

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Work With Us'

### Divisional Commanders Message

CITY  
WIDE

I am delighted and honoured to take on the role of Divisional Commander for 'A' Division and I am excited by the challenges that policing the Capital City of Edinburgh will bring.

I am fortunate that Chief Superintendent George Simpson leaves 'A' Division in an excellent position. Through his drive and determination and the ongoing commitment and hard work of all staff throughout the division, we have an enviable solvency rate and there has been a significant decrease in the number of crimes committed across the city in the past year.

Edinburgh is a very busy, metropolitan and diverse capital city that ensures that there is a constant and increasing demand for policing. This is a challenge for us all and I look forward to working with you and our partners to build upon our success and make the City of Edinburgh even safer for our residents and visitors.

**Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell**

HOT  
TOPICS

There is an emerging problem with thefts of metals across the City of Edinburgh. Due to the increased demand for base metals throughout the world, scrap value of steel, lead, aluminium and copper has greatly increased recently making the theft and sale of these items a viable black market business opportunity. As the scrap value of metals continues to rise it is likely they will become an even more attractive commodity for criminals, and the numbers of thefts of this kind will rise.

Noticeable of late have been the theft of road signs, railings, scaffolding and many other every day items that we take for granted that can be found in your street.

A disturbing trend is the theft of manhole covers, a large number of which were stolen recently from the Portobello area. The theft of these items presents a danger for children, pedestrians and other road users. As well as the potential damage and injury that could be caused as a result of these thefts, manhole covers cost in the region of £100 each to replace and costs could rise to £1000 depending on the damage caused to the site during the commission of the theft.

Organised groups of criminals who specialise in the theft of drain covers using specialist equipment are believed to be operating throughout the UK. We would urge all members of the public to report any suspicious activity they see to the police on 0131 311 3131 or by dialling 999 in any case where urgent Police assistance is required. If you have any information regarding a crime or criminal activity, you can give this anonymously by phoning Crimestoppers on 0800 555111

# Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the May newsletter covering activity from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

## HOUSEBREAKINGS

Between the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>, there was an attempt to enter a leisure facility in Lanark Road West. The MO on this occasion was to attempt entry via a fire door.



Between the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> a garage premises in Juniper Gardens was entered and 2 mountain bikes stolen. They are described as:

- 1. KONA MAKE, KALDERA MODEL, GOLD IN COLOUR, 27 GEARS, BLACK GRIPS, GREY FORKS, WITH A CHILD SEAT BRACKET THEREON ATTACHED AT THE REAR.**
- 2. SPECIALIZED MAKE, STUNT JUMPER MODEL, BLACK IN COLOUR, 24 GEARS, BLACK SADDLE RIPPED AND CLIPLESS PEDALS.**

Between the 31<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> there was an attempt to enter a premises in Dolphin Gardens East. The MO was to insert a chisel or similar into the door surround. The lock held, no entry was gained.

In the early hours of the 1<sup>st</sup> a premises in Belmont Road was entered. Entry was gained to the conservatory area, however the culprits were unable to gain entry to the main house.

Again in the early hours of the 1<sup>st</sup> entry was gained to a premises in the Kirkgate. Entry was gained after a lower window was damaged.

## VANDALISM

- 27<sup>th</sup>, Lanark Road, damage to railings.
- 24<sup>th</sup>, Lanark Road, Damage to signage
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thomson Crescent, smashing window.
- 15<sup>th</sup>, Dolphin Avenue, damage to vehicle.
- 10<sup>th</sup>, Riccarton Drive, damage to motor vehicle.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, Pentland View Court, damage to vehicle.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, Baberton Avenue, damage to vehicle.
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## CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

Enquiries are ongoing to trace a named suspect after an assault in Dolphin Avenue on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

## MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME

Overnight on the 29<sup>th</sup> a motor vehicle had its registration plates stolen.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> a Green ITALIJET V50 Scooter was stolen from a premises in Juniper Green.

Overnight on the 21<sup>st</sup> a car parked in Hermiston had its number plates stolen.

Around lunchtime on the 8<sup>th</sup> a car was entered in the Kirkgate where a handbag and associated items were stolen.

Between the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup>, a car parked in Forthview Crescent had its badge stolen.

## **THEFT**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> a bag and personal belongings were stolen from a premises in Riccarton.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> a set of solar garden lights were stolen from a front garden in Woodhall Mill Brae.

## **SOLVED CRIMES**



On the 1<sup>st</sup> in Dolphin Avenue a 17 year old male was arrested and charged with a number of road traffic offences.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> a 23 year old male was arrested for assault and breach of the peace.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> a 26 year old male was arrested and charged with theft shoplifting.

A male was charged with altering and forging driving documents.

A male has been charged with assault after holding a knife to another person's throat.

## **THE OLD CURRIE PRIMARY**

The last month has seen an escalation of damage and disruption to the old Currie Primary school at the junction with Curriehill Road and Lanark Road West. Can I urge anyone who sees youths hanging around causing problems at this locus to call the police immediately.

## **EDINBURGH VIOLENCE REDUCTION PROGRAMME 2008-2013**

### **First five year strategy to reduce violence in Edinburgh**

The first five year strategy to reduce violence in Edinburgh will be launched today (6th May) by the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership.

The *Edinburgh Violence Reduction Programme* (EVRP) 2008-2013 brings together a range of partners and agencies that all have a commitment to reducing violence in Edinburgh.

Over the next five years the EVRP will co-ordinate multi-agency strategies, share expertise and resources and drive activity through a series of initiatives.

Three work streams have been identified to deliver the greatest impact upon violence reduction in the Capital:

- Violence Against Women
- Alcohol and the Night-time Economy
- Other Street Violence

The overall aim of the EVRP is to create a safer environment in Edinburgh where violence is deemed unacceptable. Superintendent Ramzan Mohayuddin of Lothian and Borders Police, said:

'Whilst Edinburgh is fortunate enough to have lower levels of violence than many comparable cities, there is no room for complacency. The profound impact that violence has on victims, perpetrators, witnesses and families is obvious.

'The EVRP introduces a co-ordinated multi-agency approach to violence reduction in Edinburgh. I believe that by working together in this way we will make Scotland's Capital an even safer place for all those who live and work here and of course for those who come to visit.

'The Programme asks for long-term commitment from all partners and communities to develop and implement policies that will lead to attitudinal changes towards violence. This is recognised as the path to a permanent and sustainable reduction in violence.'

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## WELL DONE CURRIE HIGH SCHOOL

### 2<sup>ND</sup> GREEN FLAG AWARD.

Currie High School have now been rewarded with their second Green Flag award in eco achievement for their continued work in what is now commonly known as 'Roleys Wood'

They continue their eco theme with soon to be installed solar panels and a wind turbine producing electricity for the school.

I'm sure there are many that could follow in the footsteps of the school and do our bit.

Well done once again.

