

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Work With Us'

### Divisional Commanders Message

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As the school holidays approach, Lothian and Borders Police are actively engaging with young people across the Division in order to make the summer months a safe and fun period. We have school link officers in secondary schools across the city, and they have been vital in educating our young people about how to keep themselves and their property secure this summer. Our officers also provide inputs, along with our partners at the City of Edinburgh Council, in various diversionary activities for local children, including everything from horse riding in the Pentlands to sailing at South Queensferry.

We have a number of high profile events happening throughout the summer and planning is well underway for all of them. The International Arts Festivals and Tattoo are just a couple of the fantastic events that really bring the city to life, and we are committed to making sure everyone who visits them can do so safely and enjoyably.

**Chief Supt Gill Imery, A Division Commander**

### SUMMER SAFETY

HOT  
TOPICS

Now that the holiday season is upon us, it is natural for people to relax and enjoy the warm weather. During the summer months, the population of Edinburgh swells with tourists from all over the world who come to enjoy our scenery, architecture and International Arts Festivals. Unfortunately the summer also presents additional opportunities for criminals keen to exploit people who have momentarily lowered their guard.

By considering the following advice you will make it difficult for these criminals to operate. This advice is equally relevant when you are abroad holiday.

- Be careful when leaving windows and doors insecure even when you're at home. Thieves can take this opportunity to slip in and help themselves to your valuables.
- Bogus callers can take advantage of the summer weather to ply their trade round the doors. Always engage reputable companies for building and gardening works. Service providers will rarely call without making an appointment. Always check caller's identification and IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT!
- Before you leave the house, ask yourself "Do I need my Laptop, MP3 player, camera and £500 cash with me?" If you don't leave them at home.
- Keep hold of your valuables. Don't leave your jacket, bag, laptop, phone, camera or wallet unattended even for a few seconds. That's all it takes for thieves to help themselves.
- Beware of pickpockets. Don't keep your wallet or purse in your bag. Carry cash in a pocket close to your body. It's less likely to be stolen from there.

Remember; we live in a safe city but don't tempt fate. Stay alert but above all enjoy the summer and take advantage of the host of attractions available in Edinburgh.

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

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

### **DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING**

There were six domestic housebreakings and three attempted break ins.

Overnight between 2/3<sup>rd</sup> an attempt was made to enter premises at Merchiston Crescent by attempting to force the front sash window.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> a property was entered at Polwarth Terrace. A chisel or similar was used to force the door lock.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> a premises at Merchiston Crescent was entered by forcing the front door with bodily pressure.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> a premises at Gilmore Place was entered by forcing the front door by bodily pressure. Also on this date a premises at Leamington Terrace was entered by forcing the front door with bodily pressure.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> an attempt was made to enter premises at Upper Gilmore Place by attempting to slip the lock by use of a piece of card.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> a premises at Bruntsfield Place was entered by climbing scaffolding and entering through an open window. Also on the 26<sup>th</sup> an attempt was made to enter premises at Viewforth Gardens by attempting to force the front door

Overnight between 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> a premises was entered at Polwarth Terrace by climbing through an insecure

### **BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING**

A premises under renovation at Napier Road was entered between 18-21<sup>st</sup> and tools were stolen.

### **THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

There were no thefts of motor vehicles this month.

### **VEHICLE CRIME**

There were four thefts from a vehicles.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> a Hyundai vehicle was entered at East Castle Road by smashing a rear window. A Sat Nav was stolen.

Between 8-9<sup>th</sup> a Vauxhall Astra was entered at Leamington Terrace by smashing the rear windscreen. Musical equipment was stolen.

Between 25-26<sup>th</sup> a Ford Focus was entered at Merchiston Avenue by smashing the rear windscreen. £5 was stolen.

On 28<sup>th</sup> at Chamberlain Road the rear arch of a Peugeot vehicle was stolen from the vehicle.

### **REPORTS/CRIMES**

A 25 year old male was reported for Breach of the Peace at Montpelier Park on the 1<sup>st</sup> .

A 48 year old male was reported for breach of the peace at Greenhill Gardens on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

A 28 year old male was reported for theft by shoplifting at Colinton Road on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

A 17 year old male was reported for drugs possession at Lochrin Place on the 14<sup>th</sup>

A 29 year old female was reported for a breach of the peace at Lochrin Place on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **PEDAL CYCLES**

There were five thefts of pedal cycles from within the beat. All pedal cycles had been left unattended within common stairs. Four were secured with one left insecure. One of the pedal cycles was recovered.

## Useful Numbers

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## And Finally....

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team are committed to tackling anti-social behaviour in your area. In the coming months, with the advent of good weather, we ask that if you witness any incidents of anti-social behaviour you contact your local officer by phone or email.

We appreciate your help in this matter and with your support we will continue to address this issue that affects the quality of life of the residents in our area.

