

## A Division

### Community and Neighbourhood Watch News - Ward 02

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**POLICE**



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**'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'**

### Strengthening Links with the Polish Community

CITY

In acknowledgement of the growing number of Polish nationals residing in the Capital, police and support staff are to receive specialist training on Polish issues. The training will focus on culture, expectations, beliefs, language, attitudes towards crime and the police and examine some of the basic differences between Polish and Scots Law.

WIDE

The information will be presented in a series of seminars to raise awareness of the large number of Polish immigrants living in the City and the diverse cultural differences that may exist between them and Scottish people. Leaflets have also been produced in Polish explaining the role of the police and providing basic information on the law - including information about driving in the United Kingdom.

**Chief Superintendent George Simpson, Divisional Commander**

### Nipping Garden Crime in the Bud

FOR  
YOUR

Spring is upon us and many of you will be dusting down the lawnmower and garden tools in the hope of producing an award-winning garden. Unfortunately, at this time of year, break-ins to garden sheds and thefts from gardens become more common. Many people store bicycles, power tools and expensive gardening equipment in sheds, making them an attractive target for criminals. These criminals consider this type of crime to be low risk, as there is no need to force entry to your home. However, there is much that can be done to outsmart garden thieves.

- Use a good quality closed shackle padlock on your shed door - the hasp should be attached using coach bolts rather than screws
- You should keep valuable items in the house - if they must stay in the shed, chain and lock them up
- Loop a bike lock through the handles of garden forks, spades, etc. - these items can be used as tools to force entry to your home
- Security mark your bicycles, lawnmowers, toolboxes and garden furniture by engraving, painting or utilising a security marker pen
- Fit an internal wire mesh grille to protect your shed window
- Install security lighting to illuminate your garden.
- Fit a shed alarm - they can be purchased for a few pounds from DIY retailers

**Ward 02 – Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston**

# Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston May newsletter covering activity from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

Having started off last month's newsletter with a brief introduction I thought we'd spice things up a bit and give you a picture of Sgt Butler and myself in glorious Technicolor©. (No dartboard use please).



Regards Mike.

## SOLVED CRIMES

On the 20<sup>th</sup> a male was found within ground in the Riccarton area where it was suspected he intended to commit crime.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> a theft occurred at a premises in Riccarton Mains Road. A number of personal items were stolen.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> a 20 year old male was arrested for driving a car with no licence or insurance.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> a 22 year old male was arrested in Lanark road for a Breach of the peace.



In the early hours of the 7<sup>th</sup> a male was charged with driving a motor vehicle with no MOT or insurance.

## GPS THEFTS FROM CARS



Many of you may have already treated yourself to one of the latest hi-tech navigation devices to assist you in getting from A to B.

In-car Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) systems are becoming more and more popular not only with the general public but with the local criminals. We are seeing an increase in thefts from cars targeting these devices. Please be aware that if you leave these devices attached to your windscreen or in full view when you lock car, it may not be there when you return.

## Police Dog wins Scottish Police Dog Trials for the Second time!

Lothian and Borders Police continued its success at this year's Scottish Police Dog Trials. For the second year running PC Stewart Hay won the overall Champions trophy with police dog Kelsey.



The trials took place at the Scottish Police College and were held over three days (Tues 13<sup>th</sup>, Wed 14<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> March).

Stewart also picked up trophies for winning two of the three operationally based phases overall nose work, tracking and searching.

Police dog Kelsey is a Belgian shepherd. He has been PC Stewart Hay's dog for 4 years.

This is Stewart's last year of competing prior to his retirement in October this year. He will go on to represent the Force in the National Dog Trials in April 2007 in Surrey. He and Kelsey now have a total of 6 trophies and Stewart is running out of room for them!

PC Dave Torrance and Police dog Duco were also competing and finished a very respectable sixth out of twelve competitors. This was Dave's first year with his new dog Duco.

**ASSAULT** – On the 7<sup>th</sup> a minor assault occurred at a premises in Lanark Road. Police are currently looking for a named male.

### **THEFT – OTHERS**



On the 20<sup>th</sup> a theft occurred at a premises in Pentland View. A mobile phone was stolen.

### **VANDALISM**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> a car was damaged in Woodhall Avenue. It had its bodywork scratched.



On the 5<sup>th</sup> in Forthview Avenue a vehicle had its wing mirror damaged.

On the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup> a number of premises in Woodhall Avenue had flowers stolen that were in fairly large pots. No persons were seen or heard.



### **PITO SYSTEM.**

Could users of the above system, also known as the Police Message Broadcast System please note that it is no longer in use. A new system is currently being tested.

### **STATISTICS**

Unfortunately when this month's newsletter was being produced, official stats for the beat were unavailable. I have put together what I could find as follows.

A total number of 12 crimes were committed in the area this month of which 5 were solved, that equates to a 41% solvency.

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## AND FINALLY



Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue are committed to reducing fires in the home. One of the many services they offer is the supply and fitting of a free fire alarm to all properties. The alarm will be fitted by local fire fighters and has a 10 year battery fitted. The fire fighters will also give your house a free home safety check.

I would encourage anyone interested to contact myself and I will in turn pass your details onto the local Community Fire Officer.

