

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Work With Us'

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### Divisional Commanders Message

October traditionally sees the start of the autumn season, and our policing work in the city modifies to fit the changing needs of the city. Working in partnership with other agencies in the city, we are engaging with members of the public on community safety issues ranging from personal safety during darker nights right through to firework night awareness. The period leading up to 5<sup>th</sup> November is traditionally busy with calls about unauthorised bonfires and firework displays. I would always encourage members of the public to attend official displays as they are much safer ways to enjoy the festivities.

I am delighted to pass on the news that two of our officers are being recognised for their outstanding contributions to the community. Leith Community officer PC Simon Daley has been nominated for the Community Policeman of the Year award for his dedication to the local area. Another A Division officer, PC David Nelson, will attend a reception ceremony at the Scottish Parliament to recognise the hard work he has put in as part of the Junction project, which helps young people with health and wellbeing issues. I must congratulate and commend both officers for their much deserved recognition. I am continually encouraged by the good work that every one of our Community Beat Officers undertakes to make our communities safer places to live, work, and visit.

HOT  
TOPICS

### Fireworks and Bonfire Safety

This year, as in previous years, the weeks surrounding the 5<sup>th</sup> of November will place considerable demands on the public services across the city, including the Police. Many people are needlessly injured and a great deal of nuisance is caused to the public due to the misuse of fireworks and the irresponsible building of bonfires.

Bonfires are often constructed in inappropriate places, near to people's homes or businesses or built to such a size that they present a danger to life and property.

Lothian and Borders Police are working closely with our partners within the Fire and Rescue Service, council services and local health services within our local communities to reduce the potential dangers to the public by;

- removing any unauthorised bonfires that pose a threat to life or property
- educating children and young persons about the dangers of fireworks
- ensuring the retailers involved in the sale of fireworks act responsibly
- identifying individuals involved in the misuse or illegal sale and supply of fireworks

Call 999 in an emergency and urgent police assistance is required or 0131 311 3131 to report a matter to the police. To report unauthorised bonfire sites you feel are dangerous contact City of Edinburgh Council on 0131 200 2000 or report it directly to Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue. If you have any information regarding a crime or criminal activity, you can give this anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555111

**SM47 Morningside/ Meadows**

## Ward 10 Beat 47

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

***There were 45 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of September 2009.***



### **DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING**

There were five domestic housebreakings.

Between the 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> premises at Polwarth Terrace were entered and camera equipment was stolen.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> premises at Bruntsfield Place were entered by forcing open the front door with bodily pressure. A laptop was stolen.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> premises at Merchiston Place were enter by use of bodily pressure upon the front door. Two males have been arrested for this crime.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> at Lochrin Buildings a property was entered by foking the yale lock fixing and entering. Computer equipment was stolen.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> at Montpelier Park were entered by forcing open the door .A male has been reported for this crime.

### **BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> an attempt was made to enter shop premises at Brunstfield Place.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> the same shop premises at Bruntsfield Place was entered.



### **THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

There was one theft of a vehicle.

Between the 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> a Yamaha motor cycle was stolen from Bruntsfield Terrace.

### **VEHICLE CRIME**

There were two thefts and two attempted thefts from vehicles this month.

Between the 3<sup>rd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> at Ettrick Road a Peugeot motor car was entered and SAT NAV equipment stolen.

Also between the 3<sup>rd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> at Polwarth Terrace a Vauxhall Corsa motor car was entered but nothing stolen.

Overnight between 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> at Lochrin Place a First Aid kit was stolen from a motorcycle. A further attempt was made to steal property from the motorcycle.

### **REPORTS/CRIMES**

An 19 year old male was reported for a breach of the peace at Hartington Place on the 1<sup>st</sup> .

A 22 year old male and a 23 year old male was reported for Housebreaking at Merchiston Place on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

A 23 year old male was reported for Housebreaking at Home Street on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

A 16 year old male was reported for theft of a pedal cycle at Gillespie Crescent on the 15<sup>th</sup> .

The same 16 year old male was reported for theft of a pedal cycle at Bruntsfield Gardens on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

A 33 year old female was reported for theft at Upper Gilmore Place on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **PEDAL CYCLES**

There were eight thefts of pedal cycles from within the beat. All pedal cycles had been left unattended but secured.

### **TAGGED INCIDENTS**

During the month there were 174 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 14 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 43 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....**

