

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

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As the school holidays approach, Lothian and Borders Police are actively engaging with young people across the Division in order to make the summer months a safe and fun period. We have school link officers in secondary schools across the city, and they have been vital in educating our young people about how to keep themselves and their property secure this summer. Our officers also provide inputs, along with our partners at the City of Edinburgh Council, in various diversionary activities for local children, including everything from horse riding in the Pentlands to sailing at South Queensferry.

We have a number of high profile events happening throughout the summer and planning is well underway for all of them. The International Arts Festivals and Tattoo are just a couple of the fantastic events that really bring the city to life, and we are committed to making sure everyone who visits them can do so safely and enjoyably.

Chief Supt Gill Imery, A Division Commander

SUMMER SAFETY

HOT
TOPICS

Now that the holiday season is upon us, it is natural for people to relax and enjoy the warm weather. During the summer months, the population of Edinburgh swells with tourists from all over the world who come to enjoy our scenery, architecture and International Arts Festivals. Unfortunately the summer also presents additional opportunities for criminals keen to exploit people who have momentarily lowered their guard.

By considering the following advice you will make it difficult for these criminals to operate. This advice is equally relevant when you are abroad holiday.

- Be careful when leaving windows and doors insecure even when you're at home. Thieves can take this opportunity to slip in and help themselves to your valuables.
- Bogus callers can take advantage of the summer weather to ply their trade round the doors. Always engage reputable companies for building and gardening works. Service providers will rarely call without making an appointment. Always check caller's identification and IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT!
- Before you leave the house, ask yourself "Do I need my Laptop, MP3 player, camera and £500 cash with me?" If you don't leave them at home.
- Keep hold of your valuables. Don't leave your jacket, bag, laptop, phone, camera or wallet unattended even for a few seconds. That's all it takes for thieves to help themselves.
- Beware of pickpockets. Don't keep your wallet or purse in your bag. Carry cash in a pocket close to your body. It's less likely to be stolen from there.

Remember; we live in a safe city but don't tempt fate. Stay alert but above all enjoy the summer and take advantage of the host of attractions available in Edinburgh.

The following relates to the month of June

Craigleith

June saw bicycles stolen from Telford March, North Webber Place, Craigleith Retail Park and from the Western General hospital, where the perpetrator has been caught on CCTV and enquiries are continuing to trace him. One male was arrested for break-ins to homes in Craigleith Hill Avenue and an attempted break-in at Groathill Road South and two males were arrested for a break-in to Borthwicks in Craigleith Road. A toolshed was broken into in Orchard Brae Gardens and a flat in Telford Road. Three males were arrested for the theft of registration plates from a vehicle in Gardiner Road, and a sat-nav was stolen from a car in Telford Drive.

PC Alan Millar – Craigleith Community Beat Officer

Drylaw

Following the mindless vandalism of the poly-tunnel at Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre, 3 local youths have been traced and charged with this crime, and another youth arrested and reported for a break-in and attempted break-in to the same stair in Telford Road. Houses in Craigcrook Road Wester Drylaw Drive, House O'Hill Road and Row, were violated and sheds were broken into in Easter Drylaw Drive, where 3 bicycles were stolen and Easter Drylaw Avenue where power tools were taken. There was an attempt to break-in to a car in Easter Drylaw Avenue, but the locks held and the thief was unsuccessful. Someone entered an insecure house in Easter Drylaw Drive and Corbiehill Road and property was stolen on both occasions and a lawnmower was stolen from a front garden Wester Drylaw Drive.

PC Keith Dickson – Drylaw Community Beat Officer

Dean

An elderly occupier in Belford Avenue was the subject of unscrupulous bogus workmen who obtained money on the pretext of carrying out work and failed to do so. There is apposite line of enquiry being followed. There were pedal cycles stolen from the railings at Broughton Hugh School and from a common stair in Comely Bank Avenue and cars vandalised in Belford Place, where a window was smashed and Crarae Avenue where all the offside panels were scratched. The front door of a house in Sunbury Mews was forced and the property was entered although nothing was stolen.

PC John Tod – Dean Community Beat Officer

Stockbridge

5 pedal cycles were stolen – 1 in Clarence Street where the front wheel was left attached to the building and the rest of the bike stolen, 1 in Danube Street where the lock was overcome, 2 where chains were cut within and outside a common stair in Dean Park Street and Saxe Coburg Place, the 5th one was removed from a staff secure cycle area in Dundas where CCTV has provided a positive line of enquiry. A male was arrested and reported for breaking into vehicles in St. Stephen Street, Clarence Street, Ann Street and a flat in Raeburn Place. Two further vehicles were entered in Portgower Place, and Inverleith Place. Commonly all the vehicles had property on display or stored in the boot with sat-navs, golf clubs and a holdall all featuring. Positive lines of enquiry are being followed in relation to premises entered in Eyre Place. A flat in St. Bernards Crescent and Dean Crescent were also subject to break-ins. There were 2 vandalisms where cars were scratched in unrelated incidents in Perth Street and Logan Street, and persons unknown smashed the window of William Hill Bookmakers overnight.

PC Greig Stephen – Stockbridge Community Beat Officer

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And Finally....

Inverleith Community Conference.

Friday 25th June 2010 saw the 2nd Community Conference and it was great to see so many faces once again at Broughton High School for this event. The community participated in workshops and listened to updates from local councillors, council staff and the police, all designed to inform the community of Inverleith. We all took part in electronic voting, which gave an immediate response to the feelings of those present, to local issues.

If you have not seen the Inverleith Community Map, I would urge you all to get a copy of this, detailing services throughout the area. This is a great piece of work pulled together by the Neighbourhood Partnership and available in local libraries and from the Council North Office.

Ian Davis
Inspector Inverleith Sector

