

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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## 'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

### The Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places

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WIDE

The City Of Edinburgh Council have invoked powers under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to create an Edinburgh wide byelaw prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public places. *The City of Edinburgh Council Prohibition of Consumption of Alcohol in Designated Public Places Byelaws 2006* became effective on Monday 8th January 2007.

The Byelaw is unique in Scotland, in that the intention is not to completely ban the consumption of alcohol in public places, but to prohibit consumption where it is associated with antisocial behaviour. In practical terms, anyone now consuming alcohol in a public place and acting in an antisocial manner could be asked to desist by the police. It is an offence to refuse to comply and could result in a fine of up to £500.

**Chief Superintendent George Simpson, Divisional Commander**

### Crime Prevention - Satellite Navigation Systems

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Satellite Navigation Systems are becoming increasingly popular with motorists, but also with local criminals, especially if left on show within parked vehicles. To help tackle the problem please consider the following crime prevention advice when leaving your vehicle unattended for any period of time;

- Disconnect the system - taking the electronic route finder with you
- Remove the suction mounted fitting from the windscreen and clean any suction marks, which may indicate the presence of a system
- Note the serial number of your system and keep the information safe
- Security mark each part of your system with an ultraviolet marker
- Register your system free with a tracking agency like [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

For additional advice, please contact the Lothian & Borders Police Safer Communities Department on telephone 0131 221 2073.

# Local News

## **CURRIE**

At 02:00Hrs on the 1<sup>st</sup> January a male was arrested in Riccarton Main Road, Currie for driving whilst under the influence of alcohol.

At 18.50Hrs on the 1<sup>st</sup> a female was arrested for a breach of the peace and resisting arrest in Forthview Crescent.

At 18.45Hrs on the 6<sup>th</sup> a male was assaulted by a group of youths in Pentland View Court. Enquiries are continuing.

At 22.00Hrs on the 8<sup>th</sup> 3 unknown males assaulted a male in Forthview Crescent.

At 11.00Hrs on the 9<sup>th</sup> a female was bitten by an Airedale terrier whilst walking on the water of Leith walkway. Both the owner and walker of the dog concerned have been reported.

At 09.00Hrs on the 11<sup>th</sup> a forged Bank of Scotland £20 note was presented at a store in Pentland View Court, by two males, aged between 20-30 years.

At 12.40Hrs on the 17<sup>th</sup> the window of a house in Dolphin Avenue was damaged. The following day this house was again targeted and further damage caused.

In the early hours of the 18<sup>th</sup> a vehicle parked in Dolphin Road was maliciously damaged, by throwing white paint over the bodywork.

At 20.15Hrs on the 19<sup>th</sup> two males were arrested for a Breach of the Peace in Bryce Road.

At 22.30Hrs on the 19<sup>th</sup> the window of a house in Forthview Crescent was smashed, a male has been charged with this offence.

At 11.00Hrs on the 23<sup>rd</sup> a male was stopped driving a motorcar in Nether Currie Crescent and charged with driving without valid insurance.

At 15.40Hrs on the 25<sup>th</sup> a female youth was assaulted in Forthview Crescent two suspects have been identified and enquiries are ongoing.

At 19.40Hrs on the 25<sup>th</sup> a patio window of a house in Currievale Park was smashed.

At 18.20Hrs on the 26<sup>th</sup> an item was thrown at a house window in Palmer Road, which caused the glass to crack. Overnight on the 26<sup>th</sup> a window of the Medical Centre at Pentland View was smashed.

Around 13.30Hrs on the 29<sup>th</sup> a car window was smashed whilst it was parked in the Kirkgate, Currie.

## JUNIPER GREEN AND BABERTON

At 22.15Hrs on the 5<sup>th</sup> January a male was arrested in Lanark Road, for driving a motor vehicle whilst under the influence of alcohol.

Between 17.30 on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 16.30 on the 15<sup>th</sup> a garage in Baberton Mains Wood was entered by force and a quantity of golf equipment stolen.

During the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> a male was arrested for a breach of the peace following a call of a disturbance taking place in Lanark Road, Juniper Green.

Around 20.40Hrs on the 27<sup>th</sup> two youths were identified as carrying offensive weapons in the Baberton and Juniper Green areas, both were arrested and charged.

About 21.45Hrs on the 27<sup>th</sup> a serious sexual assault occurred within Baberton Mains Drive. Enquiries are ongoing to trace a teenage male who was wearing a light coloured hooded top and jogging bottoms.

Between 19.00 and 22:00Hrs on the 29<sup>th</sup> a house in Baberton Mains Lea was the subject of a break-in and Jewellery, electronic goods and sports equipment stolen.

## Useful Numbers

The Community Sergeant for the area is Sgt Tony Catlin.

He can be contacted at

**Balerno Police Station      449 5991**

[balerno.cbo@lbp.pnn.police.uk](mailto:balerno.cbo@lbp.pnn.police.uk)

Confidential or anonymous information on all types of criminal activity can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## And Finally....

Due to the retiral of Inspector Alan Grant, there is no Inspector's message this month.

