

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Work With Us'

### Divisional Commanders Message

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WIDE

The months of May and June will see us starting to enact our plans for the busy summer months ahead. With the range of activities that take place throughout the city, we find ourselves facing a hugely challenging set of policing issues whilst maintaining business as usual. We police a huge and growing number of events which are of great importance to local communities and the city as a whole in terms of tourism. Our crime prevention advice and local activities will help keep safe people and property alike, and such advice is accessible through a variety of ways. As well as this newsletter, you can check our website at [www.lbp.police.uk](http://www.lbp.police.uk) or visit your local police station. In addition your local Community Beat Officer can meet with you as individuals or groups and I would encourage you to make contact with them in your particular area of Edinburgh.

**Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell**

Despite all the work that goes on to keep Edinburgh safe, for some people, the fear of crime and the threat of harassment can still be very real. Hate crimes can sometimes be the cause of this unrest.

HOT  
TOPICS

Hate crime is a crime or incident committed against a person that is motivated by an offender's hatred of someone because of their perceived age, disability, faith, gender, race or sexual orientation. Between January 2006 and September 2007, 2194 hate crime offences were reported and more than 50% (1372) of these were racially aggravated.

In an attempt to tackle this type of crime, the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership recently launched a Hate Crime Strategy in partnership with the police, voluntary sector and the City of Edinburgh Council.

Police input in combating this nature of a crime is vital, therefore the police felt that something must be introduced to improve the reporting of crime which is where 'Remote Reporting' comes in.

Remote Reporting allows victims or witnesses of a hate crime or incident to report the matter to a third party who is not the police, known as a Remote Reporting Centre. In turn the Remote Reporting Centre will forward the report to the police on your behalf. This will be done either anonymously for recording purposes only, or for appropriate police action at your discretion.

There are over 40 centres across Edinburgh where you can report an incident - from outreach centres such as the Salvation Army to the Council's local offices.

**SM47 Morningside/ Meadows**

# Local News

Ward 10 Beat 47

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

*There were 34 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of April 2009.*



## **THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

There were no vehicles stolen this month.

## **DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING**

There were four attempted domestic housebreakings.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> attempts were made to enter premises at Viewforth and Montpelier Park by trying to force open the front doors. No entry was gained to the premises at Montpelier Park. A 23 year old male has been reported for the crime at Viewforth after gaining entry to the premises but being disturbed by the owner..

On the 8<sup>th</sup> an attempt was made to enter premises at Viewforth Square by inserting a jemmy or similar between the lock and door frame. No entry was gained. A 23 year old male has been reported for this crime.

Between the 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> an attempt was made to enter premises at Grays Loan by trying to force the hasp of a garden shed lock. No entry was gained.

## **BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING**

There was one business break in this month.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> premises at Bruntsfield Place were entered by smashing an upper pane of glass and climbing in, stealing cash.

## **VEHICLE CRIME**

There were no thefts from vehicles this month.

## **REPORTS/CRIMES**

A 23 year old male was reported for two attempted housebreakings at Viewforth on the 7<sup>th</sup> and Viewforth Square on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

A 39 year old male was reported for assault and breach of the peace at Thornybauk on the 10<sup>th</sup>

An 18 year old male was reported for urinating at Lochrin Terrace on the 11<sup>th</sup>

A 20 year old male was reported for theft from a bank autoteller at Leven Street on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

## REPORTS/CRIMES

There was a significant decrease in the number of crimes recorded this month in comparison to last month. There was a crime reduction of over 50%.

Most significant was the fact there was no autocrime committed. There is no reason why there was no autocrime but this is obviously welcomed.

## TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 159 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 2 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 40 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....

After last years successful joint Police and City of Edinburgh Council summer operation in and around the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links, we have finalised plans to repeat the endeavour this year.

Operation Artisan will see Council and Police resources target violent crime, anti-social behaviour and other issues in the area.

Much has been made nationally of the potential for an increase in acquisitive crime (theft of property) as a result of the 'credit crunch'. Think about your property, if you feel you could benefit from free crime prevention advice, please e-mail or telephone us and we will arrange an officer to visit you at a convenient time.

