

FOREWORD - Fourth Anniversary

Tasking & Coordinating Groups (TAC's) were established across the city to support evidence based partnership working to tackle crime and anti social behaviour. The South TAC is now moving into its fourth year in operation and continues to achieve some impressive results. Over the past four years in Liberton/Gilmerton actions through the TAC working group have assisted in reducing antisocial behaviour and youth related calls. Joint actions have included dealing with youth disorder and antisocial behaviour in Gracemount, Southhouse and Burdiehouse. The TAC has also responded to issues such as dog fouling, litter and mini-moto's and partnership working initiatives have dealt with youth related issues across the South. The TAC is looking forward to the year ahead and is confident in carrying on its continual commitment to making Liberton / Gilmerton a greener, cleaner & safer place to live, work & visit.

Chip Pan Safety

Firefighters have a physical job and are known for their hearty appetites and love of chips. But now even the Fire and Rescue Service is asking you to use less fat.



- Don't take risks. Only tackle the fire if it is in its early stages and you feel it is safe to do so. Have a clear escape route.
- Never think of moving the pan.
- Turn off the source of heat, if this can be done without placing yourself at risk.
- Don't take risks – get everyone out of your home and call the Fire and Rescue Service.
- Under no circumstances use water on a chip pan, as this will cause it to explode into a fireball, spreading the fire and causing severe burns to anyone nearby.
- In the first instance never have a chip pan over a third full of oil or fat.
- Never be tempted to cook with a chip pan following consuming alcohol.

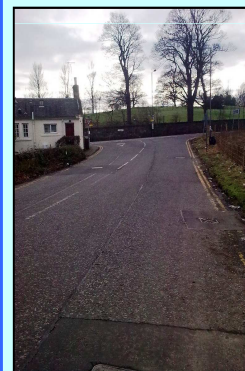
The best advice regarding your chip pan is to bin it, throw it away and invest in a thermostatically controlled deep fat fryer: they're not that expensive – especially when you count the cost of a fire.

**Making Your Home Safer
Get your free smoke alarm
and Home Safety Check.
Call the experts free on
0800 169 0320**

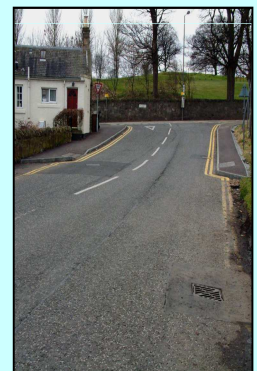


Roads

The works programmed at the junction of Old Dalkeith Road at Craigmillar Castle Road are now complete. These works have increased sight lines and added yellow box hatching to improve motorist and cycle access, while providing increased pedestrian safety.



Before



After

Since the 1st April 2010, 7800 potholes/defects have been identified in the South Neighbourhood area, 93% of the locations were made-safe within 3 working days. In the same period, our patching squad have carried out more substantial hot repairs to 1473 of those locations.

Housebreaking - Don't Become A Victim

Before leaving your home make sure all windows are properly secured and importantly any window locks fitted are used. Good window locks prevent the window frame from being opened and require the housebreaker to remove all window glass before they would consider climbing through for fear of cutting themselves. Almost every housebreaker is a repeat off ender whose DNA is held by the Police and the tiniest blood trace left behind will lead us directly to them. As a result most will not consider climbing through a broken window. Ensure that you don't leave the window lock key where it can be easily reached by the housebreaker or they will simply reach the key through the broken window and use it to open the window frame to gain access. Do not leave tilt & turn or hopper windows slightly open, even if locked in position as it is easy to lever them open.

Environmental Wardens

There were 21 Fixed Penalty Notices issued during March in Ward 10 and 23 Fixed Penalty Notices issued in Ward 15

The Environmental Wardens dealt with 39 complaints in wards 10 & 15



Week of Action

During the recent Morningside/Bruntsfield Week of Action Environmental Wardens and Community Safety Concierge were involved in helping to tidy the area and patrolling with the Police. The Community Safety Concierge painted the fence around the Recycling Point at Balcarres Street and the Wardens completed a number of high visibility patrols with the Police.

Wardens – Little Litter Pickers

An initiative looking at an education programme with nursery and primary school children. The purpose of initiative is to discuss issues surrounding litter, dog fouling and recycling and includes a presentation, DVD and interactive play.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

The agreed priorities for the area are:

Ward 10

- Traffic issues around schools in the SM area (St. Peters Primary, South Morningside Primary and George Watsons College).
- Cyclists ignoring traffic directions and other related issues throughout the area.
- School children causing a littering and blocking pavements at lunch-time – Bruntsfield to Holy Corner.

Ward 15

- Drug/alcohol fuelled anti social behaviour in Southside in general including Nicolson Square, Hill Square, St Patrick's Square, Bristo Square and also the Meadows, Middle Meadow Walk.
- Inconsiderate cycling and bike security.
- Speeding on Peffermill Road/and the surrounding area.

Effective partnership working in the area between January and March in 2011 has resulted in:

- 41 drug offences detected.

Community Safety Team

Cases

The Community Safety Team has received 25 new cases in the South Central area since 01/01/11.

ASBO

In South Central there is currently 3 Antisocial Behaviour Orders, all against persons causing noise nuisance

Nicolson Square – CCTV

There is to be a permanent CCTV camera installed in Nicolson Square. The area has been assessed, locations discussed with both the Roads and Parks Managers and preparations are underway for installation. We do not have a date of when this will be fully installed and operational. A portable camera is in position at Nicolson Square and this will remain until the permanent camera is in place.

Haddon's Court

Over a prolonged period, issues relating to Haddon's Court and the surrounding areas have been brought to partner's attention. In the past few months the number of complaints partners have received have been increasing in particular relating to deliberate fire raising but also including graffiti, antisocial behavior, rough sleeping and difficulties associated with the presentation of refuse and trade waste.

Through the South Local Tasking and Coordinating Group (TAC) it was agreed a working party would be established to see what could be done in response to these growing concerns.

A number of partnership actions were agreed including:

- Joint patrols by Community Safety Officers & the Police
- Environmental clean up's
- Graffiti reporting / removal
- Relocation of refuse / waste containers
- Consultation with local shop keepers / retailers
- Area lighting audit
- CCTV assessment carried out
- Environmental Warden Patrols
- Business Fire Safety checks carried out

Contact Information:

South Neighbourhood Office: 0131 529 5151, **Crimestoppers:** 0800 555 111, **Police:** 0131 311 3131

For more information please visit: www.lbp.police.uk, www.edinburgh.gov.uk, www.lothian.fire-uk.org

Other Useful Numbers

Antisocial Behaviour Helpline: help and advice 24 hours a day - 0131 529 7050

Community Safety Night Noise Team: assistance with noise issues 24 hours a day - 0131 311 3131

Environmental Services: for all things relating to roads, litter and open spaces - 0131 529 3030

Environmental Wardens: for trade waste, illegal dumping and dog fouling issues – 0131 529 5204