

## Roads

The works programmed at the junction of Pleasance at East Richmond Street are now complete.

Since the 1st April 2011 up to beginning of October 4109 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 586 locations.

## Stay Safe this Christmas

### MAKE SURE:

- Smoke detectors are working
- Christmas tree lights conform to the British Standard
- Decorations are kept away from naked flames

### DON'T:

- Drink too much. Alcohol and smoking increase your risk of a house fire
- Leave cooking unattended, it's a common cause of house fires
- Leave Christmas lights on overnight or when the house is empty

To book a Home Safety Visit by local firefighters and fitting of a free smoke detector, contact us **0800 169 0320**

For more information about fire safety visit [www.lbfire.org.uk](http://www.lbfire.org.uk)



**Leithian and Wards**  
Fire and Rescue Service

**Book your free Home Safety Visit today: 0800 169 0320**

## Environmental Wardens

During the last 3 months the South Environmental Wardens Team issued a total of 151 Fixed Penalty Notices, mainly in wards 10 & 15.

They have also embarked on a joint working pilot scheme on 1 December 2011, allowing Environmental Wardens from other Neighbourhoods to operate out with their boundaries and as a result, 2 members of the East Environmental Wardens Team currently carry out enforcement duties within the South neighbourhood on Thursdays and Fridays of each week. The pilot will be regularly reviewed and amended to suit.

## Festive Crime Prevention Advice

### When out shopping

Do not leave your purse, wallet, keys or mobile telephone in your shopping trolley or basket.

Do not put any valuables down on the checkout when you are purchasing items.

Keep your valuables safe from pickpockets in an inside coat pocket or zip them up in your bag and keep it close to your body.

### When at home

Don't advertise to thieves what you have in your home.

Don't leave discarded present boxes outside on view.

Don't have your presents visible from the outside of your home.

### Property Marking Tips

Unfortunately every year Christmas gifts are stolen from their owners.

Sometimes gifts are not recovered because they are unidentifiable.

You can stop this happening to you by Property Marking your gift.

Help us catch the thieves and get your presents back.

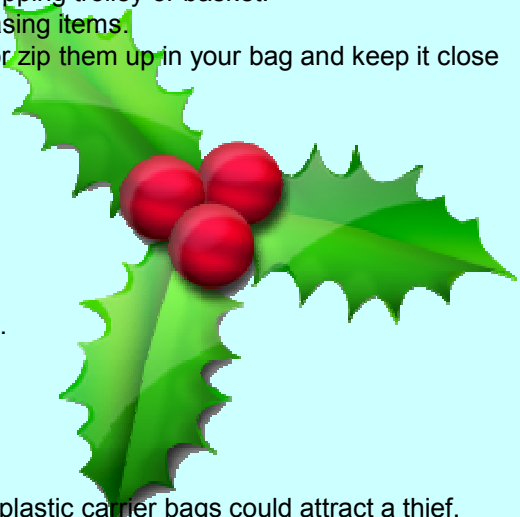
### When using your vehicle

Never leave presents or valuables on open display in your car. Even plastic carrier bags could attract a thief.

Park in safe well lit areas. Use secure car parks. Lock your vehicle.

Remove your Sat Nav and any associated cradle or windscreen mark.

Try not to return to your car to leave purchases in the boot before continuing with your shopping trip as thieves may well watch car parks for just such a chance. Arrange to collect heavy items from stores when you have finished all your shopping.



# SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

The agreed priorities for the area are:

## Ward 10

**Priority 1** – ASB in Meadows & Bruntsfield Links.

**Priority 2** - Careless and inconsiderate cycling in the area.

**Priority 3** - Graffiti in the general area.

## Ward 15

**Priority 1** - Anti Social Behaviour in Dumbiedykes

**Priority 2** - Cycling Issues in the general area

**Priority 3** - Graffiti in the general area

**Effective partnership working in the area between September and December in 2011 has resulted in:**

- 1.2% drop in crime and
- 78 drug offences detected.

## **School Parking**

Over the month of November SNT officers have been attending their local primary schools to offer advice regarding inconsiderate parking. The officers have had positive feedback and there has been an improvement from parents. The children have also enjoyed engaging with the officers the outcome of which is the increased take up of school talks.

## **Partnership working**

Street a week initiatives have continued with the co-operation of the CEC. These continue to allow residents the opportunity to air their views and concerns. Jointly we have offered advice and assistance to try and make their communities a safer place to live. These will continue throughout the beat areas to ensure all areas have their chance to speak out.

## **Operation Discreet**

Local SNT officers were involved in this Operation, which related to fireworks and bonfire calls throughout the month. We worked directly with the fire service and attended all the calls they did. Although calls to large bonfires were received, no fire service or police officers were attacked. It was also noted most of these fires were being attended to by adults and were deemed safe.

## Community Safety Team

### **Cases**

The Community Safety Team has received 54 new cases in the South Central area since 02/09/11.

### **ASBO**

In South Central there are currently 2 Antisocial Behaviour Orders, both against persons causing noise nuisance, 1 of which we are looking to end the tenancy.

### **Joint Working**

The South Community Safety Team is looking to work in partnership with L&B Police and CastleRock-Edinvar to look at the issue regarding alleged drug activity in a particular street in Ward 15. A meeting is arranged for all agencies concerned to discuss this issue and agree an action plan to tackle the problem.

### **Dumbiedykes**

Over three days in October the Community Safety Team along with the Environmental Wardens and the Police took part in an initiative which was organised due to information received from the Fire Brigade of an increase in fires within tenements.

Results for the three days include:

- 11 streets were checked.
- 18hrs of Joint patrols with Police Officers and community Safety Officers each day.
- 136 stairs were checked for hazards within the tenements and the security of the main entries to the buildings.
- 1222 information leaflets were posted.
- We spoke to 49 clients, giving them advice and information on safety, hazards within the stair and on dealing with antisocial behaviour.
- When checking the security of the main entries to the buildings 6 front doors and 18 back doors were found unsecured.
- We logged 101 bikes that were being stored in the stair wells out of 136 stairs checked.
- 7 referrals will be made to the fire service for hazardous items dumped / stored within the stairs.

### **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](http://www.lbp.police.uk), [www.edinburgh.gov.uk](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk), [www.lothian.fire-uk.org](http://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 Thursday to Sunday - 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