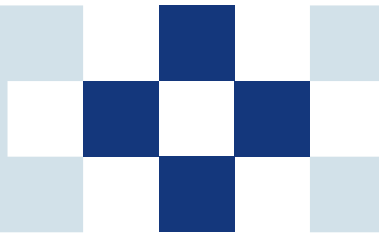


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Ch Supt Gill Imery, 'A' Division Commander

The huge range of winter initiatives that have been taking place across the City over the festive period have come to an end, and I am encouraged by the results. All of our officers and staff have worked hard to ensure a highly visible presence throughout and crime prevention messages have helped keep crime levels low throughout the city. The adverse weather conditions throughout December had an impact on our resources and our response capabilities, however we strived to keep a policing service across the city, and in particular within communities.

Figures released this month show that Edinburgh has seen a drop in a number of crimes that blight communities. Our city wide vandalism figures are down 23 percent compared to this time last year, domestic housebreakings are down 18 percent, and incidents of recorded antisocial behaviour are down 8 percent. These are encouraging statistics to start 2011 with, however we will continue to take a proactive approach to reduce these figures even further in the coming year.

For more detailed statistics relating to your area please refer to the Measuring Our Performance document available on our website at www.lbp.police.uk.

Theft Of Your Christmas Presents

I'm sure many of you were lucky enough to get some shiny new gadgets like mobile phones, laptops, MP3 players and satellite navigation systems for Christmas – all favourites for thieves! They are most vulnerable when on view in your car so don't leave luggage or valuables on display. Even an old coat or cigarette packet can be a temptation for someone to smash and grab. Car thieves steal first and think about value later.

Take valuables with you or lock them in the boot out of sight. Don't be tempted to hide things under the seats or leave them in the glove box.

Satellite Navigation systems are highly sought after and criminals look for the sucker mark that is left on the inside of the windscreen when it is removed, then break in on the off chance that you've hidden the unit in the car. Clean the tell tale mark and take your sat nav with you.



Local Operation and Initiatives



Local Problems - Local Solutions

Over the last few months the Western General Hospital has been the target for thefts both from within the hospital and the car park areas. The Safer Neighbourhood Team is pro-actively engaging with staff and local officers have consulted with the management at the hospital and also the security staff providing them with advice. Officers have and will continue to undertake regular patrols through the site providing a high visibility presence.

This approach has led to the detection of two individuals who have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. It is important for members of the public to assist us in reducing the opportunity for criminals to steal from them.

We ask members of the public when visiting the hospital to ensure they keep all valuables in their possession at all times. Please do not leave valuables unattended or within vehicles.

School Link Officer

PC Greig Stephen, a well known community officer within the Inverleith area was recently appointed as the School Link Officer for Broughton High School. He hopes he will have a positive impact on young people and you will still see him involved in the local community.

His role should reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and victimisation amongst young people and reduce the number of incidents and crimes in the school and the local community.

He will engage with young people, challenging unacceptable behaviour and help them develop a respect for themselves and their community.

He said "I am thoroughly enjoying my new role working closely with teaching staff, guidance staff, and all the year groups, to ensure that the school is seen in a positive light in the community."





Appeal for information

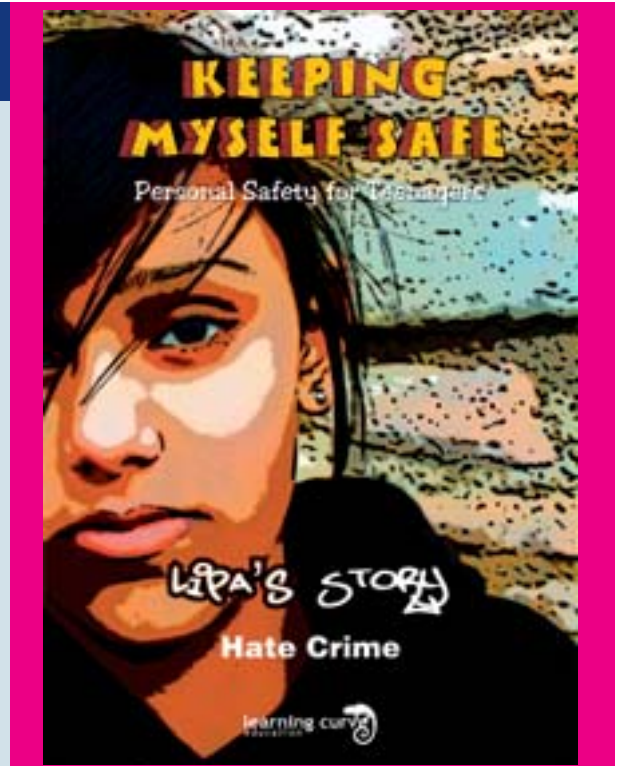
Police are appealing for witnesses after a woman was robbed in the Fettes area on the 28th December 2010.

The 26-year-old victim was walking in Fettes Row around 5pm, when she was threatened by a man. She handed over her purse, which contained cash and bank cards. He made off eastwards on Fettes Row towards Royal Crescent. The male is described as white, in his early 40s, around 6ft 2in tall, heavy build, with a shaved head. He was wearing a ski-style jacket, with a red and orange triangle design and was carrying a blue plastic bag. It is possible that he spoke with an eastern European accent.

A police spokesman said: 'Thankfully the victim was not injured, she was shaken as a result of what happened and we are appealing for any information that can assist in tracing the suspect. ' Anyone with information should contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131, or Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.

Finally, As always, the annual city centre Hogmanay celebrations attracted thousands of visitors to Edinburgh.

Our significant policing operation helped to ensure that the event passed off peacefully and safely, with a very small number of arrests. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it an enjoyable and memorable evening.



Lipa's Story

Lothian and Borders Police has launched an educational DVD package to teach young people about the effects of Hate Crime – using first hand stories in a fictional setting.

'Lipa's Story' will be distributed to every secondary school in the Edinburgh area. A young Asian girl, Lipa, tells the viewer about the abuse she and her family suffer, and the effect this has on their outlook and confidence. Although the characters and setting is fictional, every event described in the film is based on fact.

Audrey Fairgrieve, Police Educational Liaison Officer, said:

"We did a lot of research before creating the package, and the thing that struck us was a lot of kids genuinely didn't realise what Hate Crime was, and that abuse of this type was breaking the law."



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 5551111
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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Safer Neighbourhood Team
Tel No: 0131 311 3131 (24 hrs)
Email:adivsnTinverleith@lbp.
pnn.police.uk

City of Edinburgh Council
Environmental Wardens - Tel
No: 0131 529 7440
Antisocial Behaviour Helpline
(24 hrs) – 0131 529 7050