

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

### IMITATION GUNS INCLUDING BB GUNS

CITY  
WIDE

In the light of recent tragic events in Liverpool where Rhys Jones was killed by a gun, messages in relation to firearms, imitation or otherwise, seem ever more pertinent than ever. I would like to take this opportunity to warn people about the dangers of carrying imitation guns in public.

Since April 2004 it has been illegal to carry an imitation gun in public and police have been making the consequences clear.

Trained police officers have great difficulty distinguishing these guns from actual firearms and have to act as if they are real. There is a real risk of someone being shot by armed response officers who are unable to establish the exact nature of the weapon. The fear felt by members of the public on being confronted with an imitation gun can be just as great. Valuable time and resources are being used up when armed response teams have to be sent to incidents involving fake guns.

I want to ask parents to support the police by making their children aware of the consequences of having such a weapon in their possession.

**Divisional Commander – Chief Superintendent George Simpson**

### SAFE USE OF AN ATM

FOR  
YOUR  
USE

The overwhelming majority of cash machine withdrawals take place crime free, but cardholders still need to be aware of the common sense steps to take when using a cash machine.

**Top tips: How cardholders can prevent themselves becoming a victim of crime when withdrawing money from a cash machine**

#### 1. Choosing a Cash Machine

Put your personal safety first. Be aware of others around you. If someone close to the cash machine is behaving suspiciously or makes you feel uncomfortable choose another. If there is anything unusual about the cash machine, or there are signs of tampering, do not use the machine and report it to the bank immediately. If you suspect that a skimming device has been attached to a cash machine, inform staff within the bank or, if this is not possible, inform the police. Put your personal safety first and do not attempt to remove it yourself.

#### 2. Using a cash machine

Be aware of your surroundings. If someone is crowding or watching you, cancel the transaction and go to another machine. Do not accept help from seemingly well-meaning strangers and never allow yourself to be distracted. Stand close to the cash machine and always shield the keypad to avoid anyone seeing you enter your PIN.

#### 3. Leaving a cash machine

Once you have completed a transaction, discreetly put your money and card away before leaving the cash machine. If the cash machine does not return your card, report its loss immediately to your bank. Tear up or preferably shred your cash machine receipt, mini-statement or balance enquiry when you dispose of them.

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

# Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the September newsletter covering activity from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007.

**ParentLine**  
SCOTLAND 0808 800 2222  
Because being a parent isn't easy

Parentline is the free, confidential helpline for anyone caring for a child to call about any problem or worry concerning a child or family life. The helpline is a National service provided by Children 1<sup>st</sup>, who have been working for a better future for children in Scotland for over 100 years, and is partially funded by the Scottish Executive.

They aim to help parents talk through concerns and to get the information and support they need, exactly when they need it

If you need any more information, I have a selection of posters and leaflets. You could also check out their web site at <http://www.children1st.org.uk/parentline/>

## VANDALISM

- 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, Riccarton Avenue, windows smashed.
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Pentland View, Windows smashed
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, Baberton Mains Farm, smashed window
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, Belmont Road, smashed window
- 17<sup>th</sup> Waulkmill Loan, smashed window
- 17<sup>th</sup> Riccarton Mains Road, smashed window
- 14<sup>th</sup>, Riccarton mains Road, vehicle damaged.
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, Pentland View Court, graffiti on wall.
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, Forthview Crescent, graffiti
- 7<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup>, Curriehill Road, smashing light
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, Riccarton Grove, damaging window
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, Woodhall Terrace, smashed window
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## THEFT PEDAL CYCLE

Between the 27<sup>th</sup> July and the 3<sup>rd</sup> August the pedal cycle pictured here was stolen whilst left unattended.



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> an APPOLO mountain bike was stolen from a garden in Muirwood Road. It's described as a being blue in colour, black mudguards, speedo on handlebars and was padlocked at the time of the theft.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> a pedal cycle was stolen from Belmont Road whilst secured. The bike is described as a **BLACK, REVOLUTION MAKE, CUILLEN MODEL, 22 GEARS, FRONT SUSPENSION, BLACK SEAT, REAR LIGHT WITH SCRATCHES ON THE MIDDLE BAR.**

## **THEFT – OTHERS**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> an insecure garden shed was entered and a bottle of weed killer stolen.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> a motor generator was stolen from Curriehill road whilst left unattended.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> an insecure car park was entered and cable stolen from a pallet left lying there.

Between the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> there was a theft from Riccarton campus when a laptop was stolen from an office.



## **HOUSEBREAKINGS**

In the early hours of the 19<sup>th</sup> a premises in Lanark Road were entered but nothing appeared to have been stolen.

Between the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> there was an attempt to enter a garage premises in Riccarton Mains Road.

Between the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> there was an attempt to enter a premises in Riccarton Mains Road.

Between the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> a garden shed was entered in the Kirkgate and a quantity of tools stolen.

Between the 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> a premises in Riccarton Mains Road were damaged when there was an attempt to overcome the lock by use of an axe or similar.

Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> a garage premises were entered and a mountain bike and cycle clothing stolen.

## **FIRERAISING**

In the early hours of the 25<sup>th</sup> a bundle of newspapers were set on fire at the rear of Scotmid in Pentland View Court. Thankfully there was no other damage to any other property or premises.

## **THEFT MOTOR VEHICLE.**

Between the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> there was an attempt to steal a car parked in Muirwood Road. The MO on this occasion was to bend back the door, entering and attempting to hotwire.

## **CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> an assault tookplace in Palmer Place when a male was punched to the face by a male wearing a hearts top.

## **SOLVED CRIMES**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> in Heriot Watt Research park a 16 year old male was seen on a mini moto and charged with various motoring offences.



On the 5<sup>th</sup> a 23 year old was charged with smashing a window and resisting arrest.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> a 17 year old male was arrested and charegd with shoplifting.

On the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 males aged 16 and 17 were arrested and charged after trying to break in to a van in Forthview Crescent.

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## MOBILE PHONE CRIME

Many thousands of mobile phones are lost or stolen each year in the UK. With your help we can make your phone safer and reduce mobile phone crime. The National Mobile Phone Register already holds details of over 10 million phones. Add your details now to protect your phone and help the National Mobile Crime Unit stop criminals. Register your phone free at;

[www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

