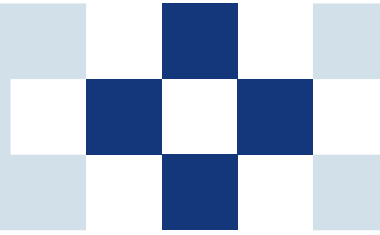


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Ch Supt Gill Imery

Our busy summer of events is well underway and as always the Division is participating with partners to ensure the smooth running of numerous local and international engagements. The successful conclusion of the Armed Forces Weekend has highlighted our ability to plan and host some of the largest gatherings in the UK.

The world's press has focussed on the proceedings on the 24th, 25th and 26th June, and feedback has been extremely positive. Some official sources suggest that as many as one hundred thousand people attended the celebrations. Lothian & Borders and tri-services personnel worked in partnership on all three days in what was a unique

collaborative effort.

Looking ahead, the State Opening of Parliament takes place on 1st July, as well as a number of prominent politicians, we are expecting representation from the Royal Family. This is another big event and an opportunity for the city to build on its reputation as a safe, secure and desirable location.

The Division's end of month performance figures have just been collated, and it is encouraging to see continued good performance in key areas of business during the May to June period of 2011. Notable highlights include an 11% increase in solved housebreakings and an 8% increase in solved vandalisms. There is also a significant 6% reduction in reported serious assaults and our Safer Neighbourhood Teams continue to tackle crimes that local communities have highlighted as important. As ever, our objective to prioritise prevention and stop crime happening in the first place remains our central aim.

Summer "Slip In" Thefts

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.

Remember, it only takes a second to slip in and steal cash, credit cards, jewellery, laptops, other digital devices 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 of the house. Open windows can be an invitation to thieves.

Always 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 where they could be "fished" through the letterbox.



Local Operations and Initiatives

During the months of April and May there were numerous reports of antisocial behaviour and vandalism in the Clovenstone area. In direct response to this your SNT targeted this area and appealed for information from the local community. The SNT worked very closely with the community and Clovenstone Primary School and have identified six youths who have now been charged with vandalisms to the school. The cost



to the school on one incident alone was £4000, which is a significant part of the schools budget. This has an impact on the school and the children who attend as these incidents can result in classrooms being affected. There were a spate of attacks on Lothian Bus buses on Clovenstone Road whereby stones were being thrown from bridges at passing buses and pushing the emergency engine switch off button. To tackle this Operation Celebrity was established whereby with the assistance of Lothian Buses and high visibility patrols incidents appear to have stopped, however patrols will continue within the area. A press release has been issued for this initiative. A request to have this area listed as one of the three priorities of the SNT at the recent Community Safety Sub-group was successful. This means that the SNT will target this area and will be carrying out further patrols and initiatives in the area. The aim will be to reduce antisocial behaviour and vandalism in the area and to help build on the already exists.

This was the final month of the priorities that were set for your SNT by the Community Safety Sub-group. During the previous three months the SNT concentrated on -

- *Setting up a Pub Watch in the Balerno and Currie areas.* - The Pub Watch is a way for all the local pubs in the area to communicate any issues that they have had with other pubs. This network has now been established and has proven to be very useful for the police and the licensees.
- *Parking outside of Juniper Green Primary School*-Letters advising of the issues surrounding parking at the school were given to all parents. High visibility patrols and joint patrols along with work with the Road Safety Officer have been carried out. This issue has not stopped and further patrols will be carried out and arrangements for traffic wardens are being made.

Balerno High School - The issues surrounding the school buses parking outside of this school for prolonged periods of time and therefore causing traffic congestion appears to have



now been resolved.

- *Lunchtime littering at Balerno Main Street* - After regular patrols in this area were carried out and a number of children warned about the criminal offence of littering this now appears to have improved significantly.

It must be stressed that whilst these are no longer the SNT specific priorities. Attention will still be given to these areas and work will continue at Juniper Green Primary School.



Appeal for information

There is still an ongoing issue with theft of steel throughout the Lothian and Borders Police area. Recently there has been a report of theft of drain covers from the Clifton area. We ask that if you are offered anything which you suspect to have been stolen to contact us immediately.

On Sunday 12 June 2011 there was a distraction theft whereby a car pulled up alongside the victim who was walking down Lanark Road West, Balerno. The female passenger approached her and put a cheap necklace around her neck and thereafter pulled off a necklace that the victim was wearing. The female is described as romany gypsy, 40 - 60 years old, 5'4", stocky build, wearing dark wool cardigan and blue trousers. If you have witnessed these crimes or have information relating to a crime, please contact the police on 0131 311 3131. You can also pass information anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Local Priorities

As mentioned this was the last month of the local priorities that were set, the new priorities will be

- 1 - Antisocial Behaviour and Vandalism in Clovenstone area
- 2- Antisocial Behaviour and Littering in Pentland Regional Park
- 3- Establish a Farm Watch

Work on these priorities have already started and it is hoped that there will be a significant improvement in these areas. Thus far the SNT have made contact with local farmers and the response has been encouraging. A plan is being put into place for the Pentland Regional Park with our partner agencies. A number of arrests have been made regarding incidents of vandalism within the Clovenstone area.

Boozed up – Squared up – Locked up



Lothian and Borders Police "Boozed up. Squared up. Locked up." campaign was launched on the 1st June and concentrates on reducing weapons and alcohol fuelled violence. The campaign aims to remind people they are responsible for their own actions, and that losing control can have serious consequences for themselves, their victims, and their families.

Inspector Paul Matthews, Safer Communities Department said:

"The alcohol-related violence phase of Lothian and Borders Police proactive prevention campaign was a real success last year, and we hope to repeat that success this year.

"Summertime means warmer, lighter nights, barbecues, house parties, late night drinking and extended opening hours – and it's not surprising people want to enjoy these after the long dark winter.

"However, there is a very real link between alcohol and violence, often spur-of-the-moment, where both the victim and the accused are likely to be young men.

"We want to drive home the message that everyone is responsible for their own actions, and alcohol is neither an excuse nor a justification for violence."



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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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