

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

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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

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TOPICS

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.

Local News

Here is the Murrayfield sector newsletter covering activity from the 1st May to the 31st. I hope you find it informative as well providing you with a summary of the crime within your area, whilst also mentioning local and policing issues.

There were 25 crimes recorded in our area for the month of May 2010, 9 of which were solved, many of these included crimes to business premises, Breaches of the Peace and Road Traffic Offences.

HOUSE BREAKINS TO PREMISES

I am delighted to say that during the month of May, there was no domestic house breakings reported to the Police. However, an attempt was made to enter a dwelling on Corstorphine Road on the 02nd of the month. 4 culprits smashed a glass windowpane in an attempt to enter the premises but were disturbed and thereafter made off but were later caught in a nearby street. These included 3 males and 1 female all aged between 20-24 years of age.

Can we please try to ensure that we look after our properties. I am not suggesting that we secure our properties as if they are fortresses but if you are at the rear of your dwelling I would suggest that the front door is closed and vice versa. Keep doors and windows locked when possible, don't give the slip in thief a chance.

VEHICLE RELATED INCIDENTS

The month of May saw 2 reported incidents relating to vehicle crime. 1 vehicle in Roseburn Street had its tyres and wheels removed whereby another vehicle was broken into in Belmont Terrace between the 18th – 19th of the month.

Crime prevention is one of the keys to making your surroundings safer. To assist in this the Police can provide a free home survey to advise on any measures that would improve security in and around your home or vehicle. This can be arranged through any Police station or through myself.

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As mentioned in my Newsletter a year ago, the summer months mark a very busy time for the Murrayfield Sector as well as the citywide Police team. The level of events in which the police are involved throughout the local areas is indicative of the success of our local community and I can assure you that albeit the Police are committed to such activity, this will not detract us from continuing to provide a quality of service to all within the Murrayfield beat.

If you have any matters, which you may wish to speak about, I can be contacted at Corstorphine Police Station or by e-mail to prince.durant@lbp.pnn.police.uk

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And Finally....

Summer would appear to be with us (at last!), and with that, it brings the round of Summer Fairs and Gala Days, which usually are well attended by the general public and are policed by the Community Beat and Neighbourhood Action Unit Officers. These Officers are present to not only ensure that there is no trouble or potential for trouble, but more so to ensure that you all have a safe and enjoyable time. Among the latest events they have Policed are Gala days at Drumbrae, Clermiston, Kirkliston, which were well attended, and passed without incident, although the weather could have been kinder.

Perhaps the biggest challenge and the most well attended was the Corstorphine Fair, which, combined with the excellent weather and the multitude of attractions on display, it attracted well over 6000 people, and, all credit to those who attended, there was not a single incident (apart from the lost children!) that my Officers had to deal with. I hope that you continue to have a great Summer, and the weather continues to improve.

Andy Gilhooley
Sector Inspector

