

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

CITY

This month Lothian and Borders Police is launching a major new housebreaking initiative, aimed at educating members of the public on keeping their property safe. An estimated fifty percent of all housebreakings occur in properties where windows and doors have been left unlocked. Simple steps are often all it takes to deter opportunist thieves. Ad trailers will be situated in shopping centre car parks across Edinburgh, and your local Community Beat Officer will have postcards with crime prevention advice available to distribute out. Please contact them for more information.

WIDE

Lothian and Borders Police are committed to engaging with young people in Edinburgh, and a new initiative aims to tackle the issue of underage drinking. Operation Array involves officers bringing underage youths caught drinking alcohol back to Leith police station and asking the parents of the offenders to come along as well. Voluntary organisations and our officers will then engage with both the youngsters and their parents to discuss the consequences of drinking underage and the social problems it can generate. This is an example of the type of preventative work we are undertaking and underpins our Force vision of creating safer communities.

Housebreaking – Don't Become A Victim

HOT
TOPICS

Housebreaking has a significant effect on people, making them feel insecure and vulnerable. By taking a few simple steps you can reduce your risk of becoming a victim. Housebreakers mostly attack the most vulnerable point of entry to a house. This means the open window or the unlocked door.

Before leaving your home make sure all the windows and doors are securely locked. Always use both the mortise and cylinder rim locks.

Do not leave tilt & turn or hopper windows slightly open, even if you lock them, as it is much easier to force them open.

Thieves liked CRAVED items, Concealable, Removable, Available, Valuable, Enjoyable and Disposable; i.e. small items of high value such as jewellery, digital cameras, mp3 players, laptops and not forgetting good old cash and credit cards. Think about where you keep these items.

Top Tips:

Don't leave valuables like laptops where they can be viewed through a window. They may tempt a break in.

Valuables left near windows are a smash and grab risk

Be aware of the real risk of someone "fishing" valuables like car keys, purses or handbags through a letterbox or partially open window using for example a long garden cane.

Consider purchasing a safe to keep valuable items in, but make sure the safe is secured to the fabric of the building so it cannot just be carried away.

This works well when used in conjunction with a monitored house alarm

SM47 Morningside/ Meadows

Local News

Ward 10 Beat 47

This is the September edition of your monthly newsletter.

There were 57 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of August 2009.



DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

There were five domestic housebreakings.

On the 6th premises at Montpelier Park were entered and property stolen. Camera equipment was stolen.

On the 13th premises at Montpelier were entered by forcing open the front door. Money and computer equipment was stolen from within.

On the 23rd premises at Merchiston Place were entered by use of bodily pressure upon the front door.

On the 24th at Forbes Road a property was entered by smashing a panel in a door and entering. Camera equipment was stolen.

On the 29th premises at Colinton Road were entered by forcing open the door at the lock. Computer equipment was stolen.

BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

There were no business breakings this month.



THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

There was one theft of a vehicle and one attempted theft.

On the 1st a Honda motor cycle was stolen from Lochrin Place.

On the 6th an attempt was made to steal a Honda motorcycle.

VEHICLE CRIME

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

On the 4th at Leamington Terrace an attempt was made to steal the car radio from within a Mercedes motor car.

Also on the 4th at Gillespie Crescent an attempt was made to force the lock of a Suzuki motor car, but no entry was gained.

Overnight between 4th – 5th at Gillespie Crescent an insecure Mercedes motor car was entered and sunglasses stolen.

On the 13th at Merchiston Park an insecure Toyota motor car was entered and a disabled badge stolen.

On the 27th at Montpelier Park the casing for a wingmirror for a Renault motor car was stolen.

REPORTS/CRIMES

An 18 year old male and a 19 year old male was reported for a breach of the peace at Home Street on the 8th.

A 33 year old male was reported for Breach of the peace at Bruntsfield Place on the 12th

A 21 year old male was reported for breach of the peace at Home Street on the 15th

A 17 year old male was reported for assault and a racial breach of the peace at Home Street on the 16th.

A 64 year old male was reported for Breach of the peace, Misuse of drugs Act, Telecommunications Act, and culpable and reckless conduct at Gillepsie Crescent.

A 30 year old male and a 23 year old male were reported for 14 drug related charges at Hartington Place on the 20th.

PEDAL CYCLES

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

TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 165 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 5 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 48 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....

First No Cold Calling Zone

Mortonhall estate is to be the first No Cold Calling zone to be established in the South of Edinburgh.

The aim of a No Cold Calling Zones is to reduce bogus callers and doorstep crime by making it clear to potential callers that the residents within these zones do not welcome uninvited doorstep traders.

Signs are being put up in windows and on lampposts to discourage traders away from the 146 homes with in the estate.

Trading Standards will be running the initiative in conjunction with the City of Edinburgh Environmental Wardens and Lothian and Borders Police.

If you would like further details please contact Trading Standards on 0131 529 3030



