

# A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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## 'Work With Us'

### Divisional Commanders Message

CITY

A number of unplanned incidents over the last few months have demonstrated the unpredictable nature of policing and provided requirement to address investigation and resource issues across the City. I wish to highlight that the focus, despite these unexpected demands, is still very much on the provision of an appropriate service to our community. The ability for police officers and staff to continue to provide this service is aided through joint working arrangements with our partners as well as liaison with the community.

WIDE

The demand on police resources continues throughout June, which is traditionally a very busy month for us with a number of events taking place across the city. This is also a forerunner to the summer months of July and August, which incorporate the school holidays and a number of major events such as the Edinburgh International Festival and the Royal Military Tattoo, as well as the increased number of smaller events across the Division. We will, however, strive to continue to provide the same level of service in local communities as we do at all other times in the year.

As always, if you have any concerns you wish brought to our attention your Community Beat Officer can provide invaluable advice and support.

Chief Superintendent Colin Campbell

### Summer "Slip In" Thefts

TOP

At this time of year we regularly notice a rise in the number of "Slip In" thefts. These are committed in a number of ways, the most common being when you are in the garden and the thief slips into your house through an insecure door or window and steals your valuables. Similarly if it's a nice day and you leave windows or doors insecure whilst you go about your business inside the house you are leaving your property open to criminals.

HOUSE

Remember, it only takes a second to slip in and steal cash, credit cards, jewellery, digital camera, MP3 player, laptop or even your car.

If you are in your back garden, make sure that your front door is locked and secured, not just on the Yale lock as these are easy to overcome. Similarly if you have a conservatory or patio doors at the rear of your home it is important to secure them to prevent anyone slipping in whilst you're working in your garden. In the rare event that we experience a particularly warm and pleasant summer, do not be tempted to leave your windows open when you're out the house. Open windows can be an invitation to thieves and please remember to keep your car keys safe. Modern cars are virtually impossible to steal without the true key so don't leave them lying around in vulnerable areas. Keep your keys with you or secure them in a safe place, not on a key hook or near the front door.

# Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the June newsletter covering activity from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

It's been a busy month this month as far as crimes are concerned. Unfortunately there have been 66 reported crimes however due to the arrest of a career criminal, this has added to the figures. Here is a break down of some of them.



## VANDALISM

- 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, Newmills Road, coping stones damaged and removed from wall
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, Lanark Road, damage to motor car.
- 19<sup>th</sup>, Riccarton Campus, smashed window
- 13<sup>th</sup>, Lanark Road West, smashed window

## THEFT PEDAL CYCLE

Between the 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, a mountain bike was stolen from Riccarton Campus. Its described as: **CARERRA MAKE, BANSHEE MODEL, 21 GEARS, RED IN COLOUR, WITH A SILVER SUSPENSION SETUP AT THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE BIKE.**

## CRIMES AGAINST PREMISES

Between the 27<sup>th</sup> & the 29<sup>th</sup>, there was an attempt to enter a shed in Thomson Crescent, Currie. The MO was to remove the screws holding the doors on. No entry was gained.

Overnight on the 28<sup>th</sup>, a business premises in Currie was entered after the back door to the premises was overcome by using a jemmy or similar. A large quantity of meat was stolen.

In the early hours of the 28<sup>th</sup> a garden shed was entered in Forthview Crescent and a mountain bike stolen.

Overnight on the 27<sup>th</sup> a garden shed in Thomson Crescent was entered however nothing was stolen.

Between the 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, there was an attempt to enter a garage in Riccarton Crescent. The padlock was cut however additional locks on the door held.

Overnight on the 27<sup>th</sup> a shed in Lanark Road West was entered but nothing stolen.

Between the 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, a shop in Pentland View Court was entered by forcing the rear doors. A safe containing a large amount of money was stolen.

In the afternoon of the 21<sup>st</sup> a domestic dwelling in Newmills Crescent was entered by forcing the patio doors. Property including laptops, photographic equipment, ipods and other personal effects were stolen.

It is suspected that intruders were out to steal a quad bike or other similar machine from Easter Kinleith Farm after footprints and an insecurity were discovered on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Overnight on the 16<sup>th</sup> a garage in Currievale Drive was entered and a moped stolen.

Between the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> a business premises in Juniper Green was entered by jemmying the rear door. A large quantity of cash was stolen.

### **CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> in Bryce Road, a male was assaulted with a golf club having stopped to speak to a group of youths.

### **THEFT OTHERS**

Between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>, a room within Riccarton campus was entered and a laptop stolen.



### **INCIDENTS REPORTED TO THE POLICE**

During the month there were 129 incidents logged by the police in respect of the ward. Of these, 5 were Graded 1, i.e. emergencies, 45 Graded 2 i.e. non-emergencies but should be responded to within one hour. 40 were graded 3, 19 graded 4 and 20 were graded 5 and didn't require police attendance.

### **AUTOCRIME**

Between the 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> there were attempts made to steal cars parked in the Riccarton Campus.

### **SOLVED CRIMES**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> a male was charged with driving with no insurance.

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## ANY FINALLY

### THERE'S A NEW BOY IN TOWN

Thought I'd let you that I now have a new Sergeant who will be my first line supervisor. He will work primarily from Oxfords police Station supervising officers there, Stevie at Balerno and myself.

His name is Keith Seaton and he previously worked in the Enquiry Office from 2002 to 2005, dealing with missing persons and deaths, offender management for 6 months then Gayfield before being promoted to West End 2007 covering Dalry / Gorgie corridor.

You will no doubt see him about or at one of the meetings he will be attending.

