

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message



A New Year brings with it a new Commander, and I am delighted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. After 18 months in charge of the Safer Communities Department at Headquarters, I am taking over as the Divisional Commander of Edinburgh. During my 23 years with Lothian and Borders Police, I have enjoyed a range of different posts, both in uniform and CID duties, and have previously worked at Howdenhall, St Leonard's, Gayfield, and Leith police stations in the city, as well as postings in Mid, East and West Lothian. I have also been seconded to the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency, based in Strathclyde, for over three years.

I am really looking forward to getting out and about in the city to see for myself the extent of community engagement that is going on every day at a local level.

Community Beat Officers are crucial to achieving our aim of understanding and addressing local issues, and I am keen to push ahead with the emphasis on prevention and problem solving approaches.

As in previous years, Edinburgh has hosted a wide range of events over the festive period, and police officers and staff have worked hard to keep crime levels low and anti-social behaviour to a minimum. The extensive planning for the policing of the Hogmanay celebrations paid off again this year, with the low level of arrests reflecting the good natured atmosphere and friendly relationship between the public and the police.

I look forward to contributing to the policing of this diverse and dynamic city, and maintaining its high attraction as a safe place to live, work and visit.

Chief Supt Gill Imery, 'A' Division Commander

Theft Of Your Christmas Presents

Favourite items for thieves are gadgets like mobile phones, laptops, MP3 players and satellite navigation systems.

I'm sure many of you were lucky enough to get one of these items for Christmas.

They are most vulnerable when on view in your car so don't leave luggage or valuables on display. Even an old coat or cigarette packet can be a temptation for someone to smash and grab. Car thieves steal first and think about value later. Take valuables with you or lock them in the boot out of sight. Don't be tempted to hide things under the seats or leave them in the glove box.

Thieves are innovative and latest scams include:

- Using a mobile phone with Bluetooth capability to scan your vehicle or home for any items you may have with Bluetooth enabled, then breaking in and helping themselves. So even though you have gone to the trouble to lock your valuables in the boot, they can be detected. **DISABLE YOUR BLUETOOTH BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**
- Satellite Navigation systems are highly sought after and criminals look for the sucker mark that is left on the inside of the windscreen when it is removed, then break in on the off chance that you've hidden the unit in the car. **CLEAN THE TELL TALE MARK AND TAKE YOUR SAT NAV WITH YOU.**

And finally...

Picture if you will, a snowy or frosty winter morning in January. You leave the house to find your car windows frozen so you open up, turn on the engine and fire up the heater. This may take a while so you retire to the house to finish your cup of coffee. When you return to the car, it's not there!

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SM47 Morningside/ Meadows

Local News

Ward 10 Beat 47

This is the January edition of your monthly newsletter.

There were 40 reported crimes in respect of your ward for the month of December 2009.



DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

There were two domestic housebreakings and one attempted break in.

On the 1st an attempt was made to enter premises at Polwarth Terrace.

On the 9th premises at Bruntsfield Place were entered.

On the 12th premises at Viewforth were entered.

BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

There were no business break ins this month.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

There were no thefts of vehicles this month.

VEHICLE CRIME

There was one theft from a vehicle. On the 2nd a vauxhall motor car was entered and an MP3 player and bankcards stolen.

REPORTS/CRIMES

A 23 year old male was reported for theft of a pedal cycle from Hartington Place on the 2nd.

A 22 year old male was reported for taking and driving away a motor car. A 19 year old male were reported for being carried within this stolen vehicle. These crimes occurring on the 5th.

An 47 year old male was reported for a breach of the peace at Gilmore Place on the 6th.

A 19 year old male was reported for urinating at Home Street on the 21st

Another 19 year old male was also reported for urinating at Home Street on the 21st

An 18 year old male was reported for breach of the peace at Home Street on the 25th

Three 15 year old males, a 13 year old male and a 12 year old male were reported for their involvement in vandalism, breach of the peace and racial conduct at Lochrin Buildings on the 24th and 26th

REPORTS/CRIMES

A 24 year old female was reported for resisting arrest at Home Street on the 31st

A 31 year old male was reported for malicious damage at Gilmore Place on the 31st

PEDAL CYCLES

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

FIRERAISING

There were four incidents of fireraising. These crimes occurred in the early hours of the 31st at Napier Road and Polwarth Terrace. On each occasion a 'wheelie bin' and contents were set alight.

TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 152 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these only 7 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 50 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....

During the Festive period, extra officers were utilised in our area to specifically target anti-social and alcohol-related behaviour and thefts during the main shopping times. As a result of the initiative, over 1000 hours extra patrol time was achieved, 22 people were arrested and over 200 licensed premises were visited.

Looking ahead, whilst similar initiatives will operate throughout the year to deal with predicted events, we will still provide a locally focussed service to deal with the priorities that the community has raised. If you want to raise any matters of concern, please contact your local community officer or raise the issue through your local community council.

Ian Moffat, Inspector

