

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Work With Us'

### Divisional Commanders Message

CITY

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2008, 'A' Division launched a Test Purchasing Scheme to tackle the number of underage people purchasing alcohol across the city. By working with 16-year-old volunteers we were able to target premises we believed were selling alcohol to under age people. Over 70 premises have been tested so far with an extremely low failure rate where young people were actually able to buy alcohol.

WIDE

A good deal of antisocial behaviour faced by our communities results from under age people buying and consuming alcohol. To continue to address this issue and to support the upcoming Safer Scotland Initiative Campaign and alcohol fuelled violence we will continue with test purchasing operations in the coming months.

If you have any information concerning licensed premises selling alcohol to people under the age of 18 please contact your local police station.

Colin Campbell Divisional Commander

HOT  
TOPICS

Now that the summer holiday season is upon us, it is natural for people to relax and enjoy the warm weather. During the summer months, the population of Edinburgh swells with tourists from all over the world who come to enjoy our scenery, architecture and International Arts Festivals. Unfortunately the summer also presents additional opportunities for criminals keen to exploit people who have momentarily lowered their guard.

By considering the following advice you will make it difficult for these criminals to operate. This advice is equally relevant when you are abroad holiday.

- Before you leave the house, ask yourself "Do I need my Laptop, MP3 player, camera and cash with me?" If you don't leave them at home.
- If you're parking your car, make sure you don't leave anything of value inside and make sure the windows are closed.
- Keep hold of your valuables. Don't leave your jacket, bag, laptop, phone, camera or wallet unattended even for a few seconds. That's all it takes for thieves to help themselves.
- Beware of pickpockets. Don't keep your wallet or purse in your bag. Carry cash in a pocket close to your body. It's less likely to be stolen from there.
- Always secure your bicycle with a good quality padlock to an immovable object in a busy well-overlooked area.

Remember; we live in a safe city but don't tempt fate. Stay alert but above all enjoy the summer and take advantage of the host of attractions available in Edinburgh.

# Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

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

## CRIMES AGAINST PREMISES

Between the 15<sup>th</sup> & the 22<sup>nd</sup> an insecure shed in Hermiston was entered and items stolen from within.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> a premises in Riccarton was entered and money from within stolen.

## VANDALISM

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Baberton Avenue, damage to premises.
- 22<sup>nd</sup>, Pentland View, damage to vehicle.
- 8<sup>th</sup>, Palmer Road, damage to vehicle.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lanark Road West, damage to property.

## MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME

Between the 28<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> a car was entered by using a jemmy or similar on the rear doors. A Makita power drill was stolen from within.

Between the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> there was an attempt to steal a number of vehicles from a development in Blinkbonny Road. No persons were seen or traced at the time. During the incident a container was also entered and damaged.

## DISHONESTY

On the 19<sup>th</sup> a vehicle was involved in a theft of petrol from a local station. Unfortunately the full registration was not taken.

## OTHER CRIMES

Between the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup> a horse in a paddock had about 1ft of its tail hair cut off.

## CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

At 18.40hrs 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 a 16 year old male was in Baberton Avenue when he was approached by 2 males who asked him for the time then assaulted and robbed him taking his mobile phone. The suspects are described as:

- male 1: white, male 16yrs, 5'6", slim build, cleanshaven, shaved fair hair with no1 or no 2 all over, wearing a grey and red/pink coloured hooded top with blood on chest area, jogging bottoms NFD.
- male 2 : male white, 16yrs 5'6", heavy build, dark shoulder length hair, not further described.
- male 3: white, male, 16yrs, not further described.

Female: white, long dark hair, all black clothing. Not further described.

If you have any informaiton about this crime please contact Mike Smith at Balerno Police Station on 0131 449 5991.

## SOLVED CRIMES

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> a 28-year-old male was arrested and charged following an incident at Woodhall Drive.

A 32-year-old male has been charged with a theft housebreaking from a premises in Willow Tree Place.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> a 55-year-old female was charged with shoplifting from a local shop.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> a 16-year-old male was charged with a number of driving offences.

2 17-year-old males have been charged with theft after breaking into a shed.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> a male was charged with drink driving having been seen driving around the Currie area.

## CONTACT NUMBERS

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## AND FINALLY

Mobile phone tracking is now a service available to the masses on a pay as you go basis.

There are many uses for such a service, but one of the lesser uses is as an excellent way to find your mobile phone when you lose it. Or see what your child's up to when out.



Mobile phones have been getting smaller and smaller, and are easily lost.

One such company that offers mobile phone tracking on a pay as you go basis can be found at [www.followus.co.uk](http://www.followus.co.uk).

