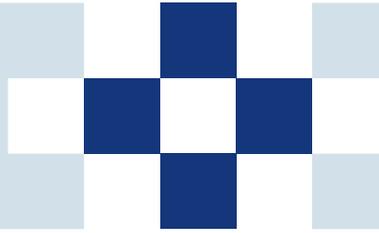


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Ch Supt Gill Imery

With the advent of the Festive period we find ourselves facing the annual challenges represented by Christmas and New Year, and my teams remain dedicated to ensuring residents and visitors to Edinburgh stay safe and secure while enjoying the attractions and entertainment on offer. In the city centre, Operation Astrodome has started. This initiative pitches officers

alongside partner agencies in a preventative approach. High visibility foot, bicycle and plain clothed patrols will ensure that staff are on hand to deal with any issue as, or hopefully before, it arises.

Crime figures for the last month (compared to this time last year) show an overall reduction in recorded crime by 5%.

Significantly, there has been a 15% drop in house-

breakings. The detective work of our House-breaking Investigation Units (to report offenders) and the preventive work of the Integrated Offender Management officers (to positively influence offenders) are combining well. During the last month we have seen substantial media coverage in regards to Operations Opulent. 'Opulent' targeted the ill-gotten gains of local criminals across the Force area. The impact was felt keenly by those involved in organised crime, with results amounting to £468,000 in cash recovered, £6.4m of assets identified for seizure and 44 arrests. A further £21,000 worth of drugs were seized, highlighting the close relationship between organised criminals and drugs dealers. Information on proceeds of crime can still be passed confidentially to Crimestoppers. Our investigations into the dividends of crime will continue regardless.

From everyone in 'A' Division, may we wish you a Merry Christmas and safe and happy 2012.

STAY SAFE THIS FESTIVE SEASON

The festive season is here and many of us will be enjoying extra socialising and taking the opportunity to drink more alcohol than we would normally. As we all know, alcohol can reduce inhibitions, which can sometimes lead to trouble.

If you follow this simple advice, your chances of putting yourself in danger can be greatly reduced.

- Parties might start early. Pace yourself with alcohol or you may miss the party before it begins.
- Stick to your drink. Mixing can get you drunk more quickly.

- Leave valuables at home. Only take what you need.
- Don't accept drinks from someone you've just met. If you do, at least watch it poured.
- Don't leave your drink un-attended.
- Look after your friends.
- Plan how you're getting home.

These are just some of the very basics but if you would like more information, please visit www.suzylamplugh.org. This site provides personal safety advice for people of all ages and situations.



Local Operations and Initiatives

December saw the setting of the new 3 monthly priorities which can be seen in the priorities section.

November and December tend to be busy periods for the Police dealing with incidents and events relating to weather and the build up for Christmas. One such event was the Balerno Santa



Fun Run which saw lots of little "santas" dashing from Balerno parish Church to the High School. This month we received notification that the Police box in Juniper Green is going to be restored to a useable level and painted on the outside. This will allow officers somewhere to store equipment when out on patrol rather than having to carry it or return to the station. Currently officers from Balerno use the bus or walk to the furthest parts of their area (ie: Juniper Green, Clovenstone and Baberton) when their allocated vehicle is being used. This will be a welcome addition to the local officers.

PC Dee has also been in attendance at Currie High School where he has been talking to pupils about internet safety, cyber bullying & hate crimes. Adverse weather conditions are forecast but already those of you using the Long Dalmahoy Road will have experienced the "lake" that is covering all of the north & the majority of the southbound carriageway near to the junction with the A71 at Hatton Sports club.

It is intended to have more of the SNT officers cycle trained in the new year but alas this is something that requires funding (£200 per officer for kit) and (£650 per bike) & will progress slowly as I campaign for money from various Police and council depts. & other organisations.

On the subject of money, every week we have a number of callers, both in person & on the telephone regarding various letters, emails and telephone messages received. On the build up to Christmas, I'm afraid the old adages still apply, if it's too good to be true, it probably is and nothing's free! Currently emails proclaiming the recipient has won £815,000 on the Euro lottery as a result of a random notification and a refund from HMRC (Her Majesties Revenue & Customs) are doing the rounds. Both of these ask that you return a very convincing form with ALL your personal & bank details including security codes! My advice is this: 'NEVER SEND YOUR BANK DETAILS TO PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW. Examine letters carefully – the Euro millions one has a picture of a couple receiving a cheque (In the background is the national lottery logo- not the Euro millions logo as you would expect.). The address on the HMRC tax rebate is refunds@hmrc.co.uk - If this was genuine, the address would end in .gov.uk – also, I am reliably informed that HMRC will never contact you by email & they will always refund by cheque. If anyone needs advice about such communications, contact your local station.





Appeal for information

Recently there have been a number of housebreakings and attempts around the ward, but especially in the neighbouring Ward, (Colinton-Fairmilehead). I would urge everyone to be vigilant and take that extra few moments to check and re-check where necessary the security on their properties(s) and if anyone is seen in suspicious circumstances, please contact the police

Local Priorities

The new priorities agreed for the period of 6 December 2011 - 5 February 2012 are:-

1. Gents Toilets, Juniper Green.

Rise in activity being reported as incidents to the FCC & information recorded as intelligence regarding inappropriate conduct by males using the facility. L&B Police have a joint protocol for dealing with such issues along with City of Edinburgh Council.

2. Youth Disorder PS55 Beat

This area covers an area south of the railway line & north of the A70 Lanark Road and bordered by Baberton Golf Course & the roundabout at Inglis Green Road. It covers Clovenstone, Wester Hailes Park, Baberton & parts of Kingsknowe. Area subject of anti-social behaviour & youth disorder & subject of previous priorities. This problem whilst having been reduced over the the previous years figures appears to have been dispersed to other parts of the beat.

3. Cold Calling Zone

Setting up of a restricted cold calling zone in area of Bavelaw Gardens Sheltered housing complex.

Operatin Accessible

An operation targeting alleged housebreakers in Edinburgh has resulted in 37 people being arrested.

The three days of enforcement activity, during which officers from Lothian and Borders Police carried out a series of early morning raids at addresses across the Capital, were a culmination of seven months of work during which officers from Lothian and Borders Police recovered £200,000 worth of stolen property, and £3000 worth of drugs.

Chief Superintendent Gill Imery, A Division (City of Edinburgh) Commander, said: "Operation Accessible has delivered a major blow against alleged housebreakers and other criminals whose activities cause so much misery in our local communities.

"Over three days our officers targeted suspected serial offenders, and sent a strong message that Lothian and Borders Police will take decisive action to protect our communities from harm.

"The Force is committed to bringing criminals to justice and preventing crime from taking place, and the public of Edinburgh should be reassured that we will use all resources at our disposal to do just that.

"We want the public to play their part by helping us identify criminals in their community in order that we can take the kind of action seen under Operation Accessible – rest assured any information received will be acted on, and treated in the strictest confidence."



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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