

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News

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## 'Working in Partnership for a Safer City'

### FESTIVE FOCUS

CITY  
WIDE

Edinburgh is once again in the spotlight as our world famous Christmas and Hogmanay events and attractions get underway. Over the festive period we will have additional officers on duty to provide reassurance, assistance and tackle antisocial behaviour in the city centre. We will also be working closely with our partners in the council, public transport and the retail trade to help you enjoy the many seasonal events and attractions safely.

Our officers will be patrolling alongside staff from the Edinburgh Licensing Standards Authority to tackle illegal alcohol sales. Police and bus route managers will do 'Gateway Checks' on buses coming into town to prevent young people bringing alcohol and weapons into the centre.

This year two additional Special Constables who were recruited through an initiative with the City Centre Partnership will join us. They will be released from their normal duties working in stores in the city centre to join full time officers on targeted patrols.

Edinburgh is a safe city to live in and visit and I hope you have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**George Simpson**

### Christmas Cheer not Festive Fear

To make sure you get the most out of the festive season we would like to give you the following advice:

TOP  
TIPS

- ❖ Enjoy the party season, but every time you go out always let someone know where you are going and roughly when you will be back. (Remember to contact them if your plans change!)
- ❖ If using a cash machine make sure no one is close enough to see your PIN number and make sure you put your money away safely when still facing the machine.
- ❖ Look after your mobile phone and mp3 player etc. Talking on your phone or listening to music through earphones, makes you more of a target, as you will not be aware of a potential attacker. Try and stay aware of what is going on around you.
- ❖ Criminals don't want to risk being seen or caught, always stick to busy well-lit routes especially at night to make sure you stay safe.
- ❖ When travelling by bus, remember you are much safer sitting downstairs beside the driver.

Remember Edinburgh is a safe city so please follow this advice and make sure your Christmas is one to remember for all the right reasons.



## Ward 02 – Currie, Juniper Green, Hermiston

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

Last week saw a joint initiative run by the police and the City of Edinburgh Council CCTV unit. The remit behind this was to use the cameras to detect mobile phone users whilst driving.

There are currently enquiries being made to trace 5 drivers suspected of these crimes.

Please do not use your mobile phone or any other hand held device when driving. You don't know who's watching you!!.

## **THEFT – OTHERS**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> a vehicle was involved in a theft of petrol from a local filling station.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> a mobile phone was stolen from jacket pocket whilst left unattended.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> a theft occurred in a premises in Riccarton Mains Road where a charity tin was stolen.

## **CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> a female cyclist was assaulted after an egg was thrown at her from a moving bus. There are enquiries ongoing to trace a young male.

## **VANDALISM**

- 30<sup>th</sup>, Riccarton Avenue, damage to property
- 29<sup>th</sup>, Forthview Crescent, chipping house window
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, Westburn Avenue, damage to padlock
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, Currievale park, damage to vehicle
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, Riccarton Drive, smashed garage windows.
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, Bryce Crescent, damaged fence.
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, Palmer Road, smashed window.
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, Bryce Crescent, damage to trampoline
- 4<sup>th</sup>, Lanark Road west, smashing plant pots.
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, Baberton Crescent, damage to car.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pentland Avenue, damage to car.



## HOUSEBREAKINGS

Between the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> a shed in Lanark Road was entered by smashing the lock. 2 mountain bikes were stolen.

Between the 21<sup>st</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> a shed was entered in Juniper Green Road and a bike stolen.



On the 18<sup>th</sup> an insecure window afforded a thief entry to a premises in Heriot Watt. A laptop was stolen.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> an insecure garage was entered and a mountain bike stolen. Its described as: **TREK MAKE, 7000 MODEL, SILVER IN COLOUR, WITH A BLACK SEAT, ITS VERY NEW LOOKING.**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> an insecure premises in Forthview Crescent were entered and mobile phone stolen.

Around the 1<sup>st</sup> a shed was entered in Corslet Road and 3 bikes stolen. One was recovered nearby.

Around the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 sheds were broken into in the Nether Currie Crescent area.

## SOLVED CRIMES

On the 30<sup>th</sup> November a 15 year old male was charged with reset having received a number of stolen items.



On the 29<sup>th</sup> a 23 year old male was charged after continually supplying police officers with false information.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> a youth was charged with possession of a knife.

A 25 year old male was charged with a breach of the peace on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> a 16 year old male was arrested and charged with breach of the peace.

On the 5<sup>th</sup>, a 64 year old female was charged with what is commonly know as sheep worrying after allowing her dogs to attack a sheep.

A 10 year old male has been charged with smashing a window in Pentland Avenue back in October.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> a 61 year old male was charged after he caused an accident due to careless driving leaving a pedestrian injured.

3 x 16 year old males have been charged housebreaking at a local supermarket in the area.

A 20 year old male has been charged with breach of the peace following an incident in Corslet Place.

## PENTLAND CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

The Pentlands Christmas Campaign is very much underway and is this year focusing on the problems of drink driving and youth disorder caused by alcohol. Officers will be concentrating on road checks and giving attention to areas where youths congregate. On top of this information packs are being delivered to premises which sell alcohol with the intention of;

Highlighting the increased risk of crime and anti-social behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol.

Highlighting the increased risk to the premises themselves during a period when there will be larger than usual amounts of cash on the premises.

Importantly, to seek to include the premises in a partnership approach to preventing youths from attempting to purchase alcohol as well as;

Discouraging those who are over 18 from making the purchase on behalf of younger people. The initiative will run throughout December

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Contact – Just be good boys and girls and you should be fine.

### AND FINALLY



On behalf of myself, my beat buddy Stevie Aitken and everyone who serves the communities of Currie, Juniper Green and Hermiston I would like to wish you all a very Merry and Happy festive period. If heading out for some festive drinks please be safe at this busy time of year. Remember to plan your travel arrangements and stock up with taxi numbers beforehand.

### AND ONE LAST FINALLY..

Someone has stated that the three phrases that best sum up the Christmas season are:

"Peace on Earth",  
"Goodwill to all Men" and  
"Batteries not included."

**MERRY CHRISTMAS...**

