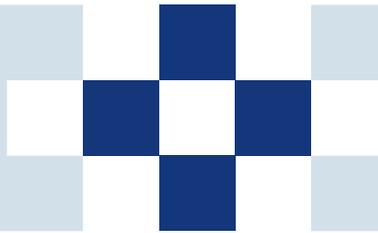


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Ch Supt Gill Imery, 'A' Division Commander

The huge range of winter initiatives that have been taking place across the City over the festive period have come to an end, and I am encouraged by the results. All of our officers and staff have worked hard to ensure a highly visible presence throughout and crime prevention messages have helped keep crime levels low throughout the city. The adverse weather conditions throughout December had an impact on our resources and our response capabilities, however we strived to keep a policing service across the city, and in particular within communities.

Figures released this month show that Edinburgh has seen a drop in a number of crimes that blight communities. Our city wide vandalism figures are down 23 percent compared to this time last year, domestic housebreakings are down 18 percent, and incidents of recorded antisocial behaviour are down 8 percent. These are encouraging statistics to start 2011 with, however we will continue to take a proactive approach to reduce these figures even further in the coming year.

For more detailed statistics relating to your area please refer to the Measuring Our Performance document available on our website at [www.lbp.police.uk](http://www.lbp.police.uk).

## Theft Of Your Christmas Presents

I'm sure many of you were lucky enough to get some shiny new gadgets like mobile phones, laptops, MP3 players and satellite navigation systems for Christmas – all favourites for thieves! They are most vulnerable when on view in your car so don't leave luggage or valuables on display. Even an old coat or cigarette packet can be a temptation for someone to smash and grab. Car thieves steal first and think about value later.

Take valuables with you or lock them in the boot out of sight. Don't be tempted to hide things under the seats or leave them in the glove box.

Satellite Navigation systems are highly sought after and criminals look for the sucker mark that is left on the inside of the windscreen when it is removed, then break in on the off chance that you've hidden the unit in the car. Clean the tell tale mark and take your sat nav with you.



## Local Operation and Initiatives



### Child Safety

Police, along with the City of Edinburgh Council and local residents worked together to address safety concerns of children going to and from local primary and high schools.

An issue surrounding vehicles accessing a path between Baberton Mains Avenue and Place has been addressed and a solution to have bollards installed was reached.

Once this has been approved, this will prevent vehicular access to this area and will in turn make it safer for all users of this path.

Patrols have been carried out and will continue outside of primary schools and high schools to ensure the safety of children attending at these schools. Parking outside a number of schools is also being addressed.

A joint initiative is being set up in the new year with the Road Safety Scotland Partnership to look into the issue surrounding Juniper Green Primary School.

### Operation Cap

Balerno SNT took part in a licensed Premises initiative called Operation Cap, over the month of December.

The 'festive period' historically places a significant demand on police resources due to an increase in alcohol fuelled anti-social behaviour and violence. Some licensed premises and late hour catering establishments were granted extended hours of business during the festive period. Therefore there was an increased potential for crimes to occur within licensed premises and shop premises in the Neighbourhood Area.

Police periodically visited licensed premises in the area to ensure that the terms of their licence were being adhered to and ensure the safety of all patrons by a visible presence during the busy festive and new year period. The festive period passed without incident.





## Appeal for information

On the evening of Wednesday 15 December 2010 an incident occurred at Jigsaw Nursery, Main Street, Balerno whereby the outside lights to the property were moved and a large quantity of leaflets were piled up at the door. It would appear that attempts were made to set fire to these leaflets. Officers are therefore appealing for information regarding this incident.

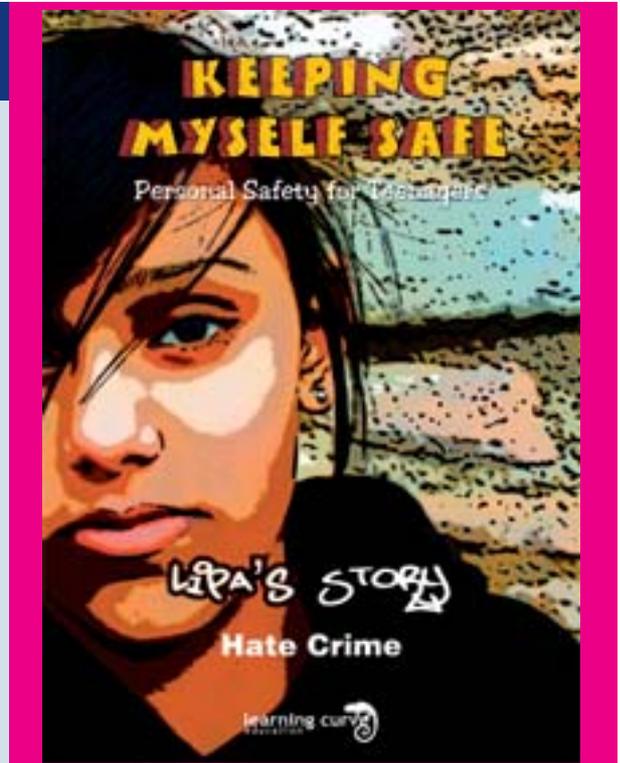
Police are appealing for witnesses after three cars had their tyres damaged on the evening of 30 December 2010 in the Baberton Mains Bank area.

If you have information regarding these crimes or if you saw or heard anything suspicious please contact the police on 0131 311 3131.

You can also pass information anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

**Finally,** As always, the annual city centre Hogmanay celebrations attracted thousands of visitors to Edinburgh.

Our significant policing operation helped to ensure that the event passed off peacefully and safely, with a very small number of arrests. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it an enjoyable and memorable evening.



### Lipa's Story

Lothian and Borders Police has launched an educational DVD package to teach young people about the effects of Hate Crime – using first hand stories in a fictional setting.

'Lipa's Story' will be distributed to every secondary school in the Edinburgh area. A young Asian girl, Lipa, tells the viewer about the abuse she and her family suffer, and the effect this has on their outlook and confidence. Although the characters and setting is fictional, every event described in the film is based on fact.

Audrey Fairgrieve, Police Educational Liaison Officer, said:

"We did a lot of research before creating the package, and the thing that struck us was a lot of kids genuinely didn't realise what Hate Crime was, and that abuse of this type was breaking the law."



## A Division

### City of Edinburgh help and advice

Lothian and Borders Police  
Non emergency  
0131 311 3131

Lothian and Borders  
Fire and Rescue Service  
(freephone)  
Fire safety advice:  
0800 169 0320  
enquiries@lbfire.org.uk

Lothian Gay and  
Lesbian Switchboard  
0131 556 4049  
0131 557 0751 (lesbian)

Samaritans  
For emotional advice if you are  
feeling depressed or suicidal:  
0131 221 9999 (Edinburgh)  
08457 90 90 90 (National)

Shakti Women's Aid  
Support and information for  
black minority ethnic women  
experiencing domestic abuse:  
0131 475 2399

Update  
Signposts people with  
disability to a wide range  
of services:  
0131 669 1600

Victim Support  
01896 751 212

Women's Aid  
0131 3158 110

National freephone  
helplines  
(calls may not be free  
from mobile phones)

Breathing Space  
For emotional advice if  
you are feeling depressed:  
0800 838 587

Childline  
Help for people aged  
18 or under: 0800 11 11

Know the Score  
Free confidential drugs  
information and advice:  
0800 587 587 9

Message Home  
Get a message home for  
free if you have run away:  
0800 700 740

National Debtline  
0808 808 4000

National Domestic Violence  
Helpline  
0808 2000 247

National Missing  
Persons Helpline  
0500 700 700

Runaway Helpline  
0808 800 7070

Scottish Domestic  
Abuse Line  
0800 027 1234

Shelter's Free Housing  
Advice Helpline  
0808 800 4444

Stonewall  
Lesbian, gay and  
bisexual charity:  
08000 50 20 20

Womens Aid  
0808 2000 247

Crimestoppers  
0800 5551111  
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Pentland Hills Safer  
Neighbourhood Team  
Tel No: 0131 311 3131 (24 hrs)  
Email:ADivSNTPentlandHills  
@lbp.pnn.police.uk

City of Edinburgh Council  
Environmental Wardens - Tel  
No: 0131 529 7440  
Antisocial Behaviour Helpline  
(24 hrs) – 0131 529 7050