

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

CITY

I am delighted to announce the launch of our new community policing structure in Edinburgh. From 21st September, the Safer Neighbourhood Team structure will be rolled out across the city. Our SNTs have already had a successful trial in the South and East areas of Edinburgh and I am delighted that our officers are going to be even more committed to community engagement than ever before. For more details, please see our website or contact your local community officer.

WIDE

With the busy summer season now in full swing, I am encouraged by the dedication our officers are showing in keeping communities safe while the Division is working hard to police the many events taking place across the city. Our Community Officers provide a vital role throughout this period, by ensuring that local issues remain at the fore. The city of Edinburgh comes alive throughout the months of August, and A Division is committed to making sure everyone who works, lives, and visits Edinburgh can do so safely.

Chief Supt Gill Imery, A Division Commander

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SAFETY THIS FESTIVAL

HOT
TOPICS

It's festival time again and many of you will be joining the many visitors to the city at Festival and Fringe events throughout August. While out and about socialising, many people leave the car at home and opt for public transport.

While Edinburgh's public transport network is safe, there are simple steps that can be taken to minimise the risk of becoming a victim of crime while travelling on public transport.

When taking the bus:

- Plan your route in advance and research the bus schedule to minimise time spent waiting at stops.
- 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.

This is the August edition of your monthly newsletter.

There were 43 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of August 2010.



DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

There was one attempted break in this month.

On the 24th an attempt was made to enter a premises at Upper Gilmore Place by attempting to force open the windows.

BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

There was one business housebreaking this month.

On the 16th a property in Colinton Road was entered by smashing the window, and alcohol was stolen.



THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

There was one theft of motor vehicle, and one attempted theft of a motor vehicle this month.

Between the 14th and 23rd a Honda motorcar was stolen from Gillespie Crescent.

Between the 29th and 31st an attempt was made to steal a Vauxhall motorcar from Montpelier Park by forcing the doors.

VEHICLE CRIME

There were five thefts from vehicles, and one attempted theft from a motor vehicle this month.

Between the 12th and 13th a Honda vehicle was entered at Leamington Terrace. Personal documents were stolen.

Between the 23rd and 24th a Fiat Punto was entered at Westhall Gardens by smashing the passenger window. A Sat Nav was stolen.

Between the 23rd and 24th a Ford Ka was entered at Bruntsfield Avenue by smashing the driver's window. A Sat Nav was stolen.

On 24th at Polwarth Terrace a Skoda Vehicle was entered by smashing the passenger window. Money was stolen from within.

Between the 24th and the 26th an attempt was made to enter a Volkswagon Polo at Polwarth Terrace by attempting to force open the doors.

Between the 31st and 1st August at Greenhill Gardens an insecure Suzuki Vehicle was entered and a CD player was stolen.

PEDAL CYCLES

There were five thefts of pedal cycles from within the beat. 3 were stolen from within common stairs. Two were secured and one had been left insecure.

The remaining two pedal cycles were stolen from outdoors. Both of these had been secured, and the locks broken.

REPORTS/CRIMES

A 30 year old male was reported for a Theft By Shoplifting at Colinton Road on the 8th.

A 30 year old male was reported for a Breach Of The Peace at Colinton Road on the 8th.

A 12 year old female was reported for a Theft By Shoplifting at Colinton Road on the 8th.

REPORTS/CRIMES

A 38 year old male was reported for road traffic offences at Polwarth Terrace on the 9th.

A 65 year old male was reported for a Breach Of The Peace at Gillespie Crescent on the 10th.

A 29 year old male was reported for a Theft By Shoplifting at Colinton Road on the 19th.

A 24 year old male was reported for offences under the Peddler's Act at Ettrick Road on the 19th.

TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 148 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 10 were graded 1 (i.e. emergencies) 43 were Graded 2 (i.e. not emergencies but should be responded to within one hour). The Safer Neighbourhood Team or patrol officers dealt with the remainder.

Useful Numbers

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COMMUNITY SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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And Finally....

Safer Neighbourhood Team officers are currently tackling anti social behaviour across the ward by means of foot patrols and intelligence led stop and searches.

We are keen to tackle the ongoing problem of graffiti and I request that you contact us with any information which maybe relevant.

This month officers are also taking part in two partnership led initiatives.

Firstly to engage with people begging throughout the Ward and secondly to keep our community safe whilst attending various events in the fringe and festival.

Allan Campbell
Sector Sergeant
St Leonards Police Station

