

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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

### A MECHANICAL KILLER

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I think that we would all agree that we would struggle without our cars. They get us to work, they hold all of the shopping after the weekly supermarket trip, and they take us on holiday and help us to visit our family and friends. However, our mechanical friend can very easily become a mechanical killer when driven by the irresponsible and the reckless.

The last few weeks has seen two males being sentenced to over ten years a piece after both were found guilty, in separate cases, of culpable homicide when their driving resulted in the deaths of two children. Such selfish and reckless behaviour changes the lives of many forever. It also acts as a stark reminder to us all that every vehicle that is driven must be respected as the potential killer that it is.

Drug and drink driving is not an option and will be dealt with in the most severe sense by Police. Speeding and carelessness will not be tolerated either.

What chances have our young drivers when the example that more experienced drivers set for them is blatant disregard for the most basic of Road Traffic Legislation.

**George Simpson**

### Stay Safe this Bonfire Night

Remember, Remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November! Across the country, people will celebrate Bonfire Night with colourful and exciting firework displays. If you do have a firework party at home, take care and always follow the Firework Code:

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#### The Firework Code

- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arms length using a taper
- Stand well back
- Don't return to a firework that has been lit
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never give sparklers to children under five
- Keep pets indoors
- Don't set off noisy fireworks at night, and never after 11pm
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You can download copies of the code in English, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Bengali and Gujarati at [www.dti.gov.uk/fireworks](http://www.dti.gov.uk/fireworks)

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

# Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the October newsletter covering activity from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

## THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE.

Overnight on the 14<sup>th</sup> an insecure car was entered and some tools stolen.

## THEFT MOTOR VEHICLE

Between the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> a BMW K100 motorcycle was stolen from Rowantree Avenue.

Between the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> a Honda X8R motorcycle was stolen from Dolphin Road.



## THEFT OLP

Overnight on the 16<sup>th</sup> there was an attempt to enter a van parked in Stewart Gardens.

Between the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> a vehicle parked in Baberton Crescent had a mobile phone stolen.

## CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> a 14 year old male was charged with a breach of the peace and minor assault.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> a teenager was assaulted having been punched to the face.

## THEFT – OTHERS

On the 9<sup>th</sup> a number of golf flags were stolen from Baberton Golf course.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> a mobile phone was stolen from a premises in Dolphin Avenue.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> a Thomas The Tank Engine scooter was stolen from Muir Wood Road.

## VANDALISM

- 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, Pentland View, damage to car.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pentland View, damage to car
- 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dolphin Avenue, windows smashed
- 16<sup>th</sup>, Muir wood Road, smashing window
- 9<sup>th</sup>, Riccarton Mains Road, damage to car
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, Forthview Road, damage to car
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dalmahoy, wooden panels damaged.

## THEFT PEDAL CYCLE

On the 19<sup>th</sup> a pedal cycle was stolen from Heriot Watt University.



## HOUSEBREAKINGS

Between the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> a dwelling house in Kirkgate was entered and computer equipment, ornaments and electrical items stolen.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> there was an attempt to enter a premises in

Baberton Mains Farm.

## SOLVED CRIMES

On the 30<sup>th</sup> a 25 year old male was charged with a number of motoring offences.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> a number of teenage youths were charged with assault and BOP following an incident in Palmer Road.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> a 14 year old male was charged with assault.

A 31 year old male has been arrested and charged with a Housebreaking in Lanark Road West.



## CURRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL & PARKING ISSUES



On the 29<sup>th</sup> October 07 children at Currie Primary school will be moving to their new school situated down Curriehill Road. I would like to take this opportunity to remind adults dropping off children, of the road markings in the area and exactly what is expected of drivers attending the school.

The yellow ZIG-ZAGS mean there is NO PARKING ALLOWED, anyone caught parking here at peak school times could receive 3 points on their licence and a £60 fine.

Yellow and double yellow lines are enforceable by the parking attendants and can incur a financial penalty.

Parking on the footpaths and verges create an obstruction to pedestrians and a fine of £30 can be levied.

These road markings are put in place to provide a safe environment for children attending the school. They are not just in place to upset drivers who are running behind time and feel they deserve to park right outside the front gates.

Myself, parking attendants and school staff will be around for the first few days of the school opening, please make sure you familiarise yourselves with the area before the first day of school and make the area in and around the school as safe as it can be for the kids of Currie Primary.

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### AND FINALLY

Staff Changes.

Following further changes to staffing in the West LPA I can announce that we now have a new station Sergeant at Balerno and a new Inspector working from Oxcgangs.

The new sergeant is Chris Kowalski and he joins us having moved from Oxcgangs.

The new Inspector is Inspector Margaret Lyle.

