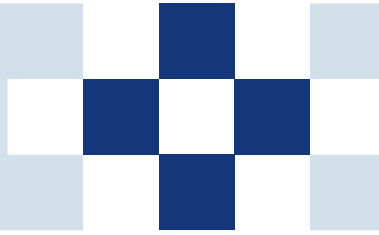


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The recent run of good weather has been a welcome introduction to the summer months, with more people out enjoying the sunshine and mild temperatures. In policing terms, this change in season can often spell a shift in the types of crime that are committed. In particular, we can often see a rise in crimes such as

thefts to garden sheds and garages, as well as a rise in the number of 'bogus callers'. I would always encourage you to be aware of people trying to gain access to your home, or those selling services door – to – door.

The summer months can often also signal a rise in street drinking, and we continually work with our partners in the City of Edinburgh Council to ensure this does not bring a rise in anti social behaviour or associated crime. Drinking in public spaces is not an offence in Edinburgh, however we will ensure it does not affect the enjoyment of others living or visiting the area, including enforcing byelaws that are in place in areas of the city.

Finally, I'm sure many of you will have seen coverage of the Royal wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. While we do not expect the same crowds to descend on Edinburgh for the wedding of Zara Phillips and Mike Tyndall in July, our events planning sections are still making plans for this event to ensure it passes without incident and is a success. This, combined with the upcoming Armed Forces Day, means we are guaranteed a busy and exciting summer of policing ahead.

## Crime Prevention

As mentioned, visits from Bogus Workers tend to increase in the summer months, below is some advice on how to help ensure you don't fall victim

- Cold Callers/Bogus Workmen turn up on the doorstep unannounced with good excuses such as 'just happen to be working in the area' you have some loose slates.' Never let a casual caller do any work on your property; be that gardening; roofing or laying/repairing your drive. Thank them and inform them that your tradesman will look at it. Most reputable companies do not operate in this manner.
- What do Bogus Workmen look like? They are usually very plausible people dressed for the part.

- Who is at risk from them and when? We all are but they tend to prey on the more vulnerable and will usually call through the day.
- What can you do? Be prepared. Are you expecting someone to call? Check the person on the doorstep is genuine; most service providers carry identification, use the phone book to get the telephone number to contact the company to confirm. Best of all only deal with callers by appointment.
- Don't keep large sums of money in your home.
- Keep front and back doors locked even if you are just in the garden.

If suspicious persons are in the area - phone the police – give a good description of them and most importantly give the registration number, make/model, and colour of any vehicle involved.



## Local Operations and Initiatives

Following concerns raised by the local community in relation to dog fouling in Harrison Park and the surrounding areas, Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart Safer Neighbourhood Officers have teamed up with the City of Edinburgh Council dog wardens and have been carrying out regular foot patrols in the area during the month of April. Although no offences have been detected we hope our presence in the area has been a deterrent to those responsible.



Our officers along with the dog wardens will continue to carry out these patrols during the month of May and any person found committing an offence will be dealt with appropriately. We'll also be on hand along with the dog wardens to provide advice to those dog owners who are not conversant with the laws in relation to dog fouling.

Our Safer Neighbourhood Team officers have continued throughout April to carry out regular foot patrols at Tollcross Primary School in response to the number of calls you have made relating to vandalism and anti social behaviour in the school and the surrounding areas. We are pleased to report back that there were no vandalism reported to us at the school during the month of April.

Our intention is again to work in partnership with City of Edinburgh Council Environmental Wardens and conduct more joint patrols in this area over the coming months.

Safer Neighbourhood Team Officers are continuing to work with SCOREscotland engaging with the local ethnic minority youths. We have teamed up with the organisation assisting with their floating youth club on the Union Canal. A number of clubs have taken place on the Union Canal in the Harrison Park area and local youths are welcome to pop on board and join in with the activities. The club is continuing through the month of May and future events will be organised over the school summer holidays.

Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart officers along with city of Edinburgh Community Safety Department have conducted three Street Surgeries in the area during April. Our first surgery at Meggetland Sports Centre proved very successful and was met with a good response from the community. They provided us with information in relation to a new Meggetland residents association that is being set up in the area. Our officers will be attending their first meeting on Thursday 19th May to meet the residents and discuss local issues. Our first joint surgery with City of Edinburgh Community Safety



Team and Environmental Wardens at Asda supermarket, Chesser was also a success with around 25 members of the public seeking advice on a variety of issues.

The team were able to offer advice on a range of matters such as noise complaints and home security.

Please visit the Lothian & Borders Police website for details of further surgeries in your area during the month of May.



## Appeal for information

Over the past few months there has been an increase in vandalisms to parked cars in the following areas; Ashley Grove, Ashley Drive, Ashley Gardens and Harrison Gardens. with vehicles have been deliberately scratched , in some cases the damage has been extensive resulting in a significant cost to the owners. These are senseless acts of vandalism and are fully investigated by us. We now have a dedicated vandalism team working in the area. These officers oversee the investigation of all vandalisms in an effort to identify patterns and trace offenders. They have had many successes over the past few weeks, however we continue to rely on you the community to help us by reporting suspicious activity. We are appealing to anyone who has any information regarding these crimes or any other crime in your area to contact the police on 0131 311 3131. You can also do this anonymously by calling crimestoppers on 0800 555 1111 or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

### Local Priorities

The local priorities set for the Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart Ward are as follows:

- Tackle antisocial behaviour and littering at Tollcross Primary School.
- Tackle graffiti at rear of leisure centre and canal bridges and dumping and overgrown bushes on cycle path.
- Tackle antisocial behaviour at McDonalds, Gorgie Park Road and Gorgie Road.

In addition to our regular joint patrols, SNT officers have carried out a joint walkabout with Community Councillors and CEC Community Safety Team on the Union Canal and cycle paths to identify problems raised by the community. As a result, measures have been put in place to have the graffiti removed from the bridges and a general tidy up of the area carried out.



On the 1st May 2011, every Community Policing poster on Lothian and Borders Police website was refreshed. New posters will soon be put up in every council ward area in the Force.

Our Community Commitment promises:

\* to make sure your local officers are visible and accessible in your area

\* to make sure you know who the police officers serving your area are, and how to contact them

The Community Policing posters are designed to help you get to know the community officers in your area, and give their phone numbers and email contact details. They also give the postal address for the police station serving your area.

The posters will be refreshed again in six month's time.

To find out more, see 'Contact your local officer'



## A Division

### 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](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

### Contact your Local SNT

Email : [ADivSNTFountainbridge](mailto:ADivSNTFountainbridge)  
[Craiglockhart@lbp.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Craiglockhart@lbp.pnn.police.uk)

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