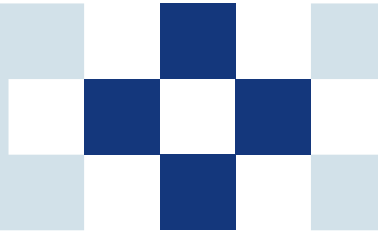


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The month of August is one of the most colourful in Edinburgh's calendar. The Festival and Tattoo are well underway, with all the attendant excitement and international interest, and the football season is upon us again. In addition, Murrayfield has hosted two pre-World Cup games, which drew visitors from across Europe.

As always, 'A' Division's officers and staff are engaged in ensuring that these events pass peacefully and that every resident and visitor enjoys the entertainment on offer.

On the 31st of July the wedding of Zara Phillips and Mike Tyndall took place at the Canongate

Kirk. Collective work between police and partners meant that the well-reported and happy day was a success – and in glorious sunshine!

In regards to daily policing of the city, overall crime rates are down in comparison to figures for the same time last year. There are notably good results in the recorded numbers of domestic housebreakings and vandalisms across the city.

Following the disorder earlier in the month, police and partners here have monitored the situation in London and other cities closely. Our staff remain alert to any community tensions, but at this time there is little evidence that this unacceptable behaviour will be repeated in Edinburgh. Our Safer Neighbourhood Teams remain a visible force for the public and partners to speak to and express any issues. I am sure that this level of community engagement, along with the good will of the people of the city, will ensure that Edinburgh remains a safe and stable place to live, work and visit.

Stop Pickpockets in their Tracks!

August in Edinburgh is Festival Time, whilst you are out on the streets enjoying yourself please be aware of pickpockets who may use the busier streets to hide themselves.

A few simple steps can discourage the most determined pickpockets. Keep your bag strap over your shoulder and hold your bag in front of you, make sure your bag is fastened with your purse deep inside your bag or deep inside a coat or jacket pocket, be aware of who's around you, including when you are in a queue at the checkout, or whether anyone is paying you particular attention or getting too close and don't leave your bag unattended over the handles of a

buggy or inside a shopping trolley.

If your phone is stolen, tell your mobile phone network and the police the handset can be barred and will be useless to all thieves, register your phone with your network operator, record your registration number (IMEI) and your phone number. Keep these in a safe place separate from your phone. You can get your IMEI number (15-digit serial number) by keying *#06# into your phone or by looking behind your phone battery. Keep your cards separate from your cheque books. If your cards are stolen, call your bank or credit card company as soon as possible. Most banks put the number to call if your cards are stolen on your statement. They are also often shown on cash machines.



Local Operations and Initiatives

July and August has seen the continuation of Operation Century, the joint operation between City of Edinburgh Council Environmental Wardens, Pentland Rangers & the Police addressing anti-social behaviour in the Pentland Park which joins the Pentland & Colinton/ Fairmilehead wards.

This has seen a number of youths spoken to, alcohol confiscated and persons reported for drug offences. The police activity obviously had the effect of increasing park users enjoyment of the

facility.

Local officers will be assisted in this task by a new 4x4 police vehicle based at Balerno. The need for such a vehicle was emphasised by the terrible winter conditions experienced at the end of last & the beginning of this year.

Farmwatch is in the process of being set up .

Farmers will be visited to obtain their contact details or they can forward them to Balerno police station.

July and August are holiday periods and the Police are no exception to that rule but during this time we have still had to provide resources to a number of key events such as the Royal Wedding, the start of the Premier football season as well as assisting response colleagues and a host of other minor initiatives along with partner agencies.

This period also saw some torrential rain on occasions that caused localised flooding, closing some roads until City of Edinburgh Council staff could locate, identify & remedy the problems. This necessitated officers directing traffic & assisting members of the public.



"Street a week", an initiative to heighten the profile of the Safer Neighbourhoods Team commenced with officers meeting and engaging the residents of Belmont Road, Juniper Green and Palmer Place and Forthview Crescent, Currie and leaving information post cards for those who were out. This initiative will continue in order to raise their profile and make them more visible to the community they serve.

Officers commenced carrying out random road checks in identified locations in order to build up an intelligence picture of persons resident and using particular areas of the ward. This is not intended to have a detrimental effect on persons going about their lawful business, but designed to target and disrupt members of the criminal fraternity who flout the law.

When the weather has been dry, there have been a number of calls regarding youths on motorcycles and scooters, especially in park areas and often without helmets or giving lifts to others. If traced, youths will be dealt with robustly and could lead to fines, points, disqualification or



seizure of their vehicle. I would request all parents monitor their teenagers movements on such machines and remind them of the consequences of using them in a manner they are not designed for and in areas where they are prohibited.

As a result of work by PC's Redden and Robertson, being visible, interacting in their community and working with partner agents, reported crime and calls regarding youth disorder is down in the Clovenstone part of the ward.



Appeal for information

During July and August there have been several instances of graffiti throughout the Currie and Balerno area. The tag "Poth" has appeared at various locations including Balerno High School, the disused Currie Primary School, the Water of Leith and Blinkbonny Road. The cost of damage runs into the thousands of pounds. It is believed that the perpetrator lives locally however there are no clues as yet to their identity.

Any suggestions as to the identity of the person(s) responsible should be sent to the investigating officer, PC James Dee.

As schools return, I would urge all parents and guardians undertaking "the school run" to observe parking restrictions around the schools in the ward. Officers will be visible at these locations, issuing advice and warnings initially, leading to an enforcement phase to target persistent offenders.

Local Priorities

The three priorities for ward 2 between July and October 2011 are as follows:-

1. Targeting anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the Clovenstone area. PC Martin Redden is the officer responsible for this area and will target offenders and patrol the area assisted by other officers from the wards 2 and 8 SNT.
2. Anti-social behaviour in the Pentland Hills Regional Park. PC Andy Jones from ward 8 is responsible for this Joint Operation. This will involve CEC environmental wardens, Pentland Rangers and Police patrolling and enforcing.
3. Establish a farmwatch scheme to prevent crime and encourage the reporting of suspicious activity. PC Stevie Aitken is currently compiling this initiative and standardising the practice across the force area. He will be collating details of all local farms and small holdings, however, if farmers and small holders want to contact him with their details, this would speed up the process.

Made From Crime



Made from Crime' is the first POCA (Proceeds of Crime Act) initiative of its kind in Scotland, and has the backing of the Scottish Government and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

It is designed to make

full use of the Proceeds of Crime Act, specific legislation that allows officers to seize assets that have been purchased through criminal activity. For the first time in Lothian and Borders Police, people will be able to report their concerns online, anonymously if they wish, using facebook or via Bluetooth to link directly to the Crimestoppers website, ACC Livingstone said: "The launch of this campaign sends out a strong message that Lothian and Borders Police will not tolerate criminals profiting from crime in our force area.

We know there are people living beyond their means on the proceeds of crime, be it through the purchase of flash cars, designer clothes or expensive jewellery, and that communities are suffering from the side affects of drug dealing, violence and other associated crimes.

I personally appeal to local communities who have any information to come forward immediately, either to Crimestoppers or to Lothian and Borders Police.

Similarly, I would assure people who are trapped by those threatening them with violence or retribution, either associates or partners, that we will help them and tackle the violence and criminality they face.

We will act on intelligence and bring offenders to justice."



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 555111
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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