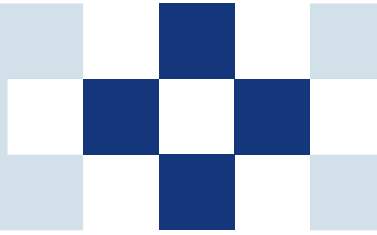


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Planning has begun for another busy schedule of events this year. Our planning department is already looking ahead to a number of high profile sporting fixtures and Royal Visits, alongside Armed Forces Day, and the State Opening of Parliament. The Police Board has approved our budget for the upcoming year and it is positive news that our officer numbers are being maintained, ensuring we can fulfil our commitment to a consistently high level of service and response across Edinburgh. In August 2010 Lothian and Borders Police launched a 'public perception' survey to find out the views from local communities on policing and community safety.

The results of this survey are now being analysed and will be available down to Ward level in Edinburgh, allowing us to shape our policing efforts within the capital's communities in the coming months and years. Our Safer Neighbourhood Teams are committed to establishing the priorities of local people and continually working to address concerns and shape our policing activity.

A full version of the survey is due to be published on our Force website in the coming weeks.

## 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 offender 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.



## Local Operation and initiatives

### Parking at Schools - Park Smart

Officers are focussing on parking in and around local schools in Inverleith. Parking even for a short time makes it dangerous for children who want to cross the road. It stops them from seeing approaching traffic and drivers from seeing them.

Schools have yellow lines painted behind the zigzags to further prohibit parking and parking attendants from the City of Edinburgh Council are able to issue penalty fines for parking on zigzags. Police, Traffic Wardens and Community Safety Officers are advising drivers not to park on these areas and will take action against those who cause an unnecessary obstruction, park illegally or dangerously.

Please be considerate when parking and always look out and drive slowly near schools.



### Reported Crime - January

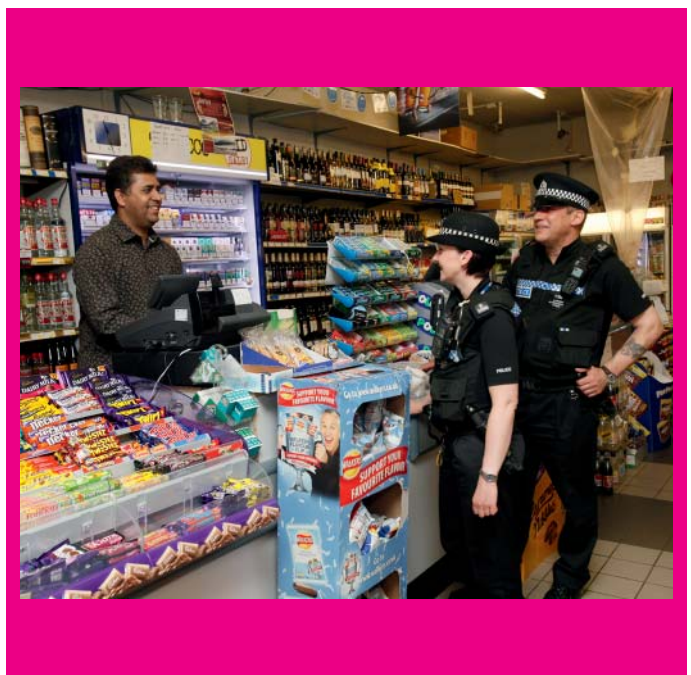
There has been an overall reduction of crime within the Inverleith area.

The year to date recorded crime figures show a reduction in all crimes most notably vandalism although there has been a slight rise in housebreaking in the area.

As a result of this rise, there was high visibility patrols conducted throughout the area and this led to the arrest of 3 people suspected for a number of similar crimes.

The help of the public is essential in reducing the opportunities for criminals, please remain watchful and make sure that your locks, doors and windows all operate correctly.

If you need any advice please contact your local police station.





## Appeal for information

Police are warning people to be on their guard against fraudsters who have stolen bank cards and other personal information from delegates attending conferences in the Capital.

There were a number of incidents in January and culprits contact the owner in order to try and obtain more information that could help them access their bank accounts, including PIN numbers.

A police spokesman said: "On every occasion the victim's bank card was stolen, along with other items of information.

The victims receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from the bank fraud department, alerting them to suspicious transactions on their account.

The caller has been described as very plausible and asks them to reveal their PIN number.

A bank would never ask an account holder to do this over the phone.

Anyone who receives such a phone call should not give out any personal information, least of all their PIN number.

### Local Priorities

On the 18th January the clean, green and safe group for Inverleith selected the 3 priorities for SNT officers to tackle.

These are dog fouling in open green spaces, congregation of people at the Drylaw Shopping Centre and parking of vehicles on Pedestrian Crossing points.

Environmental Wardens and SNT officers have already began joint patrolling to tackle dog fouling.



Community Safety

Arrangements are in place for the Police and Community Safety Officers of the City of Edinburgh Council to meet and discuss solutions with the shopkeepers at the Drylaw Shopping Centre and officers have also started to give attention to pedestrian crossings throughout the Inverleith area.

A request for the Road Policing Department to assist has also been made and the extent of the problem will be monitored and enforced.



## 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

### Contact your SNT officers

Email: [adivsntInverleith@lbp.pnn.police.uk](mailto:adivsntInverleith@lbp.pnn.police.uk)

Telephone : 0131 3433171