

# A Division

## Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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

#### WORK WITH US

On the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2008 the Safer Community Units and Youth Action Teams were joined together to form **Neighbourhood Action Units**. This followed a detailed review of the work of the teams by Lothian and Borders Police and the City of Edinburgh Council.

In order to provide the best service to you the Neighbourhood Action Units will be based in 6 Neighbourhood Areas across Edinburgh and will be on duty 7 days a week. They will work with you to identify the people and problems that are affecting the quality of life in your community. They will work with you in the communities to tackle these problems and make Edinburgh an even safer city to live in and visit.

Your Neighbourhood Action Unit will carry out daily patrols and will be responsible for dealing with ongoing local issues. You can contact them directly for advice and information. If you require more urgent assistance you should continue to call the Force Communication Centre on 01313113131 or 999 in an emergency.

CITY  
WIDE

During the month of January thieves targeted the handbags of elderly women shopping within supermarkets.

In many of these cases the victims had left their handbags unattended in the shopping trolley whilst they were selecting goods to buy.

In four of these cases no suspect was seen however in a further three instances the victims were distracted by the suspect only to discover the theft when attempting to pay for goods.

The description given is of a white male, 17-18 years who spoke with 'east European' accent.

We will be working closely with the main supermarkets to encourage store staff to be more active in preventing such crimes.

We take this opportunity to remind shoppers to be vigilant and make sure your handbag is properly closed, do not leave it unattended and be aware of strangers distracting your attention.

In one instance a stolen bank card was successfully used to take money from an ATM. Please remember not to write the PIN number for your bank cards down and when obtaining money or paying for goods do not let others see you enter your PIN.

HOT  
TOPICS

# Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the February newsletter covering activity from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

## THEFT – OTHERS

On the 24<sup>th</sup>, a jacket was stolen from premises in Riccarton Mains Road.

Late on the 6<sup>th</sup> a mobile phone was stolen from a premises in Riccarton

## THEFT MOTOR VEHICLE

In the early hours of the 9<sup>th</sup>, there was an attempt to steal a motor vehicle parked in the driveway at Thomson Crescent. The vehicle was entered by puncturing the door locks with a screwdriver or similar and then trying to hot-wire the car. 3 culprits were then disturbed by the owner.

## OLP

Overnight on the 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> in Curriehill Road, a garden box was entered but nothing was stolen.

Overnight on the 4<sup>th</sup> there was an attempt to enter a caravan parked near the Kirkgate. The locks held and stopped access.

## HOUSEBREAKINGS

During the day on the 21<sup>st</sup> in Pentland Place, there was an attempt to enter a premises there. The MO was to smash a lower window, reach through and try to open the window. The locks held.

Between the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup> a garden shed was entered in Wester Row, Hermiston. 2 mountain bikes were stolen.



## VANDALISM

- 30<sup>th</sup> Baberton Mains Farm, damage to bus.
- 19<sup>th</sup>, Cherry Tree Place, smashed window
- 21<sup>st</sup>, Palmer Road, smashed window
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, Baberton Avenue, damage to motor vehicle.
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, Dolphin Gardens East, damage to car.
- 16<sup>th</sup>, Forthview Crescent, smashed window
- 8<sup>th</sup>, Lanark Road, smashed electricity meter.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lanark Road, smashed shop window
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, Riccarton Avenue, smashed garage windows.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Riccarton Avenue, damaged car.



## CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

On the 25<sup>th</sup> in Curriehill Road a young male was assaulted and punched in the face.

**On the 16<sup>th</sup> a robbery took place in Baberton Crescent, Juniper Green. A lone female was grabbed from behind and her bag cut from her. The male responsible is described as: Male, white, 20 – 25 years of age, 5'9 – 6'0, unshaven, medium build wearing a light khaki coloured zip up hooded top with a dark hat under the hood and dark jeans.**

## THEFT OLP MV / FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

Overnight on the 21<sup>st</sup> a theft took place in Dolphin Gardens West. Wipers and hubcaps were stolen from a car.

## SOLVED CRIMES

On the 25<sup>th</sup> a male was arrested for breaching bail conditions.

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We have been getting a few enquiries from members of the public who have been receiving mail, usually from outside the UK, advising them that they have won a huge amount of money and they are just a few steps away from getting their hands on it. These are scams and only good for the shredder and recycling like the rest of the junk mail you receive. If the sound of winning £1000000 or similar sounds too good to be true, then it probably is. Please avoid these scams and ignore mail of this type or similar.

