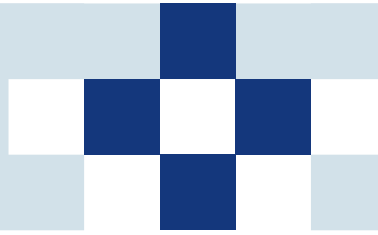


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Our busy summer of events is well underway and as always the Division is participating with partners to ensure the smooth running of numerous local and international engagements. The successful conclusion of the Armed Forces Weekend has highlighted our ability to plan and host some of the largest gatherings in the UK.

The world's press has focussed on the proceedings on the 24th, 25th and 26th June, and feedback has been extremely positive. Some official sources suggest that as many as one hundred thousand people attended the celebrations. Lothian & Borders and tri-services personnel worked in partnership on all three days in what was a unique

collaborative effort.

Looking ahead, the State Opening of Parliament takes place on 1st July, as well as a number of prominent politicians, we are expecting representation from the Royal Family. This is another big event and an opportunity for the city to build on its reputation as a safe, secure and desirable location.

The Division's end of month performance figures have just been collated, and it is encouraging to see continued good performance in key areas of business during the May to June period of 2011. Notable highlights include an 11% increase in solved housebreakings and an 8% increase in solved vandalisms. There is also a significant 6% reduction in reported serious assaults and our Safer Neighbourhood Teams continue to tackle crimes that local communities have highlighted as important. As ever, our objective to prioritise prevention and stop crime happening in the first place remains our central aim.

## Summer "Slip In" Thefts

At this time of year we regularly notice a rise in the number of "Slip In" thefts. These are committed in a number of ways; the most common being when you are in the garden and the thief slips into your house through an insecure door or window and steals your valuables. Similarly if it's a nice day and you leave windows or doors insecure whilst you go about your business inside the house.

Remember, it only takes a second to slip in and steal cash, credit cards, jewellery, laptops, other digital devices or even your car.

If you are in your back garden, make sure that your front door is locked and secured, not just on the Yale lock as these are easy to overcome. Similarly if

you have a conservatory or patio doors at the rear of your home it is important to secure them to prevent anyone slipping in whilst you're working in your garden. In the rare event that we experience a particularly warm and pleasant summer, do not be tempted to leave your windows open when you're out of the house. Open windows can be an invitation to thieves.

Always keep your car keys safe. Modern cars are virtually impossible to steal without the true key so don't leave them lying around in vulnerable areas. Keep your keys with you or secure them in a safe place, not on a key hook or near the front door where they could be "fished" through the letterbox.



## Local Operations and Initiatives

### Inverleith Summer Programme

For the third year in a row many of the organisations working with children and young people in Inverleith (CEC Community Learning & Development, Active Schools & Libraries, Fet-Lor Youth Club, Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre, Blackhall Mosque, L&B Police, and others) are sharing their resources to provide a range of activities throughout the summer holidays. Some activities, such as the white water rafting, the mountain biking, and the rock climbing



amongst others will be of the high energy and adrenalin type but there are also plans to include more gentle activities such as drama and art workshops, a Water of Leith clean up and some fishing sessions. There is of course more "sporty" activities such as a week long sports camp, staff led "footie" and cricket sessions and some days where whole families are invited to go cycling together. In addition to these there'll be expeditions such as a canoe trip and camping in Aberfeldy. It has been planned that all of these, plus a variety of other activities, are interspersed between several mini youth events which are planned to take place within Inverleith's parks. There's still a bit more of the details to be confirmed on the programme yet, and programmes will be distributed through schools, but more up to the minute information can be gained by contacting Anne Brown at the Community Learning & Development office at Broughton High on tel. 332 6316 or by email at [anne.brown@ea.edin.sch.uk](mailto:anne.brown@ea.edin.sch.uk)

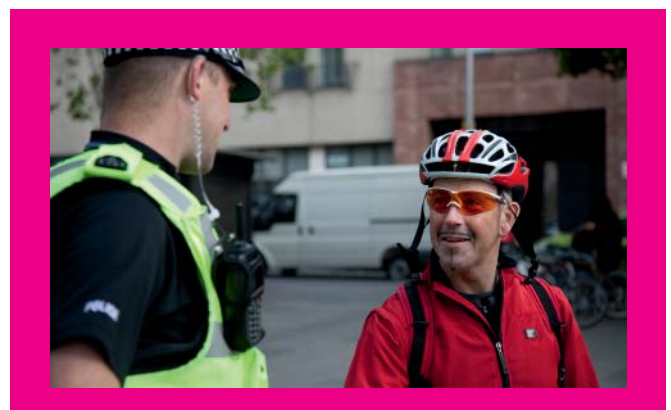
### Bicycle Security

Members of the public will have an opportunity to discuss the security of their bicycle with the police and have their property security marked. Officers will be at the following community events:

Between 2-4pm on the 18th June at Dalmeny Park  
Between 2-5pm on the 19th June at Victoria Park

Bicycles can be registered and UV marked for £5 or registered, UV marked and electronically tagged for £16.

A limited number of bicycles will be registered and marked for free. With regard to our previous security advice, Police Officers tasked to investigate thefts are still surprised that some bicycle owners secure their high value bicycles to stair railings. Stair railings are made of cast iron, which snap easily when hit with a heavy object. When buying a good quality bicycle lock, look for the 'Sold Secure' accreditation, either, gold, silver



or bronze. It is better to use two different types of lock, this makes it more difficult for a thief. Lock both wheels and frame together. Secure removable parts. Take smaller parts and accessories that can be removed without tools with you. If there are a number of cycles, then consider locking them together, if this is practical. Bicycle owners should also note the serial number and even consider taking pictures of their bikes. Details of your bicycle can be registered for free on [bikeregister.com](http://bikeregister.com)



## Appeal for information

On 13th June at 8pm, a 27-year-old woman was working alone at Spirited Wine store on North West Circus Place, when a man entered and presented a handgun before demanding the contents of the till. He made off towards Stockbridge and the Water of Leith. Detectives believe this incident may be linked to two similar robberies in the city and ask anyone with information to come forward. The suspect is described as white, 5ft 7ins tall with a slim build. He was wearing a black balaclava with a black hooded top over his head, blue jeans, white trainers and a dark-coloured rucksack. He spoke with an English accent. A police spokesperson said: "While it cannot be confirmed whether the handgun was genuine, the threat of its use was a terrifying experience for the shop worker to endure and thankfully she was not injured during the incident". Anyone with information can contact Lothian and Borders Police on 0131 311 3131, or Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.

## Local Priorities

The new priorities from the Inverleith Clean, Green & safe group were set in May and will be renewed in July. They are open space public areas, the walkways/cycle paths in the ward and the continuation of the congregation of people at the Drylaw Shopping Centre. With the warmer weather the use of the open green spaces in the ward will increase and police officers and environmental wardens will be on joint patrol to keep them clean and healthy and reduce acts of vandalism and damage. We are continuing with increased patrolling from officers on foot, bicycles and horses of cycle paths and walkways . There has been a reported improvement at the Drylaw shops and further meetings have been held with retailers to ensure that the trend continues. There will be a continuation of patrolling from police and CEC staff.

## Boozed up – Squared up – Locked up



Lothian and Borders Police "Boozed up. Squared up. Locked up." campaign was launched on the 1st June and concentrates on reducing weapons and alcohol fuelled violence. The campaign aims to remind people they are responsible for their own actions, and that losing control can have serious consequences for themselves, their victims, and their families.

Inspector Paul Matthews, Safer Communities Department said:

"The alcohol-related violence phase of Lothian and Borders Police proactive prevention campaign was a real success last year, and we hope to repeat that success this year.

"Summertime means warmer, lighter nights, barbecues, house parties, late night drinking and extended opening hours – and it's not surprising people want to enjoy these after the long dark winter.

"However, there is a very real link between alcohol and violence, often spur-of-the-moment, where both the victim and the accused are likely to be young men.

"We want to drive home the message that everyone is responsible for their own actions, and alcohol is neither an excuse nor a justification for violence."



## 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 Local SNT

Email -

ADivSNTInverleith@lbp.pnn.  
police.uk

Tel - 01313114308