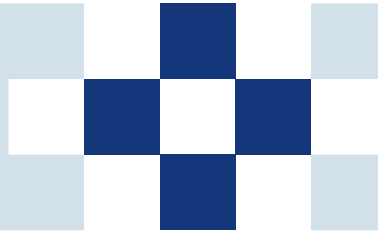


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Easter is traditionally a time when our policing focus changes slightly to incorporate the school holidays, and the challenges they bring. The holidays can signal a rise in certain types of crime, namely vandalism and anti social behaviour. Similarly, the start of British summer time and the lighter evenings means we can

often start to see a trend in seasonal crime, including bogus callers. Our local SNT officers are always on hand to deliver crime prevention advice to ensure that you and your neighbours are not victims of these types of crime.

Garden Crime - Nip it in the bud!

Spring is upon us and for some of us, thoughts turn to our gardens.

Many of you take measures to protect your home but don't give a thought to your bicycle, lawnmower, hedge trimmer, power tools and other valuable gardening implements lying in your shed. Criminals consider this type of crime to be low risk/high return as they don't have to force entry to your home and the goods they can get are as valuable as anything in your house.

The good news is there is a lot you can do to prevent it.

Any boundary fence at your house should be built in such a way that it is difficult to climb.

Use a good quality closed shackle padlock on your

shed door. For further information on bogus workmen or other aspects of crime prevention, please see the information on our website at www.lbp.police.uk.

Alternatively, please contact your local team of officers using the contact details on the back page of this newsletter. They would be happy to discuss some simple and practical steps to keeping yourself and your home safe.

Edinburgh is lucky to be hosting a number of events this summer, and police planning is now well underway for all of them. As well as the wedding of Zara Phillips and Mike Tindall at the Canongate Kirk on 30th July, we also have Armed Forces Day and the State Opening of Parliament to look forward to. Our resources will be carefully managed to allow for resilience in the neighbourhoods too. We will ensure that local communities continue to receive a high quality of service.

shed door.

Importantly, the hasp and door hinges should be attached using coach bolts rather than screws to prevent simple removal.

Fit an internal wire mesh grille to protect your shed window.

You should keep valuable items in the house but if they must stay in the shed, chain/lock them up and security mark them. Consider a shed alarm.

Lace a chain through the handles of garden forks, spades, bicycles etc. This will prevent a thief from being able to remove single items. Remember tools from your shed can be used to force entry to your house.

Finally - Don't let any casual caller do work on your property, for example roofing, tarmac driveways or gardening.



Local Operations and Initiatives

Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart officers have continued throughout the month of March to maintain high visibility patrols in and around the area of Gorgie Road. They have been concentrating on the youth issues in the area particularly after the youth clubs close. This results in a large number of youths congregating in the area at the same time and numerous complaints from residents regarding their behaviour. Officers have been identified as liason



officers for the youth clubs at Slateford Community Centre and Destiny Church, Gorgie Road, to engage with the local youths and conduct weekly visits. Officers on these patrols identify anyone being involved in antisocial behaviour and as a result a number of youths have been warned regarding their behaviour and their details passed to City of Edinburgh Council youth tracking system.

This youth tracking system allows the council to identify youths repeatedly involved and joint visits are carried out with the police and their families in order to try and resolve the issue. This joint approach by the council has seen a marked reduction in the number of calls made about antisocial behaviour involving youths. Over recent months residents in the Hutchison area voiced their concerns in relation to a tenant in regards to their anti-social behaviour. The tenant was continually causing noise and general disorder. Police and City of Edinburgh Community Safety Team worked together to solve the issues and the tenant was evicted.

As a result of an increase in vandalisms and littering in the Tollcross area, Police officers have teamed up with City of Edinburgh Council Environmental wardens to carry out joint patrols in the evenings especially at the weekend. There have been numerous windows smashed and the main areas that appear to be targeted are Tollcross Primary school and the Community Centre, Scottish Widows Building and Lloyds TSB. A number of youths have been spoken to in the area and enquiries are ongoing to try and trace the culprits. There are numerous CCTV cameras from office buildings, carparks etc in the area which are also being examined. These high visibility patrols will be continuing into April, with special attention being given to Tollcross Primary School as the open playground scheme is now in operation. Following concerns from the public in relation to dog fouling in the area of Harrison Park, our



officers have been carrying out regular patrols in the area in the mornings to address the problem and identify those responsible. We are also working with City of Edinburgh Council in an effort to increase patrols by Dog Wardens in Harrison Park and the surrounding areas



Community Council Meetings

The 4 local Community Councils in your area play a role in setting the police priorities in the local community. These meetings discuss current local issues and are attended by safer neighbourhood team police officers. As well as officers giving an input on recent crime and police activity in the area, they will take note of any other crime or antisocial behaviour issues raised. They can then work with other officers or partnership agencies to tackle these. The Community Council meetings are open to all residents in the relevant area and the more support they get from people, the more effective they are.

All residents are therefore encouraged to come along.

Hutchison Community Council – 9th May 2011,

7.30pm at St Cuthberts Community Council

Tollcross Community Council – 11th May 2011,
7pm at Tollcross Community Centre

Merchiston Community Council – 17th May
2011, 7 pm at Eric Liddell Centre

Craiglockhart Community Council – 31st May
2011, 6.30pm Napier University, Craiglockhart

Local Priorities

The three priorities have now been set for the Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart ward.

- Antisocial Behaviour McDonalds Restaurant, Gorgie Road
- Youth problems and littering Tollcross Primary School
- Graffiti on Union canal bridges, dumped items and overgrown bushes on cycle path

A number of measures have been put in place to tackle the priorities as outlined above. Regular foot patrols have been carried out along the Union Canal cycle path and Craiglockhart Sports Centre. A joint walkabout with CEC staff, Canal Waterways and Community Councillors took place on Wednesday 6th April to assess the problem.



A scheme has been launched across Scotland to keep children safer from sexual predators.

Keeping Children Safe was launched on 31st March in Lothian and the Borders, following successful rollout in other areas of the country.

The scheme means that parents, carers and guardians of children under 18, can ask the police for information about whether a person who has contact with that child has a record for sexual offences against children.

If it's found the person in question does pose a risk of harm to the child concerned, information may be given to the parent, carer or guardian as a protective measure. If there is serious or immediate risk, measures to protect that child will be taken immediately.

Anyone wanting to raise a concern regarding a child in their care can do so directly by visiting their local police station or by calling Lothian and Borders Police, where their call will be directed to the 'Keeping Children Safe' co-ordinator.

For more information, visit www.lbp.police.uk/keepingchildrensafe



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City of Edinburgh help and advice

Lothian and Borders Police
Non emergency
0131 311 3131

Lothian and Borders
Fire and Rescue Service
(freephone)
Fire safety advice:
0800 169 0320
enquiries@lbfire.org.uk

Lothian Gay and
Lesbian Switchboard
0131 556 4049
0131 557 0751 (lesbian)

Samaritans
For emotional advice if you are
feeling depressed or suicidal:
0131 221 9999 (Edinburgh)
08457 90 90 90 (National)

Shakti Women's Aid
Support and information for
black minority ethnic women
experiencing domestic abuse:
0131 475 2399

Update
Signposts people with
disability to a wide range
of services:
0131 669 1600

Victim Support
01896 751 212

Women's Aid
0131 3158 110

National freephone helplines

(calls may not be free
from mobile phones)

Breathing Space
For emotional advice if
you are feeling depressed:
0800 838 587

Childline
Help for people aged
18 or under: 0800 11 11

Know the Score
Free confidential drugs
information and advice:
0800 587 587 9

Message Home
Get a message home for
free if you have run away:
0800 700 740

National Debtline
0808 808 4000

National Domestic
Violence Helpline
0808 2000 247

National Missing
Persons Helpline
0500 700 700

Runaway Helpline
0808 800 7070

Scottish Domestic
Abuse Line
0800 027 1234

Shelter's Free Housing
Advice Helpline
0808 800 4444

Stonewall
Lesbian, gay and
bisexual charity:
08000 50 20 20

Womens Aid
0808 2000 247

Crimestoppers

0800 5551111
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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