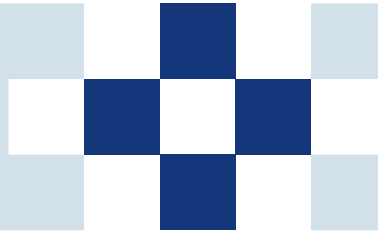


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September has seen a host of events in Edinburgh, not least with the recent Unite Against Fascism march and Scottish Defence League gathering in the city centre. Both groups required unique policing efforts to ensure peaceful assemblies, and the Division worked closely with partners to provide freedom of speech without inflammatory

elements or disorder. The event concluded without any arrests and continued the fine public order record that the city has. Indeed, it is testament to the detailed planning and delivery for these rallies that people were able to continue shopping and travel across the city centre unaffected by events.

In regards to wider policing issues, year-to-date

figures highlight a drop in recorded domestic housebreakings by 10%, while solvency has increased by 17%.

At the same time, some excellent initiatives have seen the rate of motor vehicle theft drop by 18%, and thefts of property from within cars drop by almost a quarter. There has been a 6% increase in solvency in general theft in year to date figures, and proactive campaigns such as Operation Cello have been significant contributors. Operation Cello began by targeting bike thefts in West & Pentlands, but following substantial success the decision was made to transfer the good practice employed to high volume crime in general.

Solvency rates in serious assault and robbery have improved markedly too - the latter increasing by 65% compared to last year - with continued efforts by staff in the city's Violent Crime Units showing dividends. Combining these results with the good natured outcome of the demonstrations in Princes Street will continue to endorse Edinburgh's status as a safe and enjoyable place to live.

Metal theft

Lothian and Borders Police recommend that you review the security of your property.

Please consider the crime prevention advice in this section to protect your property against metal theft.

- Store ladders in a secure place. This is really important when building works that involve scaffolding are taking place.
- Tell your insurance company in advance of any building work that you are doing. Not disclosing this information may affect your insurance cover.
- Make it difficult for thieves to move stolen goods by removing wheelbarrows and wheelie bins. Put these items in a secure place.

·Regularly check your roofs so that any theft of roofing materials is found before it rains and water enters the building, causing further damage.

·Watch out for workmen arriving unexpectedly at a building.

·Apply anti-climb paint to drain pipes and roof guttering. This restricts access to roofing. Do not apply the paint below a height of two metres.

Display warning notices which warn people that anti-climb paint is being used. Display them prominently. Anti-climb paint can be bought from any security products company.

·Consider installing security lighting, particularly at roof level where metal roof coverings are present. Check with your local authority if permission is needed to do this.



Local Operations and Initiatives

SNT officers conducted a licensed premises operation in the ward area, which involved staff from the City of Edinburgh Council and the Licensing Department at Force Headquarters. All licensed premises were visited to ensure they were operating responsibly and adhering to their conditions. A total of nine premises were reported to the force Licensing Department for various infringements of the legislation. These included failing to display correct signage

and/or failing to have relevant documentation for examination.

The opportunity was also taken to educate the licensee/responsible persons to ensure that they fully understood their legal and moral obligations with regards to selling alcohol.

'Pub Watch' meetings took place between publicans and local officers and all pubs in the area are now represented. Their continued support and cooperation in these matters is crucial and it has emphasised the need to check identifications, due to the negative impact under age drinking can have on communities.

In further support of this operation, the safer neighbourhood team also worked with licensees in two public houses, where the use of a metal detector was a condition of entry. This aimed to detect any offences involving offensive weapons. Although no offences came to light, it sent out a clear message to possible offenders in this area.



In conjunction with partner agencies such as the social work department, youth providers, community safety wardens and CCTV, the Safer Neighbourhood Team is planning a joint local initiative to address anti social behaviour issues within the Piershill Squares area of the ward. The area has seen a small rise in the number of anti social behaviour incidents, as well as minor vandalisms. These have included young people from outwith the area causing annoyance to local residents. In response to this, the Safer Neighbourhood team will work closely with partners to implement a variety of approaches to ensure the issues are addressed to allow everyone to enjoy the new amenities. These will include joint patrols, door to door visits, diversionary activities and crime prevention advice. The two week initiative will commence in early October and the team will be engaging with local



residents so if you see any of the team, feel free to stop them for a chat. The Squares have recently benefited from investment and improvements, including new play facilities for the children and everyone is keen to maintain these to a high standard.



Appeal for information

Appeals are being made regarding the National Proceeds of Crime Act campaign which was recently launched. A list of all suitable premises in the ward area were identified for placing high profile posters in strategic locations. Advertising to the public to report any persons who were deemed to be involved in criminality has proven to be very effective. Information is being sought to report persons via Crimestoppers (0800 555 111) where a person's income would not appear to support their lifestyle. There has been a number of motorcycle thefts within the Edinburgh area including a fair proportion in the East of the City. The culprits responsible also appear to be heavily involved in criminality and so please report any unusual activity if you hear or see any suspicious motorcycles in your area whatever the time may be.

Local Priorities

1. Prevent underage drinking in Holyrood Park/ Meadowfield Park.
SNT Officers have continued patrols and a number of youths were detected drinking alcohol and the appropriate action was taken. We continue to work with Partner agencies including the Park Rangers to prevent any anti-social behaviour brought upon by underage drinking.
2. Ensure licensed premises operate responsibly.
A Licensed premises operation was carried with a number of successes. A total of 9 premises were found to be in breach of their statutory requirements and reported to the Police Licensing Department.
3. Target young people causing annoyance in Loganlea and Loaning areas.
A survey of local residents was carried out, a number of 'new' locations were detected where youths were loitering and causing annoyance. One of these locations was targeted and no longer presents an issue. The above priorities are due to be reviewed at the next Neighbourhood Partnership Community Safety Sub Group meeting in October.

Urinating in the street

Police in Edinburgh are taking a stance on people urinating in the street with a new awareness-raising and enforcement initiative in the Grassmarket.

The 'Don't P*ss It Up Against the Wall' campaign has been developed after concerns were raised by local residents about people leaving bars and clubs and urinating in the nearby closes and streets.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team in the city centre has worked with the local community and identified ways to tackle this ongoing issue, which is of particular concern during the busy Festival season when visitor numbers in the Grassmarket area swell considerably.

Key to the campaign was public support which resulted in 900 letters being sent to local businesses and residents asking them to attend public meetings to discuss ways of tackling the problem.

As a result of their views at the meetings the hard-hitting publicity campaign was created which will target customers in pubs and clubs and highlight the issue to visitors to the Grassmarket.

The aims of this marketing campaign are to highlight the negative impact this issue has on the local community and to remind both visitors and residents of Edinburgh about the potential £40 Fixed Penalty Ticket that can be issued by police officers for this offence.

In addition to the posters, beer mats and vinyls that will be displayed, the opening times of the coin operated toilets in the area have been extended to 3am and the use of temporary urinals as a longer term solution is being explored. City Centre Police Inspector Dianne Bruce said "while those enjoying a night out in town might think urinating in the street is harmless, it is a real quality of life concern for local residents and businesses."



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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 555111
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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