old male was reported for being on property where it could be inferred he intended to commit theft at Bruntsfield Place on the 16th .

A 39 year old male was reported for breach of bail at Thornybauk on the 25th .

A 24 year old male was reported for breach of the peace at Home Street on the 28th .

TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 165 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 6 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 29 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....

Lothian & Borders Police in the South will be working with our Neighbourhood partners on a Week of Action in Nicolson Street in March.

The aim of the week is to tackle anti-social behaviour and criminality in the area. We will also be providing crime prevention advice to the local community. Actions for the week will include:

- High Visibility patrols by the Neighbourhood Action Units and local Response Officers
- Licensing Standards Officers to visit local off-sales to offer advice and remind them of their responsibilities.
- Crime Prevention Officers will be offering surveys to businesses.
- Plain clothes spotter patrols by Community Safety Officers
- Deployment of Mobile CCTV units to deter and detect incidents

