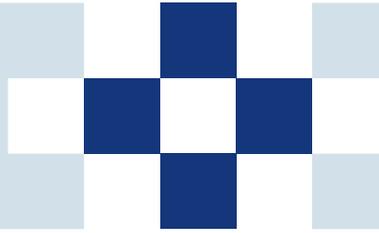


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The recent run of good weather has been a welcome introduction to the summer months, with more people out enjoying the sunshine and mild temperatures. In policing terms, this change in season can often spell a shift in the types of crime that are committed. In particular, we can often see a rise in crimes such as

thefts to garden sheds and garages, as well as a rise in the number of 'bogus callers'. I would always encourage you to be aware of people trying to gain access to your home, or those selling services door – to – door.

The summer months can often also signal a rise in street drinking, and we continually work with our partners in the City of Edinburgh Council to ensure this does not bring a rise in anti social behaviour or associated crime. Drinking in public spaces is not an offence in Edinburgh, however we will ensure it does not affect the enjoyment of others living or visiting the area, including enforcing byelaws that are in place in areas of the city.

Finally, I'm sure many of you will have seen coverage of the Royal wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. While we do not expect the same crowds to descend on Edinburgh for the wedding of Zara Phillips and Mike Tyndall in July, our events planning sections are still making plans for this event to ensure it passes without incident and is a success. This, combined with the upcoming Armed Forces Day, means we are guaranteed a busy and exciting summer of policing ahead.

Crime Prevention

As mentioned, visits from Bogus Workers tend to increase in the summer months, below is some advice on how to help ensure you don't fall victim

- Cold Callers/Bogus Workmen turn up on the doorstep unannounced with good excuses such as 'just happen to be working in the area' you have some loose slates.' Never let a casual caller do any work on your property; be that gardening; roofing or laying/repairing your drive. Thank them and inform them that your tradesman will look at it. Most reputable companies do not operate in this manner.
- What do Bogus Workmen look like? They are usually very plausible people dressed for the part.

- Who is at risk from them and when? We all are but they tend to prey on the more vulnerable and will usually call through the day.
- What can you do? Be prepared. Are you expecting someone to call? Check the person on the doorstep is genuine; most service providers carry identification, use the phone book to get the telephone number to contact the company to confirm. Best of all only deal with callers by appointment.
- Don't keep large sums of money in your home.
- Keep front and back doors locked even if you are just in the garden.

If suspicious persons are in the area - phone the police – give a good description of them and most importantly give the registration number, make/model, and colour of any vehicle involved.



Local Operations and Initiatives

Incidents involving young people targeting buses in the Clovenstone area by throwing stones at them as they pass under footbridges have been increasing steadily. This is clearly a very dangerous and callous act which could result in a serious accident or even injury should it continue.

Just outside of our area there have been reports of youths walking or cycling in front of buses in order to prevent the bus from moving. Youths have also been



reported to have assaulted bus drivers and stolen day saver tickets. Lothian Buses and Lothian and Borders Police are working together on a month long operation, which has been set up with the intention of identifying the youths responsible before any serious injury is sustained.

Clovenstone Primary School and the community centre have both been the subject of vandalism. The floodlights and windows at the school have been broken on a few occasions and youths have been seen climbing on the roof of the property. This has a direct impact on local residents, as the funds used to repair the damage would have been spent on improving facilities for the school and the local community centre. We, as a community all have a part to play in helping to prevent these incidents and information has been received as to the identity of these individuals.

The SNT would encourage more local residents to come forward with information.

Patrols will continue in these areas and it is hoped that with the support of the community these incidents will be stopped..

Concerns about dog fouling in the Baberton Mains and Currie area were raised during a recent meeting. As a result, joint patrols with the police and the City of Edinburgh Environmental Wardens were arranged and carried out in Baberton Mains, Juniper Green, Currie, and Ratho. Dog walkers were spoken to regarding any concerns or issues they may have encountered. Overflowing bins were reported to the council and emptied.

During these patrols three cars were found to be untaxed and an investigation is ongoing to establish if these vehicles are abandoned.

Incidents in the Pentland hills are still being reported and patrols are continuing.

In order to reduce the environmental damage caused by people visiting the Pentland Hills during the summer period, a joint initiative with the Park Rangers, Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue service and the City of Edinburgh Environmental Wardens is being set up. High visibility patrols will continue in the Threipmuir and Harlaw car parks in order to prevent and detect any crimes that may be occurring there.



Due to the recent dry and warm weather, large grass / gorse fires have broken out in the Torduff reservoir area.

The SNT have also spoken to groups of youths and warned them about the dangers of lighting campfires in the hills. The location and condition of the ground should be taken into consideration prior to setting up any campfires.

For safety advice about visiting this area please visit www.pentlandhills.



Appeal for information

Police are appealing for information relating to the recent theft of heating oil between 16/03/2011 - 04/04/2011, with 1000 litres of heating oil being reported stolen from a storage tank in Lanark Road West, Balerno this is becoming a growing problem and officers are asking local residents to be vigilant and contact the police should they witness anything suspicious.

There has been a sharp increase in the number of fake £20.00 notes being recovered. The majority of these fake notes are Clydesdale bank notes and appear to be in circulation throughout the area. Enquiries are ongoing, however if you have any information relating to these or if you are handed one of these notes please hand these in at your nearest police station. If you have witnessed any of these crimes or have information you think may be of relevance, please contact the police on 0131 311 3131. You can also pass information anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Local Priorities

At the Community Safety Sub Group on 7th February 2011 the priorities for Ward 2 were set.

- Pub-watch scheme in the Balerno/Currie area
- The parking of School Buses blocking Bridge Road for up to 1 hour / Parking Juniper Green Primary School
- Lunchtime littering in Main Street Balerno caused by school children



On the 1st May 2011, every Community Policing poster on Lothian and Borders Police website was refreshed. New posters will soon be put up in every council ward area in the Force.

Our Community Commitment promises:

* to make sure your local officers are visible and accessible in your area

* to make sure you know who the police officers serving your area are, and how to contact them

The Community Policing posters are designed to help you get to know the community officers in your area, and give their phone numbers and email contact details. They also give the postal address for the police station serving your area.

The posters will be refreshed again in six month's time.

To find out more, see 'Contact your local officer'



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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

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