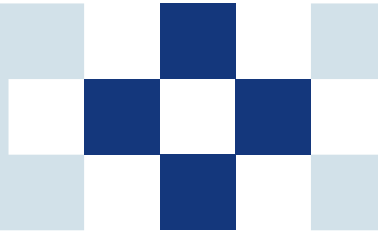


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Ch Supt Malcolm Graham

The Fireworks on Sunday 2nd September represented the finale of another year of the Edinburgh International Festival and also the culmination of an extremely busy summer of events. The range of scheduled performances, concerts and sporting events underlines the unique nature of our city, as do the various protest move-

robberies by a third over the past two months and the figure of near to 100 arrests represents a significant commitment to tackling violent crime within communities.

Operation Cipher initially focussing on the Calder is currently ongoing in the Pentlands Neighbourhood area and has successfully demonstrated the willingness of communities to support the police and our partners as we make efforts to improve people's lives. It is particularly fitting that such activity continues as the Lothian and Borders Community Commitment approaches its second anniversary.

In terms of ongoing work Total Neighbourhood remains key to the future of partnership working and prevention. The co-located Police and City of Edinburgh Council team at Waverley Court recently undertook a series of frontline surgeries where police, social workers, educators, health practitioners and voluntary workers highlighted areas for future efficiencies.

Our focus remains the shifting of policing efforts towards preventing crime and intervening early to make a real improvement in people's lives and communities.

ments which go hand in hand with any capital. Eid ul Fitr marked an important celebration for our Muslim communities and similarly the Edinburgh Mela once again served as a reminder of the considerable Diversity within Edinburgh.

Early indications are that there have been substantial drops in crimes reported in the city centre and meadows area related to the festivals and fringe, which builds on the overall 11% drop in crime across the City in the first 4 months of the year. On a similar theme, Operation Arable has resulted in a reduction in

LAPTOP SALE SCAM - RENEWED WARNING

Lothian and Borders Police are once again warning the public of an ongoing laptop sale scam that has seen 29 people in Edinburgh taken in since October 2011. 5 of these reported having fallen victim to the scam in the last month.

The criminals responsible for this scam operate in supermarket car parks, retail parks and even on the street. They approach individuals and offer them the opportunity to purchase the latest technology at vastly reduced prices. Once a fee is agreed, the

customer is taken to a nearby vehicle and handed a bag, which contains what they believe to be their new goods, however, when the victim opens the bag, they discover it is filled only with cardboard and bottles of water.

If an offer seems too good to be true, then it probably is. If you or anyone you know has been affected by this scam or if you have any other information please contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131, or the charity Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.



Local Operations and Initiatives

An operation aimed at tackling street robberies in Edinburgh has resulted in a fall in the number of such incidents taking place in the Capital.

Close to 100 arrests have been made during the operation, and over the past two months there has been a reduction in the number of street robberies taking place in the city.

Detective Chief Inspector Gary Cunningham, said: "Operation Arable has struck a major blow against the activities of criminals engaged in robbery and associated crimes, and in recent months there has been a reduction in the number of such incidents taking

place in the Capital. While this reduction is welcome, we do not intend to rest on our laurels, and we will continue to focus on preventing muggings and associated crimes through a combination of enforcement and education.

Operation Arable has used a variety of tactics to target criminals, including CCTV and plain-clothes patrols. We have also carried out a range of disruption activity, including the use of uniformed patrols in busy areas, in order to deter criminality.

This activity will continue, but we are encouraging people to help us prevent crime by taking steps to protect themselves and their valuables.

Mobile phone users often present an easy target for muggers, and we are encouraging people to take advantage of the many security features available on the their device, including tracking technology".



August has seen a continuation of the summer trend of break-ins and attempted break-ins to houses around the Currie area. As a result of this, an area crime prevention survey was initiated by the Crime Prevention officer. He identified a number of factors that assisted the perpetrators, these were: Secluded rear gardens, keys left in locks of doors and windows (allowing egress by the perpetrators), obvious signs of unoccupation, easily transportable and disposable property (laptop computers, mobile phones, jewellery etc.) being left visible.

As a result of the survey, an area specific letter was drafted and has subsequently been delivered to many houses and streets in the targeted area. This has been supplemented by officers carrying out uniformed and plain-clothes patrols in the area in support of an initiative to deter, identify and apprehend the perpetrators. This initiative saw one male apprehended in the area for a number of offences. Whilst not responsible for the break-ins, he was wanted on apprehension warrants and has previously committed



crimes in our area.

Our sporadic crime spree in the Ratho and neighbouring Newbridge continued with a quad motorcycle being stolen from a local caravan site. The perpetrators were identified through enquiries by local SNT officers and a joint operation by SNT and CID saw both of them being apprehended locally, with a subsequent remand in custody being achieved for one of the males.



Appeal for information

There have been a number of break-ins and attempted break-ins in the Currie area. I would urge all readers to take cognisance of the crime prevention officers observations. Any suspect persons seen entering neighbours gardens are always worthy of a phone call to the Police (0131 311 3131) or if anyone has information regarding any of the break-ins they should contact Balerno Police Station, the Force Control Centre (0131 311 3131) or anonymously Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Local Priorities

The current 3 monthly priorities are:

- 1.Speeding motorists in Baberton estate. Work is continuing in the background by Police and partners with an escalation of activity due to coincide with the beginning of the new school year.
- 2.Harvesters way – Emergence of anti-social behaviour in the area. This area has been patrolled heavily by both officers in uniform and plain clothes and “partners” meetings held with all involved in the Wester Hailes Healthy Living project to reduce calls to the site using hard and soft prevention measures as well as diversionary tactics.
- 3.Pentland Regional parks – reduce anti-social behaviour in the area as well as high viz presence to reduce/prevent thefts from vehicles parked within the area. This is a weather specific priority. Attention has been given to all the car parks to ensure that adequate signage is posted and visible regarding leaving valuables within a vehicle or in sight. A number of vehicles with valuables in view have been leafleted.

We can stop it

LAUNCH OF RAPE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

A Scotland-wide ACPOS campaign, designed to educate and change attitudes towards rape, is being launched this month.

“We can stop it” has been created on the back of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 , which reformed previous legislation and created a range of new offences relating to sex without consent. This included specifying a non-exhaustive list of circumstances when consent cannot be given, such as sex when a victim is asleep or unconscious and sex without consent through inebriation. It also created the new offence of male rape. With the tagline “We can stop it”, the campaign uses a series of strong, thought-provoking statements from young men acting as positive role models. It asks young men to consider their own behaviour, and the role they can play in preventing rape. The campaign was developed after consultation with partner organisations, academics and focus group research with young men and women across the country.

A thirty-second advert has been produced, which can be seen on the campaign website www.wecanstopit.co.uk. Posters and vinyls will be displayed throughout Scotland in areas popular with young people including pubs and clubs, and an online campaign will follow shortly after. Lothian and Borders Police Assistant Chief Constable Graham Sinclair, the ACPOS lead for Public Protection, said: “Reducing incidents of rape and sexual assault is a priority for the police in Scotland and education plays a huge part in this. “It is vitally important that the changes in legislation are promoted and understood, and I am delighted that this campaign is launching. “The tone and language of the campaign marks a significant shift in approach to raising awareness of sexual offences legislation, and I hope that it will help remind men that they are in complete control of their behaviour.”



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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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