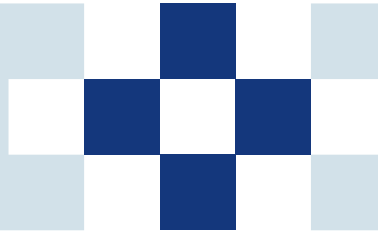


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work with us to create a positive force in your community.



Ch Supt Gill Imery

We are currently planning ahead for another busy Summer, with Diamond Jubilee and Olympic events adding to our varied and vibrant programme of cultural, social and political events in the capital city. As always, I will be making sure that people living, working or visiting Edinburgh continue to receive a good standard of service from police officers and staff during these

times of high demand.

The expansion of our school link officer project was launched recently, and by April this year we will have eleven officers dedicated to cover all 23 state secondary schools in the area. Feedback from the six schools who currently have a dedicated school link officer has been overwhelmingly positive. The decision to ex-

pand the project at a time of financial constraint is testament to the benefits school link officers bring to the school community, and is evidence of our commitment to longer term work that will ultimately prevent crime and disorder.

I am pleased to report that rates of overall recorded crime continue to fall, showing a 5% reduction compared to this time last year. Violent crime is generally reducing, although there continue to be more street robberies reported than there were at this time last year. As mentioned previously Operation Arable is dedicating resources to this problem, and has recently succeeded in arresting a male for a number of robberies at knifepoint in the Southside area. Similarly, Operation Aristotle continues to investigate bogus caller/bogus worker type crimes across the city, and again I would urge you to be vigilant for this type of activity happening in your communities.

Spring has sprung and many of our thoughts turn to gardening. Break-ins to garden sheds and thefts from gardens are common throughout the country. In fact, many criminals consider this type of crime to be low risk/high return as they don't have to force entry to your home and the goods they can get there are as valuable as anything in your house.

Don't let the thieves spoil your favourite pastime. The good news is that there is a lot you can do to outsmart these garden raiders:

- The Boundary fence or wall at the back of your house should be built in such a way that it is difficult to climb.
- Use a good quality closed shackle padlock on your shed door and the hasp and door hinges should be attached using coach bolts rather than screws
- to prevent simple removal.
- You should keep valuable items in the house but if they must stay in the shed, chain and lock them up.
- Lace a chain through the handles of garden forks, spades, bicycles etc. This will prevent a thief from being able to remove single items. Remember tools from your shed can be used to force entry to your house.
- Security mark your bicycles, lawnmowers, toolboxes and garden furniture, by engraving, painting or using a security marker pen.
- Fit an internal wire mesh grille to protect your shed window.
- Install security lighting to illuminate your garden.



Local Operations and Initiatives

Work has started on the new priorities agreed at the partnership meeting on 5 March 2012.

The new priorities are:-

Baberton Mains Estate - Speeding motorists.

Baberton & Juniper Green - Youth engagement and anti-social behaviour.

Ratho - Youth engagement.

In response to these:-

The Baberton Estate will see the presence of Police traffic wardens who will monitor the speed and Roads Policing officers who will enforce any offences



March saw the emergence of a number of large oil deposits on the Harlaw Road. To date, enquiries have not revealed who or what was responsible, however, it would appear that it has been a deliberate act to cause danger to "boy racers" using the road. By placing oil across the whole width of the road, this affects all road users and pedestrians. The consequences of such actions could be fatal and land the perpetrator of such an act with a lengthy custodial sentence. This road will continue to be patrolled by local officers, assisted by roads policing colleagues in marked and unmarked cars. Any driving offences or offences of damaging the highway detected will be dealt with.

March also saw a number of racial incidents in the Clovenstone area. The suspects are younger members of our society who have grown up in the diverse multi-cultural society that we live in and have received diversity training in school, so have no excuse in practicing this type of behaviour. They will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal and be subject to joint visits by Police and Council staff.

As summer approaches, people thinking about street parties & other events & activities should consider whether a permit or authorisation is required to restrict a

detected, especially in the 20mph limit. Previous experience shows that the majority of persons detected for speeding and negligent use of a motor vehicle usually reside in the area(s) where the offences are committed.

A number of youths have already been engaged with in the Juniper Green and Baberton areas to scope the activities currently available to them and to gain a view of the type of activities that they enjoy. A lot of the activities seem to centre around the all-weather football pitch at the school. This pitch attracts youths from other areas who often prevent local youths from using their local facility. Information regarding this is required to ascertain the extent of the problem and direct resources as necessary.

Ratho appears to be attracting a number of youths who congregate around the library and community centre to consume alcohol, often to excess.

Other anti-social behaviour has started to emerge in recent weeks. As a result, the area will see more presence of uniformed and plain clothes officers and patrols by Wardens.



road.

I have ascertained the person to contact is Morag Stevenson at Edinburgh City Council Legal and Administrative Services (0131 529 4125 email:morag.stevenson@edinburgh.gov.uk). Applications can take in excess of 28 days to process.



Appeal for information

These priorities have been set by the partnership in response to complaints by the public and partner agents.

In order for these priorities to be a success, we would urge members of the public to assist by contacting us to let us know where and when issues are emerging so that patrols can be targeted more effectively.

If anyone has any information regarding the Oil deposited on Harlaw Road or the racial incidents in Clovenstone or any other crime please contact the Lothian and Borders Force control centre on 01313113131 or Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800555111.

Local Priorities

The 3 monthly priorities set on 5 March 2012 are:-

1. Baberton Mains Estate - Speeding motorists, anti-social use of motor vehicles, especially involved in the collection and setting down of passengers around the school
2. Juniper Green and Baberton - Youth engagement and tackle anti-social behaviour.
3. Ratho - Youth engagement

Why should I care about metal theft?

METAL THEFT AFFECTS

- YOUR telecommunications
- YOUR transport
- YOUR home, public services or worship
- YOUR safety

All round the world, the price of metal has rocketed.

This means metal theft has risen to an all time high

THIEVES WILL STEAL

- Rail, power and communications cables
- Railings and safety barriers
- Lead roofing
- Gates and fencing
- Road signs
- Manhole covers
- ...even lengths of electricity pylon

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN

if you see something suspicious, for example

- Unmarked vans removing cabling
- 'Workmen' collecting metal but not wearing reflective vests

TELEPHONE

Police

Tel: 0131 311 3131

Crimestoppers

Tel: 0800 555 111





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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 555111
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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