

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Work With Us'

### Divisional Commanders Message

October marked the first ever Leith 'week of action', a joint partnership initiative which proved incredibly successful. Lothian and Borders Police linked in with the City Council, the Fire and Rescue Service, Neighbourhood Watch groups and local residents. As well as tackling crime at a local level head-on, our officers were able to build links with the local community and develop an ongoing mutually beneficial relationship. The scheme has the potential to be rolled out in other areas as time goes on.

The darker nights have brought their own challenges over the past month. In the run-up to Halloween and Fireworks night, A Division officers worked extremely hard to ensure residents enjoyed these events safely. We focused on targeting seasonal anti social behaviour and imparting vital safety advice.

Lothian and Borders Police have also been supporting a group of local nightclubs with their 'Unight' scheme, which aims to combat crime and anti social behaviour. New statistics released show crime has dropped by a fifth in the year since it was launched. These are encouraging figures and great news for anyone who wants to enjoy Edinburgh's vibrant nightlife.

Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell

CITY  
WIDE

### Door Step Crime

At any time of year they could arrive on your doorstep, cold callers or bogus callers, call them what you may.

They take on many faces pretending to be from a utility company, charity collector, the 'plumber' working next door, selling over priced goods, using hard selling techniques or overcharging for work, they all want one thing; your money, and will try many ways to get it.

It is important to take some simple precautions so that such people do not take advantage of yourself or others.

- **What do these people look like?** They are plausible people, dressing and talking in such a way to inspire confidence in you to 'trust' them. Do not get taken in.
- **Who is at risk and when?** Many bogus callers will call during the day – times that you would expect trades people and service providers to call. Charity collectors will call at various times.
- **Bogus Callers are always inventing new ways of getting into people's homes to steal valuables or money.** If you do not know or expect a caller, do not let them into your home.
- **What can you do?** Always check who is at your door before you open it. If you have a door chain use it.
- **An expected a caller.** Check they are genuine, they will show you ID and you can contact the company; using the phone book to get the company telephone number to confirm the callers identity.
- **Doorstep workman.** Don't let any casual caller do work on your property, for example roofing, driveway or gardening work.

**Be aware.** Be careful yourself and lookout for neighbours, if suspicious people are in the area, contact the police.

TOP  
TIPS

# Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

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

## CRIMES AGAINST PREMISES

Overnight on the 16<sup>th</sup>, premises in Bryce Road were entered. There was nothing stolen on this occasion.

Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup>, premises at Riccarton were entered and a large quantity of tools stolen.

Overnight on the 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, there was an attempt to enter a dwelling house in Muir Wood Road. The suspects were seen to climb into a window but were disturbed and made off.

On the same evening a dwelling house in Bryce Road was entered and a number of items stolen including personal effects and camera equipment.

And finally on the same night an insecure dwelling house in Weavers Knowe Crescent was entered and a large quantity of alcohol stolen.

Between the 30<sup>th</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup>, a dwelling house at Thomson Road was entered via an insecure window. Computers, alcohol and jewellery were amongst the items stolen.

## OTHER CRIMES

Between the 27<sup>th</sup> September and the 5<sup>th</sup>, a solid oak garden chair was stolen from a garden in Baberton Mains Farm.

## CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

Around 1830hrs on the 10<sup>th</sup>, a teenager had her sim card stolen from her phone by two females.

On the 18<sup>th</sup>, an assault took place on a group of youths in Dolphin Gardens West. Enquiries are still ongoing to trace the suspects.

On the 18<sup>th</sup>, in Pentland View, a male was assaulted by an unknown means and sustained a deep laceration to his top lip and face.

## PICKING ON ELDERLY RESIDENTS.

Last month the evening news ran an article about 2 elderly residents of Currie who were being subjected to a disgraceful amount of harrassment.

I am keen to keep this fresh in peoples minds and to remind you that if they do see anyone causing trouble in the Cherry Tree Park or Dolphn Gardens West area to call the police immediately. We are keen to trace anyone involved in this type of anti social behaviour.

## VANDALISM

- 1<sup>st</sup>, Belmont Road, damage to motor cycle
- 19<sup>th</sup>, Baberton Avenue, damage to motorcar.
- 18<sup>th</sup>, Pentland View, smashed window.
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, Dolphin Gardens West, smashed window.
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, Currievale Park, damage to motor car.



## MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME

Between the 14<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, there was an attempt to steal a car from the car park in the Kirkgate.

Between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, there was an attempt to enter a motor car parked in Lanark Road. The MO was to bend back the door.

At 0440hrs on the 4<sup>th</sup>, a male attempted to enter a motorcar parked in Forthview Crescent. Unfortunately there is no description of the male other than 17 – 19 years.

## SHOPLIFTING

At 0900hrs on the 16<sup>th</sup>, a quantity of flowers were stolen form the outside a premises in Bryce Road.

## SOLVED CRIMES

On the 28<sup>th</sup>, a male was charged with theft of a motor car, disqualified driving and driving without insurance.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, a 34 year old male was charged with the reset of a plasma television.

On the 18<sup>th</sup>, a 17 year old male was arrested and charged after providing officers with false details and thereafter resisting arrest.

On the 16<sup>th</sup>, a 51 year old female was charged with breach of the peace following an incident in Pentland View.

A 19 year old male has been charged with the theft of a motor vehicle from Lanark Road West. The MO was to enter the house via an insecure window, steal the keys for the car then make off with the car.

An 18 year old male has been charged with the theft of a motor car that was parked in Stewart Avenue on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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## AND FINALLY

Winter will soon be upon us, and our thoughts should be turning to what this means in terms of driving and it's associated hazards.



To ensure that we all remain safe to enjoy the forthcoming festive season, here are a few simple tips to assist you on your journey:

- Ensure that your tyres are inflated to the correct pressure; this will provide the proper grip in icy conditions.
- Ensure that your windows are clear all round before driving away.
- Ensure that your windscreen wash fluid is topped up and at the correct mixture for winter.
- If travelling any great distance, always carry a blanket, a flask of hot liquid ie tea/coffee, etc and ensure that your mobile phone is fully charged and has enough credit on it.

And most important of all, if you are going to drink – **leave the car at home !**

