

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message



World Cup fever is almost upon us, and Lothian and Borders Police are prepared for a busy few weeks throughout the competition. Supporters are likely to descend onto the Capital's pubs and clubs to watch the matches and enjoy the good natured atmosphere in the city centre. We have a strict plan in place to make sure our licensed premises are supported throughout the period, and will be conducting regular checks and patrols to ensure the city remains a safe place to visit, live, and work in. We are heavily involved in the Scottish Government's National

Violence Prevention Plan, and a key aspect of this is ensuring that people who are out socialising do so safely and without causing disruption.

Officers from our Safer Communities department have organised a 'mini World Cup' with children from the Royal High School in the city. Fifth year pupils, as well of some of our fitter police officers, will be representing the various nations taking part and holding a series of matches. The winning team will receive a handsome cup kindly donated by the West Edinburgh Community Safety Panel. These events are excellent ways for our officers to take part in diversionary activities and engage with young people in an informal environment and best of luck to all involved!

Chief Supt Gill Imery, A Division Commander

Summer "Slip In" Thefts

At this time of year we regularly notice a rise in the number of "Slip In" thefts. These are committed in a number of ways; the most common being when you are in the garden and the thief slips into your house through an insecure door or window and steals your valuables. Similarly if it's a nice day and you leave windows or doors insecure whilst you go about your business inside the house you are leaving your property open to criminals.

Remember, it only takes a second to slip in and steal cash, credit cards, jewellery, digital camera, MP3 player, laptop or even your car.

If you are in your back garden, make sure that your front door is locked and secured, not just on the Yale lock as these are easy to overcome. Similarly if you have a conservatory or patio doors at the rear of your home it is important to secure them to prevent anyone slipping in whilst you're working in your garden. In the rare event that we experience a particularly warm and pleasant summer, do not be tempted to leave your windows open when you're out of the house. Open windows can be an invitation to thieves and **always** remember to keep your car keys safe. Modern cars are virtually impossible to steal without the true key so don't leave them lying around in vulnerable areas. Keep your keys with you or secure them in a safe place, not on a key hook or near the front door.

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Local News

Ward 10 Beat 47

This is the June edition of your monthly newsletter.

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



DOMESTIC HOUSEBREAKING

There were two domestic housebreakings and two attempted break ins.

Between the 11th and 12th an attempt was made to enter a dwelling at Leamington Terrace by smashing the rear patio door. No entry was gained.

On the 12th an attempt was made to enter a dwelling at Gilmore Place by smashing the conservatory door. No entry was gained.

Between the 20th and the 21st a dwelling at Merchiston Avenue was entered by forcing the living room window. A 34 year old male has been reported for this crime.

Between the 21st and the 22nd a dwelling at Mardale Crescent was entered by forcing the living room window. A 34 year old male has been reported for this crime.

BUSINESS HOUSEBREAKING

There were no business housebreakings this month.



THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Between the 13th April and the 1st May, an attempt was made to steal a BMW motorcycle from Rochester Terrace. A 16-year-old male has been reported for this.

Between the 29th April and the 3rd May, an Ovetto motorcycle was stolen from Upper Gilmore Place.

Between the 24th and 25th a Honda motorcar was stolen from Mardale Crescent.

On the 31st a Honda motorcycle was stolen from Bruntsfield Avenue. A 19-year-old male and a 17-year-old male have been reported for this.

VEHICLE CRIME

Between the 3rd and 4th a motorcar at Merchiston Park was entered by smashing the passenger window, and a car radio was stolen.

Between the 12th and 13th an unlocked Suzuki motorcar at Leamington Terrace was entered, and an MP3 player, a sat nav and jewellery were stolen.

Between the 21st and 22nd at Montpelier Park a Ford Transit van was entered by smashing the passenger window. A sat nav and sunglasses were stolen.

Between the 21st and 24th at Forbes Road, a Honda motorcar was entered by forcing the passenger door, and a sat nav was stolen.

On the 30th an unlocked motorcar at Bruntsfield Place was entered, and a mobile phone was stolen.

REPORTS/CRIMES

A 16 year old male was reported for Theft Of A Motor Vehicle from Rochester Terrace between the 13th April and 1st May.

An 31 year old male was reported for a Breach Of The Peace at Lochrin Place on the 2nd.

A 58 year old male was reported for a Breach Of The Peace at Leven Street on the 16th.

A 22 year old male was reported for driving offences at Bruntsfield Place on the 19th.

An 34 year old male was reported for a Theft By Housebreaking at Merchiston Avenue between the 20th and 21st.

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A 34 year old male was reported for a Theft By Housebreaking at Marsdale Crescent between the 21st and 22nd.

A 16 year old male was reported for a Breach Of The Peace at Leamington Terrace on the 22nd.

A 21 year old male was reported for Theft By Shoplifting at Colinton Road on the 23rd.

A 33 year old male was reported for Vandalism and Breach Of The Peace at Lochrin Buildings on the 26th.

A 19 year old male was reported for Theft Of A Motor Vehicle at Bruntsfield Avenue on the 31st.

A 40 year old male was reported for driving offences at Home Street on the 31st.

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PEDAL CYCLES

There were two thefts of pedal cycles from within the beat. Both pedal cycles had been left unattended, but were secured within common stairs.

TAGGED INCIDENTS

During the month there were 152 incidents logged by the police in respect of your ward. Of these 12 were graded 1, i.e. emergencies; 49 were Graded 2 i.e. not emergencies but should be responded to within one hour. The remainder were dealt with by the Safer Neighbourhood Team or patrol officers.

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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 which affects the quality of life of the residents in our area.

